

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING)
SUPPORT FOR THE PACIFIC)
NORTHWEST RAIL CORRIDOR)
PASSENGER SERVICE OBJECTIVES)**

RESOLUTION NO. 94-1953

**Introduced by
Planning Committee**

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration declared the Eugene, OR to Vancouver, BC corridor as one of five priority High Speed Rail corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Transportation Commission adopted the Oregon Rail Passenger Policy and Plan calling for the development of the corridor jointly with Washington and British Columbia and the establishment of rail passenger service objectives for the Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature appropriated between \$5.5 and \$11 million for rail infrastructure and passenger service improvements in the Eugene - Portland corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland adopted Resolution 35220 requesting consideration be given for High Speed Rail and an intermodal transportation station in the Central Eastside; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Transportation is committed to re-establishing rail passenger service from Seattle to Vancouver, BC and adding additional rail passenger service between Seattle to Portland, OR; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has provided Washington State

Department of Transportation funding to upgrade the rail infrastructure and increase passenger rail service between Portland and Seattle; and

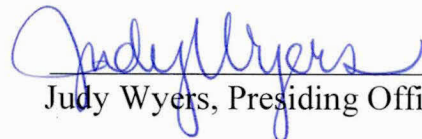
WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Transportation has established rail passenger service objectives for the Seattle to Vancouver, BC route, restoring service with one round-trip per day, increasing to three round-trips per day by the year 1999; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Transportation has established rail passenger service objectives for the Seattle to Portland, OR route, increasing service to six round-trips per day by the year 1999; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council expresses its support for the Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor passenger service objectives.
2. That the Metro Council directs staff to cooperate with appropriate state and local agencies to facilitate development of higher speed, frequent passenger rail service to, from and through the metropolitan area.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 12th day of May, 1994.


Judy Wyers, Presiding Officer

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 94-1953 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST RAIL CORRIDOR PASSENGER SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Date: April 11, 1994

Presented by: Gail Ryder

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of this resolution will express the Metro Council's support for the objectives of the Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor Passenger Service.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

On April 7, 1994 the Planning Committee received a briefing from Gil Mallory with the Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT). Mr. Mallory explained his state's commitment to re-establishing rail passenger service from Seattle, Washington to Vancouver, BC and adding additional rail passenger service between Seattle and Portland, Oregon.

The State of Oregon has committed \$10 million of lottery funding to high speed rail. The Washington legislature has provided funding for an upgrade of rail infrastructure to allow passenger rail service to be re-established and safely operated. To do this WDOT has established rail service objectives that will restore service with one round-trip per day between Seattle to Vancouver. This will increase to three round-trips per day by the year 1999. Rail passenger transit between Seattle and Portland is to be increased to six round-trips per day by the year 1999.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 94-1953 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST RAIL CORRIDOR PASSENGER SERVICE OBJECTIVES

Date: May 5, 1994

Presented By: Councilor Gardner

Committee Recommendation: At the May 5 meeting, the Planning Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 94-1953. Voting in favor: Councilors Kvistad, Gates, McLain, Moore, and Washington. Absent: Councilors Gardner, Devlin, and Monroe.

Committee Issues/Discussion: Gail Ryder, Senior Council Analyst, presented the staff report. This resolution is the result of a recent briefing the Planning Committee received from Gil Mallory, Washington Department of Transportation. Mr. Mallory briefed the committee on the endeavors of the State of Washington regarding the Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor Passenger Services Objectives. He presented the committee with a "draft" resolution for Metro's endorsement. This "draft" version largely reflected the history of the work within the state of Washington.

At the April 21 meeting, Fred Nussbaum, an interested citizen, requested the committee rewrite the resolution to add "whereas" clauses describing Oregon's efforts. The current version of the resolution is the result of this rewrite. Four "whereas" clauses were added detailing the history of project within the State of Oregon. A second "resolve" was also added directing Metro staff to "cooperate with appropriate state and local agencies to facilitate development of higher speed, frequent passenger rail service to, from and through the metropolitan area."