

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 00-2950
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION)	
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO)	Introduced by
INCLUDE \$500,000 OF SECTION 5309 FUNDS)	Councilor Jon Kvistad, Chair
FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF THE)	JPACT
WILSONVILLE TO BEAVERTON COMMUTER)	
RAIL PROJECT)	

WHEREAS, Metro and Washington County jointly sponsored preparation of the
Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail Alternatives Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the region allocated \$1 million of regional STP funds for the Alternatives
Analysis; and

WHEREAS, Metro Resolution 00-2892A identified implementation of the project as a
regional priority for discretionary federal new start funding; and

WHEREAS, The Alternatives Analysis has identified a locally preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress appropriated \$500,000 of Section 5309 funds in
FY 00 to commence preliminary engineering for this project; and

WHEREAS, Metro is prepared to submit a grant application to FTA to obligate the
appropriated funds; and

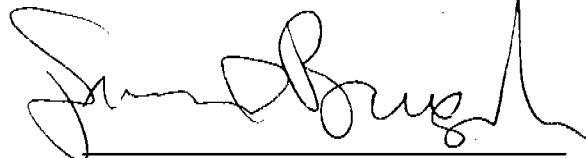
WHEREAS, the funds must first be programmed in the MTIP and state TIP; now,
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The MTIP is amended to reflect programming of \$500,000 of Section 5309 funds in FY 00 to conduct preliminary engineering for the Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail Project.

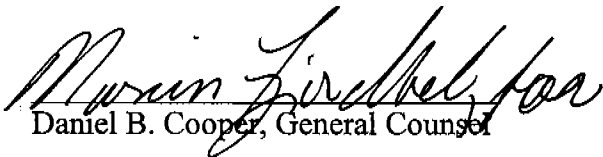
2. Staff is authorized to coordinate programming of the funds as necessary with respect to phase of work and anticipated year of obligation.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 11th day of May, 2000.



David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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STAFF REPORT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO INCLUDE \$500,000 OF SECTION 5309 FUNDS FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE WILSONVILLE TO BEAVERTON COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT

Date: May 9, 2000

Presented by: Richard Brandman

PROPOSED ACTION

This resolution would amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to reflect programming of \$500,000 of Section 5309 funds to conduct Preliminary Engineering for the Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail Project. This resolution also authorizes staff to coordinate programming of the funds as necessary with respect to phase of work and anticipated year of obligation.

EXISTING LAW

Metro is a designated MPO and eligible recipient of federal funds. The funds for the Commuter Rail Project are Section 5309 Federal New Starts funds for the purpose of engineering and constructing rail transit facilities. Washington County has requested that Metro be the grantee for preliminary engineering, as we were for the Alternatives Analysis.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In 1999 the Metro Council authorized the allocation of \$1 million of regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to complete the Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Assessment phase of project development for the Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail Project. Based on the evaluation of No-Build, Commuter Rail and Transportation System Management alternatives, the Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail Steering Group recommended that Commuter Rail be the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in this corridor.

Five public meetings were held after the Steering Group's January 21, 2000, recommendation, one in each city along the proposed commuter rail line, concluding on February 10, 2000. The adoption of the LPA by the Washington County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for June 6, 2000, after recommendations from each of the five cities along the proposed alignment.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project is undergoing final review by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FTA approval to begin Preliminary Engineering on the LPA is anticipated in June 2000, after the LPA is selected and the EA is completed with a Finding of

No Significant Impact (FONSI). Preliminary engineering will bring the LPA up to the 30% design level and will result in estimates of capital and operating costs suitable upon which to base a funding plan.

For funding purposes, Preliminary Engineering consists of two phases. Phase 1 would be funded by the \$500,000 in Section 5309 under consideration in this staff report and resolution, plus local match. Phase 2 would be funded by an additional \$1,000,000 of Section 5309 funding which has been requested from Congress. At the completion of Preliminary Engineering, the project would request permission from FTA to enter Final Design and Construction. If the project remains on schedule, the Commuter Rail line would open in the fall of 2004, concurrent with the opening of the Interstate MAX project.

During the PE phase of the project, Metro would continue to be the federal grantee and would administer the grant. The vast majority of the funding would be passed through to Washington County. Metro would retain a small percentage of the funding for administering the grant and for assistance with technical reviews and development of a funding plan.

BUDGET IMPACT

This federal Section 5309 funding is not included in Metro's FY 2000-01 budget. At the time the budget was developed, it was anticipated that Washington County would be the direct recipient of this Section 5309 grant. Washington County is at this time not a designated recipient of federal transit capital funds; therefore funds will continue to pass through Metro. The table below illustrates the project's budget. Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase One would be completed with this grant, along with local match. An additional Section 5309 request for \$1 million has been made to Congress to complete the PE phase.

The FY 2000-01 budget would be updated to reflect these changes via a technical amendment in late May 2000. All anticipated expenditures will be covered by the proposed revenue sources, as shown below.

The project budget to date is summarized below:

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
<i>Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment</i>			
STP funds	\$1,000,000	Washington County	\$ 949,454
Washington Co.and ODOT match	<u>\$ 114,454</u>	Metro	<u>\$ 165,000</u>
Total	\$1,114,454	Total	\$1,114,454
<i>Preliminary Engineering - Phase One</i>			
Section 5309 Funds	\$ 500,000	Washington County	\$ 585,000
Washington Co.and ODOT match	<u>\$ 125,000</u>	Metro	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Total	\$ 625,000	Total	\$ 625,000

Preliminary Engineering - Phase Two

Section 5309 Funds	\$1,000,000
Local Match	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
Total	\$1,250,000

Washington County and Metro	<u>\$1,250,000</u>
Total	\$1,250,000

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