



# Employee Express

February 1992

## From the executive officer

Some of you may have read or heard that it's just a matter of time until this region is hit by an earthquake and that Metro is somehow getting involved in the "earthquake business."

What's going on? When and where is "the Big One" going to hit? Why should we be concerned about earthquakes in Oregon?

Metro, along with the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, is trying to answer those and other questions about the potential for earthquakes here and their probable effect. Metro and the state are launching a pilot project so that we can determine the likelihood of an earthquake and how best to prepare for it.

We don't want to frighten people, but at the same time, we want to make the citizens of this region aware of the problem and begin dealing with it.

It's impossible to be completely prepared for a major earthquake. But there's plenty we can do to minimize the loss of lives and property, and that's the primary goal in this pilot project.

We'll look at a segment of the region and map different pieces of important information – such as the locations of major transportation routes and bridges, area hospitals, types of structures in the area, assessed valuation of homes and businesses and the existence of area fault lines.

We'll also meet with emergency management experts throughout the region to devise some earthquake scenarios and our strategies for dealing with them. Eventually, we'll map the entire Portland metropolitan area for its earthquake potential.

In the meantime, we're just getting started and have a lot of work ahead of us. You'll be happy to know that our earthquake preparation begins at home – as part of the renovation project for the new Metro headquarters, the building will be made as structurally sound as possible.

Perhaps we won't have a major earthquake during our lifetimes, but if we do, it only makes sense to be prepared.

## February holiday

Feb. 17 – President's Day

## New headquarters yields waste reduction bonanza

What do green, brown and gold carpeting, porcelain sinks, toilets and urinals, door hinges and metal sheeting have in common?

They were among the materials the Salvation Army and Hippo Hardware salvaged last month for reuse or recycling from the soon-to-be Metro headquarters in northeast Portland.

The salvage effort is the first phase in a comprehensive waste reduction plan being developed for the in-progress facility. Staff from the Solid Waste Department's Waste Reduction Division, Regional Facilities, Hoffman Construction and Thompson Vaivoda Architects will incorporate a variety of waste reduction elements into the project. The plan will include extensive construction/demolition recycling and salvage, recycled building materials, state-of-the-art recycling system and energy-efficient design.

The construction project gives Metro a unique opportunity to set a good example by maximizing recycling and using recycled products wherever possible. The Solid Waste Department is seeking an Environmental Protection Agency grant to document the process as a construction demonstration project.

## From baling wire to Zoo Doo, a creative approach to recycling

"Caring Now for the Future of Life" – The zoo has always had a strong commitment to conservation and the environment, which is why recycling efforts are as diverse as the staff is creative.

Baling wire and scrap steel is resold to melt down and reuse. Ties and rails removed during railroad repair are sold to the highest bidder for reuse. Of course, almost everyone is familiar with how Zoo Doo is recycled through weekly sales to the public for composting and gardening.

Plastic wood fence posts are being used around primates and the zoo is taking the opportunity to educate visitors about the product. Glass and plastic recycling programs at concerts and restaurant locations have also been stepped up for availability and visibility. Three types of plastics and glass, along with typical cardboard, newspaper and paper recycling, are recycled zoo-wide.

The "back of the house" is continuing with a program for aluminum and tin cans that includes all visitor services and animal management areas. Can you imagine all the cat food cans?

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## Staff changes \*

**Metro Center, scalehouses, zoo**

### Arrivals

**Solid Waste** – Donovan Boell and Barbara Morrissey, scalehouse clerks

**Regional Facilities** – John Kotlik, building services worker

### Promotions

**Solid Waste** – Rita Bomber and Rosemary Endicott, hazardous waste technicians; Jean Leathers, program assistant 2

**Transportation** – Steven Erickson, associate regional planner

**FMI** – Pamela Juett, management technician

### Transfers

**Zoo** – David Illig, to animal keeper

### Departures

**Zoo** – Patrice Shaffer-Cooper, animal keeper

### Metro ERC

#### Arrivals

Barbara Barber, Elizabeth Clemons, Tina DeChiara, Robert Harris, Shannon Odom, Frederick Paul, Alice Warren and Michael Wenberg, ushers

#### Promotions

Robert Hill, secretary

#### Departures

Greg Tepekiozis, David Hitesman, Richard White, Felicia

Robertson, Derek Buchanan, Jean Caso, Brian Flynn, Daniel

Loth, Adele Rolfe

\* As of Jan. 16

## Take care to avoid hand injuries

Injuries involving fingers or hands are by far the most common work-related injuries at Metro. In the past two years, 42 employees received medical attention for such injuries. Because fingers and hands are used daily to perform required work, take extra care to avoid injury to our fingers and hands from being cut, smashed or burned.

