BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING)
INTERSTATE TRANSFER FUNDS FROM)
THE MCLOUGHLIN BOULEVARD PROJECT)
TO THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE PROJECT)

RESOLUTION NO. 91-1462

Introduced by
David Knowles, Chair
Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

WHEREAS, In 1985, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was amended to include the Hawthorne Bridge transition structure using Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) funds; and

WHEREAS, The State of Oregon has experienced cuts in HBRR funding and has reduced the original allocation to the Hawthorne Bridge project; and

WHEREAS, In June, 1990, Resolution No. 90-1275 authorized \$1.7 million of Interstate Transfer funds for use on the project in order to attain at least 50 percent federal participation; and

WHEREAS, An additional \$2.0 million is necessary to make the Hawthorne Bridge project whole; and

WHEREAS, ODOT seeks to proceed with the Hawthorne Bridge project; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District hereby declares:

1. That Federal-Aid Interstate Transfer funds in the amount of \$2.0 million be transferred to the Hawthorne Bridge project from the McLoughlin Boulevard project.

- 2. That the shift of Interstate Transfer funds off of the McLoughlin Boulevard project is subject to replacement with state funds in an equivalent amount.
- 3. That this action eliminates the need for additional HBRR funds on this project.
- 4. That the Transportation Improvement Program be amended to reflect these actions.
- 5. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service
 District hereby finds the project in accordance with the Regional
 Transportation Plan and hereby gives affirmative Intergovernmental Project Review approval.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this ^{27th} day of June , 1991.

Tanya Collier, Presiding Officer

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 91-1462 FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING INTERSTATE TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE MCLOUGHLIN BOULEVARD PROJECT TO THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE PROJECT

Date: May 21, 1991 Presented by: Andrew Cotugno

PROPOSED ACTION

This resolution would transfer Interstate Transfer funds in the amount of \$2.0 million from the McLoughlin Boulevard project to the Hawthorne Bridge transition structure project. It would complete the funding to allow this bridge project to proceed and reduce the potential for lapsing of Interstate Transfer funds caused by the delay to 1992 in obligating McLoughlin Boulevard project funds.

TPAC has reviewed the proposed funding transfer from the McLoughlin Boulevard project to the Hawthorne Bridge project and recommends approval of Resolution No. 91-1462.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In 1984, Multnomah County requested HBRR funds from the State for the replacement of the Hawthorne Bridge transition structure. Subsequently, in 1986, the State of Oregon and Multnomah County entered into an agreement to reconstruct the transition structure; this agreement provided full funding for the project to come from the HBRR program with appropriate local match. Since 1984, construction of the transition structure has been delayed due to lack of available HBRR funding. In June of 1988, the County received notice from the State that the HBRR funding allocation to the Hawthorne Bridge had been reduced by 64 percent. The County therefore has been allocated only \$1,040,000 of HBRR funding for construction of the \$5,000,000 transition structure replacement and has already spent some \$500,000 in County funds to keep the transition structure in an operable condition.

In May, 1990, Resolution No. 90-1275 authorized the transfer of \$1.7 million from the Scholls/Skyline project (ODOT) to the Hawthorne Bridge transition structure in order to meet the federal participation requirement of at least 50 percent. A commitment from ODOT to provide sufficient HBRR funds to fulfill the funding requirement on this project was requested.

The Hawthorne Bridge is estimated to cost some \$5.0 million in federal funds. Currently available is \$3.1 million composed of

FAU (exchanged in April, 1991 for the \$1.7 million Interstate Transfer funds) and Highway Bridge Replacement funds. The transfer of \$2.0 million of Interstate Transfer funds proposed in the resolution will make the project whole. The McLoughlin Boulevard project will be supplemented with state funds in an equivalent amount to the transfer. If provided by the new Surface Transportation Assistance Act, future HBRR funds will be set aside for use by the state to offset the use of the transferred funds.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends approval of Resolution No. 91-1462.

TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 91-1462, TRANSFERRING INTERSTATE TRANSFER FUNDS FROM MCLOUGHLIN BLVD. PROJECT TO THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE

Date: June 12, 1991 Presented by: Councilor Van Bergen

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At the June 11, 1991, Transportation and Planning Committee meeting, Councilors Devlin, Gardner, McLain and myself voted unanimously to recommend Council adopt Resolution No. 91-1462. Councilor Bauer was excused.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Resolution No. 91-1462 transfers \$2 million in Interstate Transfer funds from the McLoughlin Boulevard project to the Hawthorne Bridge transition structure project. The transfer would fulfill funding for the bridge project and allow it to be completed after nearly three years of delay. Transportation Department Director Andy Cotugno explained the resolution essentially commits the state Department of Transportation (ODOT) to replace the \$2 million in transfer funds.

Councilor Van Bergen expressed concern about Metro's ability to "command" ODOT's replacement of the \$2 million. Mr. Cotugno said he had received the state's verbal agreement to this funding proposal, but said he would request the Council not act on this resolution if ODOT does not confirm this funding agreement in writing. Mr. Cotugno noted he anticipated written confirmation fairly soon.

The Committee raised no additional issues or concerns.