BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING)	RESOLUTION NO. 81-230
THE 221ST/223RD PROJECT AS A)	
HIGH PRIORITY FOR ANY REMAINING)	Introduced by the Joint
FY 81 INTERSTATE TRANSFER FUNDS)	Policy Advisory Committee
		on Transportation

WHEREAS, The Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 80-186 which endorsed the FY 81 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), contingent upon receiving \$83 million in Federal Interstate Transfer funds; and

WHEREAS, The federal allocation of Interstate Transfer funds to the Portland region released in December 1980 was substantially less than the anticipated revenues, necessitating a revised 1981 program and the setting of priorities for use of the limited available funds; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Council has endorsed a list of Priority 1 projects as eligible for use of the available \$21.0 million of Interstate Transfer funding for highway projects; and

WHEREAS, Additional Interstate Transfer funding may become available in FY 81 through additional federal allocations, project delays, cancellations and cost savings; and

WHEREAS, Additional Interstate Transfer funding should be available in FY 82; and

WHEREAS, The 221st/223rd project is considered to be a high priority, regionally significant project; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council reaffirms its commitment to

implement the full Interstate Transfer program.

2. That the 221st/223rd project will be listed as a high priority project eligible for the use of any additional Interstate Transfer funding that may become available in FY 81 and is the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee's top highway priority.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 26th day of March, 1981.

Presiding Officer

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TO: Metro Council JPACT FROM: SUBJECT:

Endorsing the 221st/223rd Project as a High Priority for any Remaining FY 81 Interstate Transfer Funds

- I. RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend Council adoption of the Α. attached resolution endorsing the 221st/223rd Project as a high priority for any FY 81 Interstate Transfer funds which may become available in addition to, or as a result of, savings from projects on the first priority list.
 - POLICY IMPACT: This action: Β.
 - Will confirm Council action under Resolution No. 81-223 which, among other things, sets forth a Priority 2 array of projects (including the 221st/223rd project) eligible for use of supplementary Interstate Transfer funds should they become available for FY 81.
 - Will convey to the city of Gresham and other East Multnomah County cities that the Metro Council reaffirms its commitment to implement the full Interstate Transfer program as soon as possible.
 - Expresses the moral commitment to the 221st/223rd project as a high priority for funding.

TPAC, JPACT and the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee have reviewed and approved this Resolution.

с. BUDGET IMPACT: None.

II. ANALYSIS:

- BACKGROUND: Metro Council by Resolution No. 80-223 Α. endorsed four priority arrays of highway projects:
 - Priority 1 projects eligible for use of the 1. available \$21.0 million in FY 81.
 - 2. Priority 2 - projects eligible for use of supplementary funds in FY 81 if they become available and upon project review and prioritization by Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee.
 - 3. Priorities 3 and 4 -- projects which are to form the preliminary FY 82 TIP, or to use unspent funds/appropriations if they become available.

Right-of-way for the 221st/223rd project was assigned to Priority 1, and construction to Priority 2.

The city of Gresham has expressed concern over the 221st/223rd project in relation to the established priorities. This has been brought about by two important considerations:

- 1. The project has a significant amount of private funds committed to its implementation. Any delays may cause the private sector, with its fiscal commitments, to lose faith and withdraw support.
- Other projects in East Multnomah County have been downscoped and their funds assigned to the 221st/223rd project. Delays on this project could call for a reassessment of the total East Multnomah County program in the matter of distribution of funds.
- B. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: The request sought by the city of Gresham was to specify the 221st/223rd project as a top priority for funding from any FY 81 reallocation and from the FY 82 appropriation. TPAC recommended endorsing the project as a high priority for FY 81 since it was included in the Priority 2 category in Resolution No. 80-223. However, TPAC did not recommend action on FY 82 priorities since the priority setting process for FY 82 is just starting and there have been no comparisons with other candidate projects.
- C. CONCLUSION: Metro staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution.

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