**Cuts** – Take extra time to do the job right when you are using sharp tools such as knives or hedge shears. When you have completed the task, replace the tool in the protective sheath. Identify sharp edges/objects in the workplace. Cover the sharp edges/objects when possible (for example, you can cover sharp edges temporarily with tape). Items with sharp edges may also be placed out of the way to decrease the opportunity for accidental injury.

Use hand protectors (heavy duty leather or mesh gloves) when working with sharp tools.

**Smashed fingers** – Many injuries occur from closing file and desk drawers or from closing cage, office and elevator doors. Other injuries occur when boxes and other stored items fall on fingers or hands.

Again, most injuries can be avoided by taking more time to carefully complete the task. When working with machinery, identify and avoid pinch and squeeze points.

**Burns** – Wear insulated gloves to avoid injury to fingers and hands when working with stoves, ovens or other hot equipment. Extreme care should be taken when working with hot oil fryers.

Contact Risk Management for assistance in identifying hazards and making recommendations for correcting the hazards.

## Additional life insurance available at a cost

For participants in the Metro-sponsored health and welfare plan, life insurance is provided free in an amount equal to 1.5 times your annual salary up to \$50,000. This employer-paid insurance also covers your spouse and any children for \$1,000 each.

If you would like additional term insurance for either you or your spouse, it may be purchased in increments of \$10,000 up to maximum of \$100,000. The medical history statement/application form for this insurance is available through the Personnel Division. If you are intending to apply for \$100,000, a physical exam is necessary. Standard Insurance will pay the cost.

If approved, premium payments are conveniently made through payroll deduction. As you can see from the chart below, the prices are quite reasonable.

Your age group	Cost of \$10,000 increment of additional life insurance/month
Under 30	.80
30 through 39	.80
40 through 44	1.70
45 through 49	3.00
50 through 54	4.60
55 through 59	7.80
60 through 64	8.40
65 through 69*	14.79

\* Coverage terminates at age 70.

## Zoo . . . from page 1

So what's next? The work plan for the zoo recycling task force includes some strong education components, both for visitors and staff. A Smash Trash and Recycle Day will kick off the education program for zoo staff.

In addition, a partnership is being forged with the Solid Waste Department and Portland Parks Bureau to implement a test program of commercial composting, effectively recycling what the animals produce best.

An increased staff commitment of 10 hours per week will allow time to source separate "contaminated" glass, plastic and paper and compact trash.

One of the final goals is to not only continuously assess our progress but to keep looking for other ways to improve . . . old building materials and feed bags are next on the list.

*Happy*

*Valentine's Day*



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## Benefits corner



# Employee Express

April 1992

## From the executive officer

There are lots of exciting things happening at the new Metro headquarters building, and I thought now would be a good time to give you an update:

- As anyone who has driven past the site can tell, demolition is proceeding rapidly. Both interior and exterior demolition is about one-third complete. So far, 149 tons of material from the site has been revised or recycled.
- We've recently finished the asbestos abatement.
- We're working with the architect and a consultant on planning for the day care center. Judging by the feedback from Metro employees, we expect to have at least 25 children of Metro employees in on-site day care. We're still studying the possibility of having the center available at night for employees who need to attend night meetings.
- An on-site job booth for minorities and the public is being set up to provide information on employment in the construction industry.
- The Percent for Art Committee has been meeting regularly, and a request for proposals will be sent out April 1. The committee has identified locations both inside and outside the new headquarters building for placement of art.
- We've been working with Pacific Power and Light on programs to conserve energy consumption at the new headquarters.
- Space planning is nearly complete, with a final draft plan currently being developed.
- A "For Lease" sign will be appearing on the front of our current Metro Center building shortly.
- We're on track with our time schedule, with construction expected to be complete in mid-February 1993. We're also on budget.

