

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 83-407
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT)	
COUNCIL'S INTENT TO DEVELOP A)	Introduced by
PLAN AND BRING ABOUT THE MERGER)	Councilor Ernie Bonner
OF METRO AND TRI-MET)	

WHEREAS, Public transportation is a regional service and its efficient provision is a regional priority; and

WHEREAS, The proliferation of single purpose regional governments should be discouraged, and the consolidation of regional governments under an elected governing body would increase the accountability and responsiveness of regional officials to the citizenry through the election process; and

WHEREAS, The accountability through direct election of regional policy officials was supported, as a desirable goal, by the Tri-County Local Government Commission and the Oregon State Legislature in 1977, by the voters of this region in 1978, and again by the State House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs this year; and

WHEREAS, The relationship between Metro and Tri-Met can no longer remain undefined; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council hereby declares its belief that Tri-Met and the Metropolitan Service District should be merged into one body governed by a Board elected by the registered voters of this region.

2. That the Metro Council intends to bring about such a merger on or before July 1, 1985.

3. That the Metro Council directs the Executive Officer to work with interested and affected individuals and organizations to develop a plan (prior to July 1, 1985) which assures the smooth, orderly and efficient transition of the two bodies into one. That plan should be governed by the following policies:

- a. Public transportation is a regional service.
- b. Accountability through direct election of policy officials is a desirable goal.
- c. Efficient transportation service is a priority.
- d. Proliferation of single purpose regional governments should be discouraged, as indicated by ORS ch. 268.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this _____ day of _____, 1983.

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Presiding Officer

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