

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PURCHASE
PROPERTY NECESSARY TO THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE PENINSULA
CROSSING TRAIL

) RESOLUTION NO. 97-2466
) Introduced by Mike Burton
) Executive Officer

WHEREAS, in July 1992, Metro completed the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan which identified a desired system of natural areas interconnected with greenways and trails; and

WHEREAS, at the election held on May 16, 1995, the electors of Metro approved Ballot Measure 26-26 for Open Spaces, Trails and Streams, which authorizes Metro to issue \$135.6 million in general obligation bonds to finance land acquisition and capital improvements pursuant to Metro's Open Spaces Program; and

WHEREAS, Metro allocated \$1.6 million in funding for the construction of the Peninsula Crossing Trail comes from Metro's Bond Measure 26-26; and

WHEREAS, in February, 1995, Metro completed the Peninsula Crossing Trail Feasibility Study, which identified an undeveloped 1.5 acre parcel of land, zoned multi-family, located at the intersection of Carey and Columbia Boulevards. The Feasibility Study recommended acquisition of this 1.5 acre parcel to eliminate potential conflicts with the trail, and as an open space enhancement.

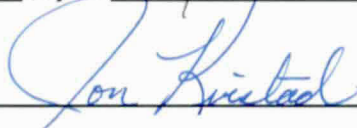
WHEREAS, on November 14, 1996, the Metro Council approved an IGA with the City of Portland to design, construct and maintain the Peninsula Crossing Trail; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of a 1.5 acre parcel of property, located at the intersection of Carey Boulevard and Columbia Boulevard and identified in Exhibit A, is necessary for trail design, construction and public safety reasons.

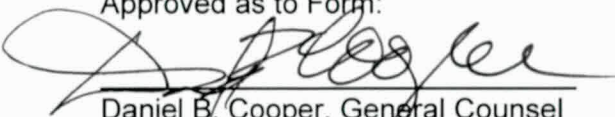
BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council authorizes the Executive Officer to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement to purchase the 1.5 acre parcel, identified in Exhibit A, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

ADOPTED by Metro Council this 13th day of March, 1997.