## It's not too late to get involved with SOLV-IT

Team Metro, 50 members strong, is ready for the April 11 SOLV-IT cleanup campaign. The team will join 6,000 other volunteers to clean up 12 illegal dump sites in the region. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It's not too late to help. Call John Curtin at ext. 363 to sign up.

Special thanks to Team Metro sponsors that include Sahlberg Safety and Supply, providing 50 pairs of work gloves; Metro's Employees Association, providing high-protein snacks; and the Operations Division of the Solid Waste Department, helping underwrite the cost of volunteer caps.

## 'Livable future' focus of growth conference

The city and the suburbs will be highlighted at Metro's third annual regional growth conference April 21 at the Oregon Convention Center. The title, "Creating a Livable Future: Decisions for the 21st Century," refers to planning 50 years into the future, a new planning focus for Metro.

Morning speakers will be Joel Garreau, a senior writer for the Washington Post, and Robert Yaro, senior vice president of the Regional Plan Association in the New York metropolitan area. Garreau, author of "Edge City, Life on the New Frontier" and "The Nine Nations of North America," will discuss what the rise of "edge cities" mean to social, economic and political futures.

Yaro brings a "Big Apple" flavor to regional planning. He will discuss the third round of long-term planning just starting up in New York's greater metropolitan area. As senior vice president of the Regional Plan Association in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area, Yaro is fluent in the language of large-scale consensus building and urban planning processes.

The afternoon session will focus on Region 2040, Metro's new regional planning project designed to determine the future of the area during the next 50 years.

## It's party time for Packy

Packy, the Metro Washington Park Zoo's premier pachyderm, turns 30 this month with a party on April 11. Activities include elephant trivia, elephant foot prints and face painting from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 2 p.m., the Marshall High School band will play "Happy Birthday" while Packy eats a 40-pound whole wheat cake with peanut butter frosting and carrot candles. Oh yes, there'll be people cake for Packy's guests, too.

In honor of the birthday boy, the second annual Packy's Auction will be April 10 in the zoo's AfriCafe. The auction is a fund raiser for the zoo's Center for Species Survival, an off-exhibit breeding facility for endangered animals. The center will also allow behavioral studies on ways to continue to improve the care of animals. Last year's auction raised \$16,000.

The evening begins with appetizers and a silent auction from 6 to 8 p.m. The oral auction – and gourmet desserts and coffee – starts at 8:15. Auction items include artwork, jewelry, trips and tickets to the U. S. Olympic Basketball Festival. Of course, many of the auction items are animal-related.

Tickets, \$30 of course, are available by calling Deb Hargin at the zoo.

## Staff changes \*

### Metro Center, scalehouses, zoo

#### Arrivals

Zoo – Terri Dill-Simpson, safety/security supervisor; Margaret Koonce, nutrition technician

Personnel – Carla Young, switchboard receptionist

#### Promotions

Personnel – Sheila Springer, secretary

Accounting – Becky Thorpe, lead accounting clerk

### Metro ERC

#### Arrivals

Nicholas Brown III, facility security supervisor

#### Departures

Doe Coats, Cheryl Holt, Michael Houston, Howard Moore,

Michael Teed, Jeff Wical

\* As of March 20

## New withholding rate gives more \$\$, but not lower taxes

The Internal Revenue Service revised the federal income tax withholding rates for 1992 on orders from President Bush, following his Jan. 28 State of the Union address.

The new rates were put into effect in February for Metro employees.

For some employees, the increase in take-home pay will be minimal. During the course of the year, an employee's federal income tax withholding will be reduced by more than \$250 if claiming married and more than \$140 if claiming single. There is no change in the federal income tax withholding for employees who claim single on the Form W-4 and earn more than \$53,000 or more than \$90,200 for those who claim married.

IRS penalties for any underpayment of estimated tax in 1992 will be waived – but only if the underpayment is a direct result of this reduction in the withholding tables.

