

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING)	RESOLUTION NO. 91-1409A
SUPPORT FOR A ZOO/OMSI/WORLD)	
FORESTRY CENTER STATION IN THE)	
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR WESTSIDE)	INTRODUCED BY THE REGIONAL
LRT)	FACILITIES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Westside Corridor Project is the region's highest transportation priority, consisting of highway improvements and construction of a light rail line between Portland and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Washington Park Zoo abuts Highway 26 (Canyon Road) in the Canyon segment of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Washington Park Zoo is the top paid tourist attraction in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo faces problems of access and parking availability; and

WHEREAS, a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center station on the Westside LRT line providing light rail access to the Zoo is critical to meeting the objectives for Zoo expansion limited by problems of access and parking; and

WHEREAS, the process for determining the region's Preferred Alternative for the project is nearing completion; and


WHEREAS, the Metro Council wishes to express its support for including a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station in the Preferred Alternative and encourage advisory bodies, elected governing bodies, and the Tri-Met board of directors to include a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station in the Preferred

Alternative; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District expresses its support for a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station in the Westside Light Rail Project and encourages decision-making bodies to include a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station in the region's Preferred Alternative for the project.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 14th day of March, 1991.



Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer

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WHEREAS, the Westside Corridor Project is the region's highest transportation priority, consisting of highway improvements and construction of a light rail line [into] between Portland and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Washington Park Zoo abuts Highway 26 (Canyon Road) in the Canyon segment of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Washington Park Zoo is the top paid tourist attraction in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo faces problems of access and parking availability[, particularly on weekends in good weather]; and

WHEREAS, a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center station on the Westside LRT line providing light rail access to the Zoo is critical to [improve problems of access at peak times and to help alleviate parking problems] meeting the objectives for Zoo expansion limited by problems of access and parking; and

WHEREAS, the process for determining the region's Preferred Alternative for the project is nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council wishes to express its support for including a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station in the Preferred Alternative and encourage advisory bodies, elected governing bodies, and the Tri-Met board of directors to include a

Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station in the Preferred
Alternative; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
expresses its support for a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station
in the Westside Light Rail Project and encourages decision-making
bodies to include a Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station in the
region's Preferred Alternative for the project.

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PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR WESTSIDE)	INTRODUCED BY THE REGIONAL
LRT)	FACILITIES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Westside Corridor Project is the region's highest transportation priority, consisting of highway improvements and construction of a light rail line into Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Washington Park Zoo abuts Highway 26 (Canyon Road) in the Canyon segment of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Washington Park Zoo is the top paid tourist attraction in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo faces problems of access and parking availability, particularly on weekends in good weather; and

WHEREAS, a Zoo station on the Westside LRT line providing light rail access to the Zoo is critical to improve problems of access at peak times and to help alleviate parking problems; and

WHEREAS, the process for determining the region's Preferred Alternative for the project is nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council wishes to express its support for including a Zoo Station in the Preferred Alternative and encourage advisory bodies, elected governing bodies, and the Tri-Met board of directors to include a Zoo Station in the Preferred Alternative; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District expresses its support for a Zoo Station in the Westside Light Rail

Project and encourages decision-making bodies to include a Zoo Station in the region's Preferred Alternative for the project.

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REGIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 91-1409A, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A ZOO/OMSI/WORLD FORESTRY CENTER STATION IN THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR WESTSIDE LRT

Date: March 4, 1991

Presented by: Councilor Bauer

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At its February 26, 1991 meeting, the Council Regional Facilities Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 91-1409A. Committee members voting were Councilors Knowles, Bauer, Buchanan, Gardner, and McFarland.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Committee staff Casey Short briefly discussed the background to Resolution 91-1409, pointing out that the final decisions on the Preferred Alternative for Westside Light Rail will soon be made. With the end of the process in sight, any testimony regarding a Zoo Station must be made at the appropriate public hearings in March.

Andy Cotugno spoke to the resolution, suggesting minor amendments. Those include a language change in the first Whereas to acknowledge that the line is to run between Portland and Washington County; simplifying language referring to access and parking problems at the Zoo; and referring to the Zoo Station as the Zoo/OMSI/World Forestry Center Station. Mr. Cotugno also expressed his opinion that the Metro Council should not adopt this resolution until after the close of public testimony on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, because the Council will be voting on the Preferred Alternative Report. He suggested that Council consideration of this resolution wait until the March 14 Council meeting, and the Committee agreed to recommend the deferral. The Committee then approved Mr. Cotugno's suggested amendments.

Mr. Robin Drews testified in favor of the Resolution. Mr. Drews is a member of Friends of the Zoo, and identified himself as a Zoo supporter since 1965. He supports a Zoo Station because there is inadequate parking, and we need MAX to move people and help cut down our use of cars and our "oil addiction."

Following Mr. Drews' testimony, Councilor Knowles pointed out that the Council would be acting in its capacity as owner/operator of the Zoo in endorsing a Zoo Station.