

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING )  
THE STUDY OF A WATER TRANS- )  
PORTATION CONCEPT )

RESOLUTION NO. 79-59  
Introduced by:  
Caroline Miller

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Service District (MSD) Council, acting as the Policy Committee for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Portland urbanized area, has the responsibility for authorizing studies addressing the feasibility and desirability of proposals for improving the region's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, A citizen group, known as Rose City River Transportation, Inc., has asked that MSD authorize a study of the feasibility of a water transportation system using the Willamette and Columbia Rivers; and

WHEREAS, The MSD Council believes that a river transit concept offers potential promise in meeting regional objectives, but also recognizes that there may be some potential environmental and economic problems in operating such a system; and


WHEREAS, The City of Portland has preliminarily programmed \$5,000 in EDA funds to generate basic information on the characteristics of water transit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The MSD work program contains efforts to assess the implications of regional transportation proposals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the MSD Council endorses the study of a water transportation concept.
2. That the MSD Council encourages the City of Portland to conduct their proposed study of water transit characteristics and looks forward to receiving the information produced by the study.
3. That the MSD Council requests its staff to coordinate with the City of Portland in conducting its study of water travel characteristics, to analyze the information produced by the City-sponsored study, and to report back to the Council by October on further steps which should be taken to investigate the feasibility of the water transit concept.
4. That the MSD Council looks forward to receiving further input from Rose City River Transit, Inc., and other citizen groups or individuals interested in the concept of river transit.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service  
District this 28th day of June, 1979.

  
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