The lower withholding does not reduce your taxes. It is a reduction in your withholding and not a tax credit. This reduction in withholding may (1) reduce your refund, (2) eliminate the refund all together, (3) cause you to owe tax or (4) increase the amount you would have already owed in 1993. You are advised to review your withholding in those instances where your spouse works or you receive outside revenue from interest, investments or are self-employed.

To change the amount of withholding, you must complete a Form W-4 and submit it to Personnel. W-4 Forms can be obtained from Personnel. The IRS has stated that employees who wish to keep their withholding at the unreduced rate should not change the number of allowances on the form. Instead, you should request additional withholding.

## Planning trip to see Mickey? Get your Magic Kingdom card

If you're contemplating a vacation to any Disney facility, don't forget to get your Magic Kingdom card. The card is free and offers considerable savings toward many aspects of your trip.

Magic Kingdom Club members have their own exclusive reservation and information service. If a trip is in your future, clip the following numbers so they're on hand when you finally start to plan your trip in earnest:

- Walt Disney World  
Magic Kingdom Club Travel Center  
PO Box 10160  
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-0160
- Walt Disney World accommodations and vacation package reservations – (407) 824-2600
- Premiere's Cruise and Walt Disney World Week, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Norwegian Cruise Line, Delta Air Lines, other airlines reservations and car rentals – (800) 334-4017
- To request a Euro Disney Magic Kingdom Club Membership Guide, write the travel center above or call (407) 824-2600
- Disneyland: Magic Kingdom Club Travel Center  
PO Box 4180  
Anaheim, CA 92803-4180
- Disneyland and San Diego vacation packages, airline and car rental reservations – (714) 520-5000

Remember, club member travel benefits, discounts and vacation packages are available only at the travel center numbers listed above. Metro's chapter number, which appears on your membership card, must be given at the time of booking. So if you don't have a card, just call Personnel or stop by.

## Buttons, boxes, baked goods kick off recycling program

The new Metro Center in-house recycling program was launched March 11. The waste reduction committee (Bryce Jacobson, Jennifer Ness, Berthe' Carroll, Sherrie Shervey, Lisa St. Helen, Marilyn Geary-Symons, Pam Juett and Flor Matias) hosted a gala lunchroom event to kick off the program.

Approximately 60 people stopped by to ask recycling questions and pick up desk-side boxes and signs, "Metro Recycles" buttons . . . and of course, home-baked goodies.

The committee reports enthusiastic response from Metro Center employees. A total of 160 boxes, 325 bin signs and 125 buttons were given out this month.

Metropolitan Disposal, our recycling company, reports a 5 percent increase in newspapers and a whopping 32 percent increase in both white and colored paper – with a total of more than two and a half tons of paper collected in March.

Good job recycling reps and Metro recyclers!

