

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT**

**Informal Council Meeting
August 4, 1983**

Councilors Present: Councilors Banzer, Bonner, Etlinger, Hansen, Kafoury, Kelley, Kirkpatrick, Van Bergen, Waker, and Williamson.

Councilors Absent: Councilors Deines and Oleson.

Also Present: Rick Gustafson, Executive Officer.

Staff Present: Steven Siegel and Peg Henwood.

An informal meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Service District was called to order at 6:10 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the Westside Corridor Project.

Steven Siegel, Development Services Director, showed a video tape of types of light rail systems in Europe. He then reviewed the history of the Westside Corridor Project and the jurisdictional and citizen involvement process. He said the basic rationale for the project was: 1) the need for transportation capacity to support development in downtown Portland and the Washington County area; 2) the need to eliminate large amounts of auto traffic that are currently traveling through neighborhoods to avoid congestion on the Sunset Highway and which was expected to grow dramatically since the highway was about to reach its capacity; and 3) the need to try to provide Tri-Met with a system that could accommodate its short term needs as well as be efficient in the long term.

Mr. Siegel then distributed the proposed Resolution (attached to the agenda of the meeting) which would select the preferred alternative for the Westside Corridor and described the reasoning behind each resolve.

Councilor Bonner suggested the specific concerns of the affected local jurisdictions be included either within the resolution or as an attachment. Mr. Siegel said the individual resolutions would be sent as a package to UMTA but said they could list the specific concerns within Metro's resolution if that was desired.

Councilor Waker said he intend to propose additional language to Resolve No. 1 which would clearly state that capital and operating financial feasibility of the Westside system ought to be considered in the next step and particularly with respect to the line west of Beaverton.

Presiding Officer Banzer requested that any proposed language changes be sent to the Council prior to the August 25th meeting.

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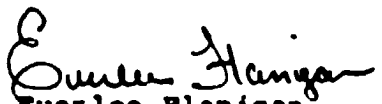
There were then general Council questions about the project's history.

Councilor Van Bergen asked if Metro was committing to light rail in the corridor and if so, to what extent. Mr. Siegel responded that Metro would be committing to a study of the concerns raised in the public hearings and by the DEIS. Councilor Waker stated he didn't feel there was a commitment to build light rail unless there was a demand.

There was then some discussion of the proposed alignment west of Beaverton.

The informal meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Everlee Flanigan
Clerk of the Council

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