

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AWARDING UP TO)	RESOLUTION NO. 98-2692
\$2,500 TO THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF)	
TRANSPORTATION IN SUPPORT OF THE)	Introduced by Presiding Officer
WEST SIDE COMMUTER RAIL)	Kvistad
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT)	

WHEREAS, Washington County, in partnership with the cities of Wilsonville, Tualatin, Tigard and Beaverton, Tri-Met, and the Oregon Department of Transportation initiated a commuter rail feasibility study between Wilsonville and Beaverton; and

WHEREAS, The Washington County Steering Committee for the commuter rail authorized a demonstration of passenger rail service between Wilsonville and the Beaverton Creek light rail station during the opening weekend of the Westside Light Rail Transit Project; and

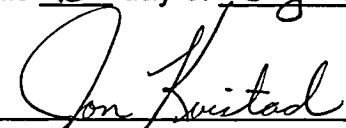
WHEREAS, JPACT'S Regional Commuter Rail subcommittee has identified the Washington County Corridor as one of the priorities for commuter rail service for consideration in the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the demonstration project is an opportunity for the public to become familiar with commuter rail opportunities in Washington and the concept in general, and to increase access to the Westside Light Rail Transit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED;

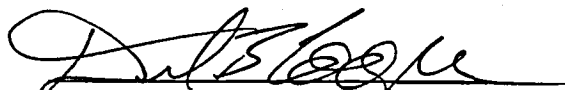
That up to \$2,500, will be awarded to the Oregon Department of Transportation to assist the participating jurisdictions and organizations implement the Westside Commuter Rail Demonstration Project during summer/fall 1998. The funds are to be identified by Metro's Transportation Department, and contracted by them with guidance from the Transportation Planning Committee.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 13th day of August, 1998.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 98-2692, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AWARDING UP TO \$2,500 TO THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTSIDE COMMUTER RAIL
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

Date: August 5, 1998

Presented by: Presiding Officer Kvistad

Committee Action: At its August 4, 1998 meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee voted 2-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 98-2692. Voting in favor: Councilors Kvistad and McLain

Council Issues/Discussion: Councilor Kvistad recommended at the August 4 meeting that Metro support the efforts of the Westside Commuter Rail Demonstration Project. Therefore this resolution originated in the Transportation Planning Committee.

A steering committee in Washington County is coordinating the demonstration project, which will coincide with the opening of the Westside Light Rail. The project will operate between the cities of Wilsonville and Beaverton during the opening of the light rail in September. The intent is to help stimulate support for, and understanding of, commuter rail, of which this particular line is one example.

After the demonstration project has taken place, Washington County will be completing a study of commuter rail feasibility and options, as will Metro, in a complementary manner.

Metro's funds will be used primarily for coordination, educational and promotional purposes relative to the event.