### Benefits corner

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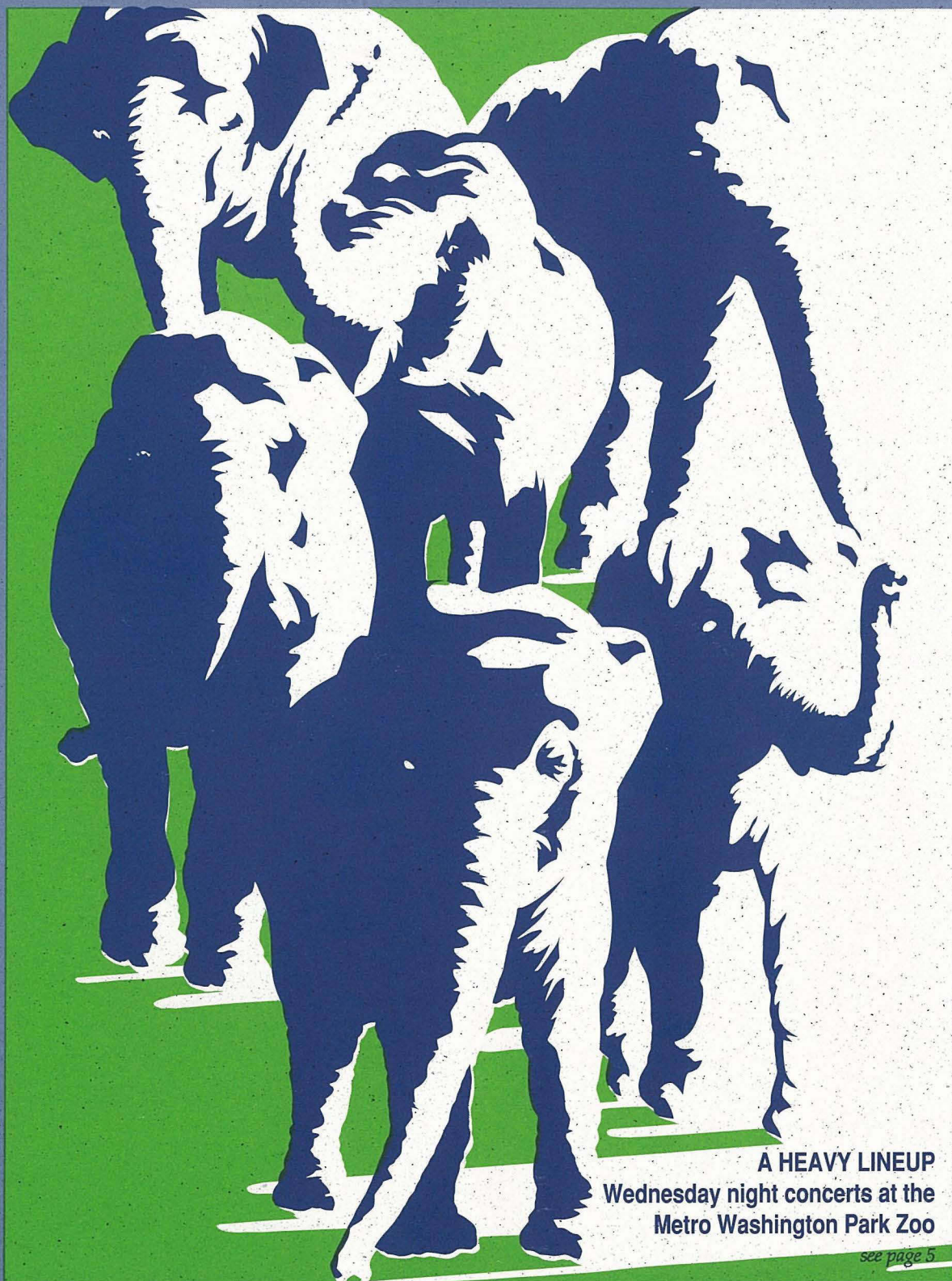
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**A HEAVY LINEUP**  
Wednesday night concerts at the  
Metro Washington Park Zoo

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# Summer theater workshops offered by PCPA residents

Bitten by the acting bug? Satisfy that urge by signing up for a summer theater workshop for children and adults offered July through August and sponsored by the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

The Oregon Children's Theatre Company will conduct three intensive rehearsal workshops July 6-31 for youngsters, culminating in performances in the Dolores Winningstad Theatre on Aug. 1.

The workshops include "James and the Giant Peach," directed by Barry Duckett for ages 8-10; "The Lion, The

Witch and the Wardrobe," directed by Sarah Fitzpatrick for ages 11-14; and "A Mid-Slumber Night's Dream," directed by Joyce Harris for ages 9-16.

The Tygres Heart Shakespeare Company will offer two classes about the Bard's plays. "The Shakespeare Theater Experience" is a three-week class for teachers that includes visits by professional theater staff.

"Shakespeare Meets Teenager" is a two-week class for 12 to 16-year-olds who want a broad-based acting and theater workshop with an emphasis on Shakespeare.



Fees vary and class sizes are limited. For more information about the courses, call the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, 222-9220. The center is administered by Metro through the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.

The Metropolitan Service District handles regionwide concerns in the urban areas of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Metro is responsible for solid waste management, operation of the Metro Washington Park Zoo, transportation and land-use planning, urban growth boundary management, technical services to local governments and, through the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission, management of the Oregon Convention Center, Memorial Coliseum, Civic Stadium and the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

Metro is located at 2000 SW First Ave., Portland, Ore. 97201-5398. For more information call the Public Affairs Department at 221-1646.

