

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING) RESOLUTION NO. 96-2356
THE FY 1996 METROPOLITAN TRANS-)
PORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) Introduced by
TO UPDATE THE REGIONAL TRANSIT) Rod Monroe, Chair
PROGRAM) JPACT

WHEREAS, Tri-Met is the region's designated transit provider; and

WHEREAS, The Tri-Met Board has previously approved a five-year program of transit project priorities in cooperation with Metro and the region's other local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Implementation of these priorities relies in part on federal revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Metro must approve programming of federal funds that support transit projects in the urban portion of the Portland area in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met has updated its previous programming assumptions to reflect federal appropriation of Section 5307 (former Section 9) funding assistance at levels less than previously assumed; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met desires to allocate \$1.2 million of such funds to initiate construction of the Gresham Civic Neighborhood LRT station; and

WHEREAS, This represents a new project requiring Metro approval; and

WHEREAS, The station has been modeled in the federally approved FY 1996 Air Quality Conformity Determination; and

WHEREAS, All other requested revisions fall within previously approved policy direction and are therefore administrative in nature; now, therefore,

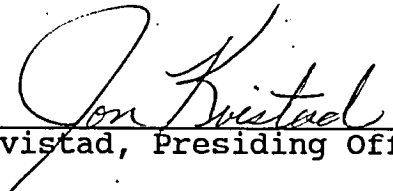
BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the FY 1996 Metro TIP be amended to include allocation of \$1.2 million of Section 5307 funds to initiate construction of the Gresham Civic Neighborhood LRT station in FY 97.

2. That other miscellaneous administrative amendments within the scope of those encompassed by Metro Resolution No. 85-592 are authorized to reflect current schedule and cost changes to previously approved projects.

3. That these various amendments shall be incorporated into an FY 1996 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program which shall be incorporated without change into the 1996 State Transportation Improvement Program.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 25th day of July, 1996.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

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STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 96-2356 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AMENDING THE FY 1996 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM TO UPDATE THE REGIONAL TRANSIT PROGRAM

Date: June 19, 1996

Presented by: Andrew C. Cotugno

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of this resolution would amend the FY 96 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to allocate \$1.2 million of Section 5307 (former Section 9) funds to construct an LRT station within the Gresham Civic Neighborhood. If approved, this allocation would contribute to drawdown of the cumulative \$7.8 million Section 5307 projected Authorization Reserve currently identified in the FY 98 program year. Combined with other recent staff-initiated administrative amendments of the program and new, more conservative multi-year program revenue estimates by Tri-Met, approval of this resolution would eliminate the balance of the Section 5307 program reserve. Finally, the resolution would authorize staff to pursue additional required amendments of the State TIP to incorporate the new project.

TPAC has reviewed the FY 96 MTIP amendment and recommends approval of Resolution No. 96-2356.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Regional Support of the Civic Neighborhood Development

Tri-Met has requested Metro to program \$1.2 million of Section 5307 funds to initiate construction of a Gresham Civic Neighborhood LRT Station. Construction of the station is necessary to support successful implementation of the Civic Neighborhood mixed-use development in Gresham. The station constitutes one element of three interrelated, publicly-financed projects referred to as the Civic Neighborhood TOD program. The TOD program is needed to leverage higher densities than wholly private financing of the development would achieve.

One of the TOD projects -- the North-South Collector -- received \$1.844 million of Region 2040 Implementation funding in FY 95. These funds were awarded to subsidize construction of an amenity rich, multi-modal North-South collector that will provide principal market access to the site. Tri-Met has estimated that, by 2015, the new station, to be sited immediately adjacent to the collector, would realize higher boardings than nearly all other East County MAX stations combined. Tri-Met has already obligated \$80,000 of Section 5307 funds this year to complete Preliminary Engineering for the station, as approved in the FY 96 MTIP. The project was included in the transit network component of the 1996 Conformity Determination quantitative analysis jointly approved by FTA/FHWA.

Related Administrative Amendment of the Section 5307 Program

The current MTIP identifies a projected \$7.8 million cumulative program reserve in FY 98. Less than expected appropriations in FY 96 have caused Tri-Met to revise its program revenue estimates which eliminates approximately \$6 million of this projected reserve. This station project would contribute to additional drawdown. Accounting for these adjustments and other past staff-initiated administrative adjustments, the projected reserve would be eliminated; all anticipated Section 5307 revenue through FY 98 would be allocated to projects.