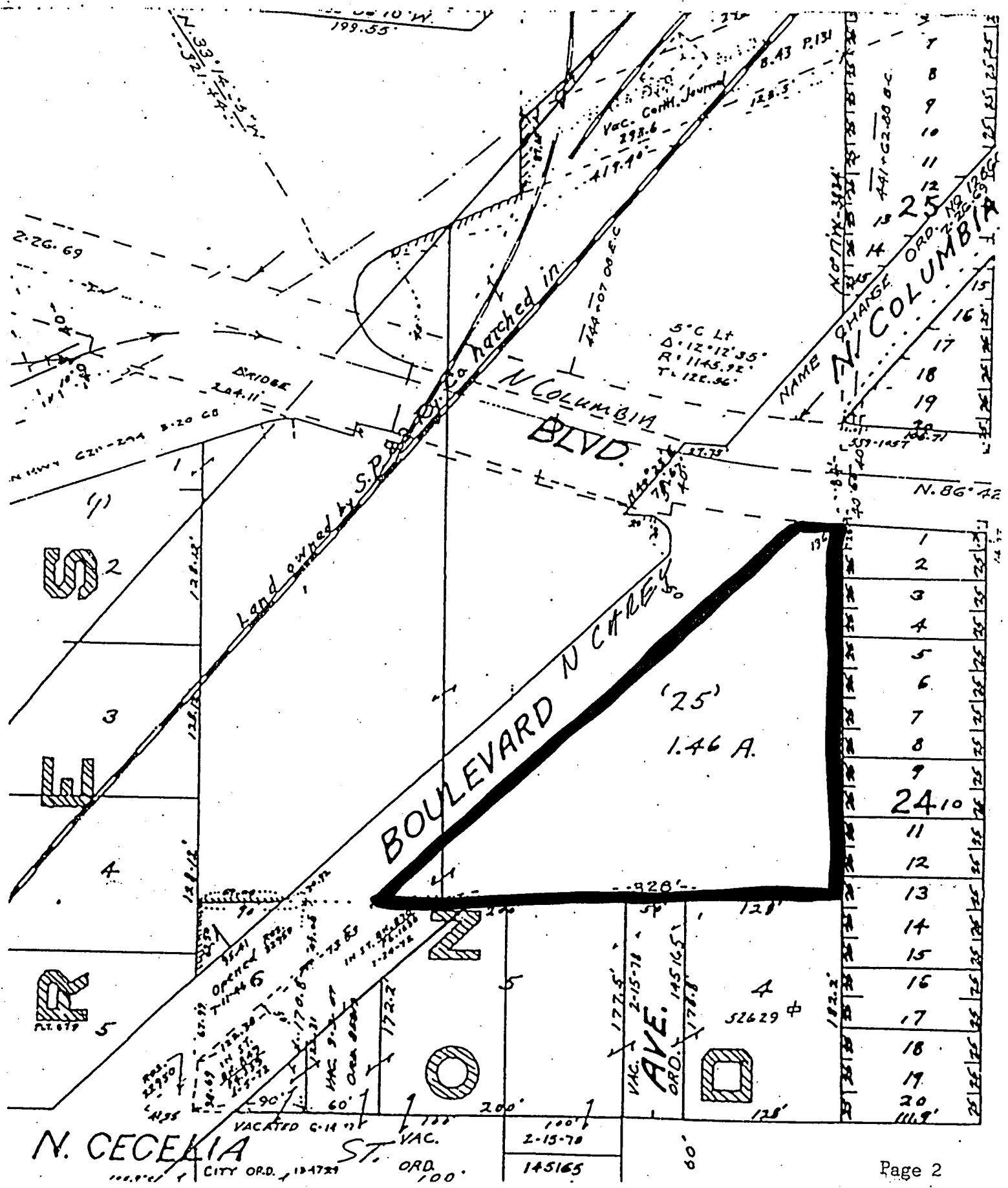


Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

EXHIBIT A



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EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

That portion of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the City of Portland, County of Multnomah and State of Oregon, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Southeasterly right of way line of N. Carey Boulevard, according to the recorded plat thereof, and the South right of way line of N. Walker Street, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South $89^{\circ} 53'$ East along said South right of way line of N. Walker Street a distance of 32.4 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 24, COLLEGE PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON; thence South $00^{\circ} 11'$ East along the West line of said Block 24, a distance of 325.0 feet, more or less, to the Northeast corner of Lot 4, MILTON ADDITION; thence South $89^{\circ} 13'$ West along the North line of MILTON ADDITION to the Southeasterly right of way line of N. Carey Boulevard; thence Northeasterly along said Southeasterly right of way line of N. Carey Boulevard to the point of beginning.

Staff Report

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 97-2466 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PENINSULA CROSSING TRAIL

Date: February 19, 1997

Presented by:

**Jim Desmond
Nancy Chase**

PROPOSED ACTION

Resolution No. 97-2466, requests authorization for the Executive Officer to purchase a 1.5 acre parcel of land, located at the intersection of Carey Boulevard and Columbia Boulevard, and necessary for trail design, construction and public safety reasons.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Ballot Measure 26-26 for Open Spaces, Parks and Streams identified the Peninsula Crossing Trail as a regionally significant trail and authorized Metro to finance the capital improvements necessary to construct the Trail. Accordingly, Metro allocated \$1.6 million in funding for the construction of the Peninsula Crossing Trail. Metro's Peninsula Crossing Trail Feasibility Study, completed in February, 1995, identified an undeveloped 1.5 acre parcel of land, zoned multi-family and located along the trail at the intersection of Carey and Columbia Boulevards.

The Feasibility Study recommended acquisition of this 1.5 acre parcel to eliminate potential conflicts with the trail and to provide an open space amenity. If in public ownership, this partially forested site would provide some needed space in the trail corridor to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as the trail negotiates a particularly difficult, elevated connection with Columbia Boulevard. The acquisition would also promote public safety by allowing the construction of a less abrupt intersection with Columbia Boulevard, which carries a high volume of relatively high speed truck traffic. Further, acquisition by Metro of this property would prevent the dangerous congestion that would result from a three-way intersection involving Columbia Boulevard, an apartment complex driveway, and the Peninsula Crossing Trail.

Some of the costs of the acquisition will be made up by design savings resulting from the acquisition. Most importantly, the product (the public recreation and commuter trail) will be enhanced.

No refinement plan was conducted for this project because it is principally a capital project for trail construction, as the remainder of the trail will be located within existing public right-of-way or on city-owned property. Funds for this acquisition will be taken from the account established to purchase the Willamette Cove property adjacent to the trail. That property was acquired in February, 1996 for less than budgeted.

FINDINGS

Acquisition of this property is recommended based on the following:

- This acquisition allows a safer, easier, and less costly ADA-accessible design alternative to be employed at the trail's intersection with Columbia Boulevard, a heavily traveled commercial thoroughfare.
- The acquisition of this property will preempt potential conflicts between the Peninsula Crossing Trail and future apartment complex residents and their automobiles.
- Acquisition of the property will provide a forested open space amenity in an area of the trail that is surrounded by high density residential and industrial uses.
- The property is owned by a willing seller and the acquisition will be conducted in accordance with the provisions in the Open Spaces Implementation Work Plan.

Executive Officer's Recommendation

The Executive Officer recommends passage of Resolution No. 97-2466.