**Executive officer.**  
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District 9	Tanya Collier
District 10	Roger Buchanan
District 11	Ed Washington
District 12	Sandi Hansen

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## Dig in for free composting workshops

Learn to compost yard debris at home. Register for a free workshop at a Metro Home Composting Demonstration Center. Centers are located at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City, Fulton Community Gardens in Southwest Portland, Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham and Portland Community College at Rock Creek.

Workshops cover basic principles and methods of composting, bin design options and trouble shooting. Hours are 9 to 11:30 a.m. on the following Saturdays:



June 6	Rock Creek	Sept. 12	Rock Creek
June 13	Clackamas	Sept. 19	Clackamas
June 20	Mt. Hood	Sept. 26	Mt. Hood
June 27	Fulton		
		Oct. 3	Fulton
July 11	Rock Creek	Oct. 10	Rock Creek
July 18	Clackamas	Oct. 17	Clackamas
July 25	Mt. Hood	Oct. 24	Mt. Hood
		Oct. 31	Fulton
Aug. 1	Fulton		
Aug. 8	Rock Creek		
Aug. 15	Clackamas		
Aug. 22	Mt. Hood		
Aug. 29	Fulton		

To register, call Metro's Solid Waste Department at 221-1646. Space is limited. For a home composting brochure, call Metro's Recycling Information Center, 224-5555.

# Draft master plan available on Metropolitan Greenspaces

The numbers tell it all. This region is expected to increase by more than 400,000 people in the next 20 years. Currently 29 percent of the land in the four-county metropolitan region is considered natural area, with only 8.5 percent in public ownership as a park or open space. This leaves 20 percent of the native landscape vulnerable to development.

The bottom line is that the increase of people and decrease of greenspaces will result in a diminished quality of life for urban residents unless remnant wilderness and wildlife is protected for the future.

Metropolitan Greenspaces, a three-year-old Metro program partially funded by grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, seeks to protect and maintain urban natural areas. A draft master plan, now available to the public, outlines strategies and methods of protection, through the cooperation of Metro, local governments, park and recreation districts and natural area organizations.

The region's natural ecology is the basis for the plan, which encourages biodiversity and connections between watersheds. Key areas around the region are identified in the plan, including the major rivers, foothills, mountains, forests, hills, wetlands and valleys. In addition, important trails and corridors for human and wildlife use are listed. The protection of waterways, floodplains, agricultural and forest lands is included.

Forty-three locations are proposed for protection as regionally significant large-acre sites. These include the Sandy River Gorge, Clackamas River, Pete's Mountain, Hagg Lake, Columbia River islands, Tualatin River, Cooper Mountain, Forest Park, Ross Island and areas in Northeast Portland that make up the "white triangle" on the greenspaces map.

The plan proposes guidelines and standards for management of a natural area system that encompasses the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan region through intergovernmental agreements. It is proposed that Metro will own and manage some of the lands acquired if funding is secured. Other local governments and natural area organizations may opt to retain ownership and maintenance of some areas. Areas deficient in greenspaces will be targeted for major restoration programs.

A financial study is now under way to determine how to establish a regional funding source for acquisition and capital improvement of selected natural areas. Fundraising, donations, cooperative efforts and public financing alternatives are being explored. A Greenspaces Foundation is proposed to accept private donations of land, securities and funds.

Metro is proposed to serve as a regional planning and financial information clearinghouse for greenspaces projects regardless of ownership and funding source.

