BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE) FY 1994 METRO TRANSPORTATION) IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE) FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF) WESTSIDE LIGHT RAIL TO THE CITY) OF HILLSBORO) Resolution No. 94-1937

Introduced by Planning Committee

WHEREAS, Metro Resolution No. 92-1598 endorsed a Full-Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to construct a light rail extension from downtown Portland to SW 185th Avenue in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Section 7B of that Agreement specified that amendment of the Agreement would be permitted to add an extension of the light rail line to the city of Hillsboro upon completion of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and appropriation of federal Discretionary funds; and

WHEREAS, The Hillsboro FEIS has been submitted for FTA approval; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met has written a letter to Metro, included as Exhibit A of this Resolution, that notifies Metro of Tri-Met's intent to request Congressional appropriation and FTA approval of \$75 million of Section 3 Discretionary funding for the Hillsboro Extension project; and

WHEREAS, Metro must approve Tri-Met's allocation of an additional \$8 million of Section 9 Reserve funds to construct the Hillsboro Extension; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met has identified other local funding sources shown in Exhibit A sufficient to complete construction of the Extension; now therefore BE IT RESOLVED:

That the FY 1994 Metro Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP) be amended to allocate an additional \$8 million of
Section 9 funding authority in FY 96 (total of \$30 million) and
\$75 million of Section 3 funds to the Hillsboro Extension.

2. That the FY 94 TIP be amended to delay \$8 million of Section 9 bus purchase authority currently programmed for FY 96 to FY 97 to be met with allocation of \$8 million of FY 97 Section 9 Reserve funds.

3. That Metro requests amendment of the State Transportation Improvement Program to reflect this amendment.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 28th day of April , 1994.

Presiding Officer Wyers,

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March 9, 1994

PORTLAND, OREGON 972O2

Mr. Andrew Cotugno Planning Director Metro 600 NE Grand Avenue Portland, OR 97232-2736

Subject: TIP Notification for Grant Application OR-03-0043 Amendment No. 3 Requesting Incorporation of the Hillsboro Extension into the Westside Project Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA)

Dear Andy:

Tri-Met plans to submit an application to FTA approximately March 31 requesting funding for final design and construction of the Hillsboro extension to the Westside light rail project.

The expected final cost of the proposed extension is \$225,000,000 in the year of expenditure. This budget is comprised of one-third FTA Section 3, one-third formula funds (STP and Section 9), and one-third local resources. To simplify financial obligations and cost tracking, a match ratio of 66.67/33.33 will be used as FTA Region X staff has advised. Federal funds requested in this initial application include the \$75,000,000 in Section 3 assistance and \$11,000,000 in regional FY94 funding available through the ISTEA Surface Transportation Program. A summary of anticipated revenues is shown below:

<u>Source</u>	<u>\$ Millions/YOE</u>
FTA Section 3	75.0
State Lottery Contribution	on 27.6
Local Government	15.0
Regional STP	22.0
(11 in FY94; 11 in FY	95)
State STP (all in FY96)	22.0
FTA Section 9	30.0
Regional GO Bonds	30.0
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3/9/94, A. Cotugno, Metro Hillsboro Ext. TIP Notification Page 2

The \$75,000,000 in Section 3 discretionary resources is already programmed in the regional TIP. The entry is split between FY95 (at 15,000,000) and FY96 (60,000,000). Tri-Met is currently pursuing Congressional authorization of the full \$75,000,000 needed for the project. However, the actual amount to be appropriated in future years remains uncertain. Tri-Met will request Letter of No Prejudice authority concurrently with submittal of the grant application for the purpose of "accessing" whatever level of appropriation is obtained in FY95. The \$11,000,000 in regional STP funding for the Hillsboro project is also programmed in the present TIP.

The Hillsboro light rail extension is approximately 6.2 miles long and will connect the present terminus of the Westside Project located at SW 185th Avenue in Washington County with the Hillsboro Park & Ride station located at the intersection of SW Adams and Washington Street in downtown Hillsboro. The light rail route follows the present Burlington Northern railroad alignment west from 185th Avenue to 216th Avenue, where the Burlington Northern turns northward. The light rail route continues westward from 216th into downtown Hillsboro occupying right-of-way previously owned by the Oregon Electric Railway Co. In downtown Hillsboro, light rail will occupy Washington Street from 12th Avenue to the terminus at SW Adams Avenue. The extension will have eight stations including four park & ride lots.

Initial project expenditures will support consulting contracts for final design of the light rail facilities, acquisition of real property for right-of-way, first payments for purchase of light rail vehicles, and project management.

