

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 88-943
STATUTORY CHANGES TO REMOVE	)	
IMPEDIMENTS TO THE MERGER OF	)	Introduced by the
TRI-MET WITH THE DISTRICT	)	Planning and Development
	)	Committee


WHEREAS, A merger of Tri-County Metropolitan Transit District (Tri-Met) with the Metropolitan Service District (Metro) has been authorized since the enactment of Chapters 267 and 268 of Oregon Revised Statutes by the 1969 Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government has identified several statutory impediments to the merger of Tri-Met with Metro; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District supports changing the Oregon Revised Statutes to remove any legal impediments to the merger of Tri-Met with Metro.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District  
this 23rd day of June, 1988.

  
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Mike Ragsdale, Presiding Officer

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# Memorandum

Agenda Item No. 8.3, 8.4

Meeting Date June 23, 1988

DATE: June 15, 1988

TO: Metro Council

FROM: David Knowles, <sup>D.K.</sup> Chairman  
Planning and Development Committee

RE: COMMITTEE REPORT ON JUNE 23, 1988, COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- \* Agenda Item 8.3: Consideration of Resolution No. 88-934, for the Purpose of Recommending a Merger of the Boundary Commission with the District
- \* Agenda Item 8.4: Consideration of Resolution No. 88-943, for the Purpose of Supporting Statutory Changes to Remove Impediments to the Merger of Tri-Met with the District

The Planning and Development Committee met on June 14, 1988, to consider the above items. Councilors in attendance were Knowles, Ragsdale and Waker. Councilor Collier was excused and Councilor Bonner has recently resigned his Council seat.

### Item 8.3: Resolution No. 88-934

The Committee recommended approval of Resolution No. 88-934 which recommends to the Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government that legislation be introduced in the 1989 Legislative Session to merge the Boundary Commission with the Metropolitan Service District.

The Committee held a public hearing on two resolutions dealing with the merger of the Boundary Commission with Metro. Resolution No. 88-934 provides a model for the merger in which the Boundary Commission 1) retains authority to hire and terminate its staff subject to the Personnel Rules of the District and 2) prepares its budget for inclusion in the Executive Officer's proposed budget which is submitted to the Council for review and approval. The full list of assumptions are attached to Resolution No. 88-934. Resolution No. 88-935 contained the same assumptions except that the staff services for the Commission would be provided by the Planning and Development Department the employees of which are hired and terminated by the Executive Officer.

Prior to the public hearing the Committee sent copies of the two resolutions to more than 100 governmental units in the Tri-County area and notification of the public hearing. The Committee received responses in writing from several governmental units (see attached letters and resolutions). For the most part the respondents oppose any

merger of the Boundary Commission with Metro, but if forced to choose support the more independent Commission model as set forth in Resolution No. 88-934. One unit (the Jantzen Beach Fire District No. 1) supports Resolution No. 88-935.

Three persons appeared in person at the hearing. They were Ken Martin, Boundary Commission Executive Officer; Debbie Sagen, Assistant to the City Manager of Gresham; and John Boun, City of Portland Annexation Office. All three persons opposed the merger proposals but preferred Resolution No. 88-934 if forced to choose.

The Committee added another assumption to Resolution No. 88-934 (see No. 7) which provides for the Boundary Commission to assume responsibility for administering the Urban Growth Boundary (additions to or deletions from the Boundary) based on criteria adopted by the Metro Council.

Item 8.4: Resolution No. 88-943

The Committee unanimously recommends approval of Resolution No. 88-943 which supports changing the Oregon Revised Statutes to remove any legal impediments to the merger of Tri-Met with Metro. This issue is another one identified by the Task Force on Metropolitan Regional Government. A Task Force Subcommittee has identified several statutory problems which inhibit consideration of such a merger. Resolution No. 88-943 encourages the Task Force to identify those problem areas and draft legislation for their removal.

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Attachments

City of Sherwood, Oregon  
RESOLUTION NO. 88-421

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A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE INCORPORATION OF TRI-MET INTO THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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WHEREAS, after reviewing the Washington County Transportation Plan, the City of Sherwood finds there is a need to revise one crucial element of the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the County Transportation Plan states that 93% of the growth in daily traffic in the Portland Metropolitan region is completely inside Washington County, and

WHEREAS, this is the direct result of the success of the County, local governments, and private business in creating desirable living and working opportunities in the County, and

WHEREAS, the importance of downtown Portland to the future of Washington County residents has diminished greatly, and

WHEREAS, the Highway element of the County Transportation Plan recognizes this change and appropriately addresses intracounty highway needs, and

WHEREAS, the Mass Transit element of the Plan is nevertheless still governed by Tri-Met's focus on a system that feeds downtown Portland and allocates most capital monies to a downtown Portland oriented light rail system, and

WHEREAS, the current system for selecting the Tri-Met Board does not adequately represent the needs of Washington County residents, and

WHEREAS, significant changes to Tri-Met's priorities and orientation are needed in order to develop a transit system consistent with present day realities.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Legislative Committee on Regional Government recommend that the duties of the Tri-Met Board and the Tri-Met public transit system be transferred to the Metropolitan Service District.

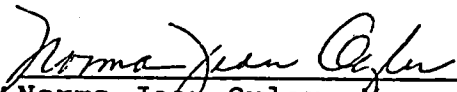
Section 2. That the City Recorder be directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to:

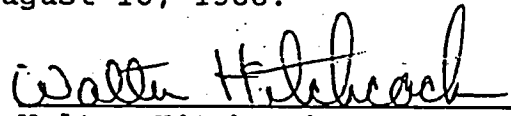
a. Washington County Board of Commissioners

- b. Tri-Met Board of Directors
- c. METRO Council
- d. Legislative Committee on Regional Government
- e. Mayors and City Managers of Washington County
- f. Governor Neil Goldschmidt

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage and adoption.


Duly passed by the City Council August 10, 1988.

  
Norma Jean Oyler, Mayor

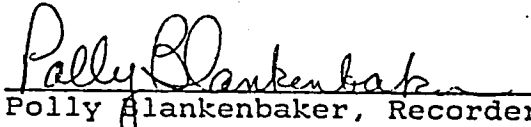
  
Walter Hitchcock

  
Laurie Birchill

  
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Marjorie Stewart

Attest:

  
Polly Blankenbaker, Recorder