## BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE)TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)(TIP) TO INCLUDE A SECTION 3)CAPITAL GRANT FOR THE PIONEER)SQUARE CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE OFFICE)

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## RESOLUTION NO. 82-299

Introduced by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

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WHEREAS, The Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 81-280 which endorsed the FY 82 TIP; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met has applied for an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) Section 3 Capital Grant to cover transit improvements; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met has requested that funds for a Pioneer Square Customer Assistance office be added to the TIP utilizing a portion of the noted Section 3 grant; and

WHEREAS, By inclusion in the TIP the project becomes eligible for use of federal funds; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the TIP and its Annual Element be amended to reflect the project and federal funds set forth

FY 82 - Construction Funds, \$200,000

FY 83 - Construction Funds, 200,000

Total \$400,000

2. That the Metro Council finds the project in accordance with the region's continuing, cooperative, comprehensive planning process and, thereby, gives affirmative A-95 Review approval.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this <u>28th</u> day of <u>January</u>, 1982.

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BP:le 4998B/283 1/15/82 AGENDA MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

TO: Metro Council

FROM: Executive Officer (L)

SUBJECT: Amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Include a Section 3 Capital Grant for the Pioneer Square Customer Assistance Office

## I. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend Council adoption of the attached Resolution amending the TIP to include a Section 3 Capital Grant for construction of a Customer Assistance Office (CAO) in Pioneer Square.
- B. POLICY IMPACT: This action will enable construction of a CAO as an adjunct to the Banfield LRT project, and amend the TIP to include the grant funding. This action is consistent with Metro's responsibility for allocating federal transportation funds as described in the 5-year operation plan. TPAC and JPACT have reviewed and approved this project.
- C. BUDGET IMPACT: The approved Metro budget provides for staff involvement in establishing project priorities and monitoring project implementation.

## II. ANALYSIS:

A. BACKGROUND: Pioneer Square is a unique project to the downtown core area. It will be a highly visible, heavily used, attractive development with LRT and bus service surrounding it. With proper marketing, a Tri-Met office in Pioneer Square would be a magnet for attracting existing riders, new riders (particularly visitors), as well as reinforcing perceived ease of use of transit and LRT.

Tri-Met is proposing to construct a CAO using Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) Section 3 Capital Grant funds. The project cost is estimated at \$400,000 federal. This amount is to be expended over two years. The initial construction of a concrete shell, centrally located within the Square, would be funded in FY 82 at approximately \$200,000. The interior mechanical, electrical work, relocation of the coaxial cable system, wallboard, flooring, air circulation system, etc. would be completed in FY 83 at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

B. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Tri-Met's existing rental contract for the CAO expires in February 1982, and a renegotiated contract for similar space would be required. To find a suitable ground floor site (2,000 to 4,000 square feet), which is handicapped accessible and located with similar proximity to both the mall and the LRT line, has not proven to be possible.

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C. CONCLUSION: Metro staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution.

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