The final Environmental Impact Statement for the Hillsboro extension will be submitted to FTA about March 18. As you recall, the Westside FFGA, in section 7B, provided for amendment of the contract to incorporate Hillsboro pursuant to compliance with certain federal requirements and Congressional authorization of funds.

The Tri-Met Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the project application on March 30. Copies of the public hearing announcement have been sent to private transportation providers. The notice of public hearing is also scheduled for publication in three areawide newspapers during the month of March.

Please contact Kim Manley at 238-5849 if you have questions about the grant application.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Harder Exec. Dir., Finance & Administration cc: Terry Whisler, Metro

Marty Andersen, ODOT Region 1

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 94-1937 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FY 1994 METRO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF WESTSIDE LIGHT RAIL TO THE CITY OF HILLSBORO

Date: March 22, 1994

Presented by: Andrew Cotugno

PROPOSED ACTION

Adoption of this resolution would amend the FY 1994 Metro Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase funding authority for the Hillsboro Extension of the Westside Light Rail System by \$8 million of additional Section 9 revenue for obligation in FY 96, resulting in a \$30 million total Section 9 commitment. This authorization would require delay of \$8 million of a planned \$13.5 million bus purchase project until FY 97. This resolution would also allocate \$75 million of Section 3 Discretionary funding authority for the extension project (\$15 million in FY 95 and \$60 million in FY 96). The Section 3 authorization anticipates Congressional appropriation and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval of these funds for this use.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Metro Resolution No. 92-1598 endorsed a Full-Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration to construct a light rail extension from downtown Portland to SW 185th Avenue in Washington County. Section 7B of that Agreement specified that an amendment would be permitted to add an extension of the light rail line to the city of Hillsboro upon approval of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and appropriation of federal Discretionary funds.

Metro has submitted the Hillsboro FEIS for FTA approval and Tri-Met has written a letter to Metro, included as Exhibit A of this resolution, that notifies Metro of Tri-Met's intent to request Congressional appropriation and FTA approval of \$75 million of Section 3 Discretionary funding for the Hillsboro Extension project.

In this same letter, Tri-Met has identified a package of federal, state and local revenue sources to finance the extension project which totals \$225 million. A key component of this funding package includes \$8 million of new Section 9 authority in FY 96 and \$75 million of Section 3 Discretionary funds. Metro's endorsement of this funding plan is required and will be demonstrated by amendment of the Metro TIP, together with a request to amend the State TIP in similar fashion. The FY 94 TIP currently reflects programming of \$13.5 million of Section 9 funds in FY 96 for a large bus purchase and a \$14.9 million reserve fund programmed in FY 97. To free \$8 million for use by the Hillsboro Extension in FY 96, \$8 million of the bus purchase authority will be delayed to FY 97 which is the earliest that the unallocated reserve funds can be "accessed."

Other changes to the Section 9 program are anticipated as part of development of the FY 95 TIP which will occur in early summer. At that time, changes will also be made to both Regional and State STP fund programming which concern transit funding issues. However, the current amendment is a stand-alone action that accommodates the region's Hillsboro Extension funding proposal while maintaining a balance of regional revenues to anticipated resources as required by ISTEA and FTA.

The Section 3 funds have still to be appropriated by Congress. Additionally, Tri-Met will have to negotiate a Hillsboro amendment of the Westside FFGA and then submit an application for award of the funds. These programming changes are shown in Attachment A of this staff report.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 94-1937.

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Date: April 26, 1994

Presented By: Councilor Devlin

<u>Committee Recommendation</u>: At the April 21 meeting, the Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 94-1937. Voting in favor: Councilors Kvistad, Gardner, Devlin McLain, Monroe, and Moore. Absent: Councilors Gates and Washington.

<u>Committee Issues/Discussion:</u> Andy Cotugno, Planning Director, presented the staff report. This action, amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), increases the funding authority for the Hillsboro Extension of the Westside Light Rail System by an additional \$8 million of Section 9 revenue for FY 1995 obligation. Approval of the resolution effectively delays until 1997 expenditure of \$8 million of the \$13.5 million now allocated for bus purchase.

Mr. Cotugno explained that there is great uncertainty on the final amount of the contracts included in the \$687 million, to bring the project to 185th. He explained the reasoning for the "hold-backs". Since October there have been downtown line costs, Beaverton line costs, and track procurement. Currently they are solvent by \$10 million but there is concern about federal cash flow and increased costs. The good news from Mr. Pena is that there may be an additional \$10 million available from the federal government.