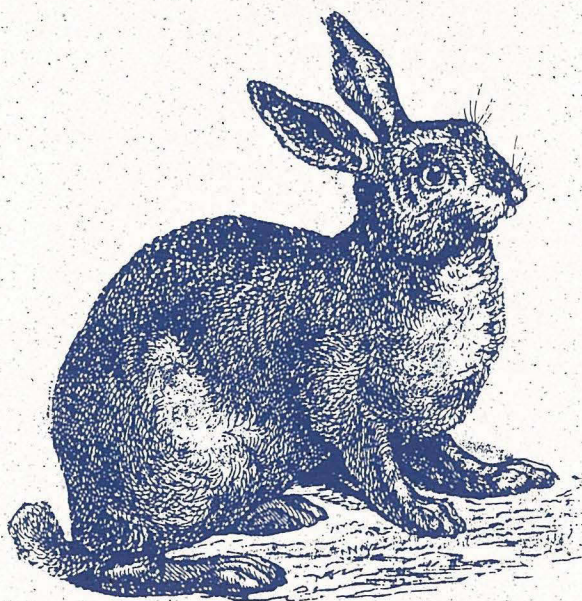
To receive a summary of the draft master plan, contact Metro's Planning Department, 22-GREEN



## Trip Into Nature again and again on nearby summer outings

For those who need a nudge to get out and enjoy our region's natural areas, the Trip Into Nature program has just the ticket. More than 30 walks, canoe trips and birdwatching tours are offered this summer to families and individuals interested in exploring our region's own backyard.

For a complete listing of summer activities, call 22-GREEN for a Trip Into Nature brochure.



# A busy summer in the works at the Metro Washington Park Zoo

It's beginning to look like it'll be a busy summer at the Metro Washington Park Zoo. The summer schedule starts June 13 and runs through Labor Day.



## Test your athletic ability in Zoo Games

This summer's special activity will be "Zoo Games," in honor of the summer Olympics. With a special Zoo Games program in hand, visitors can stop at stations throughout the zoo grounds for information about the athletic ability of animals. At the last stop, the ZooGames Stadium at the Sculpture Garden, visitors can test their ability in the long jump, high jump and on the balance beam to compare their athletic performance to that of the animals.

There's also a Recycling Relay, a fun activity that also teaches about the connection between recycling and animal habitat.



## Petttable animals and more!

Stop by the Sculpture Garden or the Cascades Gazebo for a visit with pettable animals. Sidewalk Zoologists, ZooTeens from the zoo's youth volunteer corps, will answer questions about animal habits and habitats. ZooTeens will also oversee the Insect Zoo and, later this summer, the new African pygmy goats. Look for them at the pygmy goat barn between the rhino and zebra exhibits in Africa.

## Birds of Prey

Catch birds of prey in flight three times daily at the main stage near the concert lawn. Times are 12:30 p.m., 2:30 and 4:30 (last show canceled on concert nights). Sponsored by PGE.



## Kongo Ranger Station

Meet the Kongo ranger and learn about wildlife issues and the culture of Africa. The ranger and helpers are on duty from 10 to 6 daily.



## Animal Talks

No, not really talking animals. Rather there will be ZooGuides talking about animals and exhibits. Check the schedule in front of the information booth for locations and times. And you can also hear from zookeepers at Keeper Talks: Elephants at noon, Animal Care Center at 12:30 p.m., Primates at 1 p.m., Bears at 1:30, Cascades at 2, Africa Rain Forest (at the bat exhibit) at 2:30 p.m. and Penguins at 3:30.



## Lion trio now at home

Massina, the young lioness acquired a few months ago, has been joined by a pair of yearling lions from the Metro Toronto Zoo. The lions are brother and sister. Which one is the male? He's the one with the spiky punk hairdo that will someday be a magnificent mane.

## Elephant museum houses new gift shop

Tucked in the corner of the elephant museum is a new gift area with books, jewelry and treasures from around the world.



## All aboard the zoo train

Take a ride through the forest on the Washington Park and Zoo Railway. Get off the train at the Washington Park station and visit the International Rose Test and Japanese gardens. Visit the old-fashioned candy store and gift shop; eat lunch at the outdoor cafe, then catch a later train back to the zoo.

Train prices: \$2.50 adults 12-64; \$1.75 seniors 65 and older, children 3-11; free for infants 2 and younger.



## Summer zoo hours

From now until Labor Day, the zoo gates open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. (you can stay on the grounds until 7).



## Other events coming up this summer:

### June 26 • Feast with the Beasts

A summer picnic for Friends of the Zoo members. Call the FOZ office at 221-1646 for information about the Feast or FOZ membership.

### July 11 • POW WOW (Preserve Our World)

A cooperative effort of Metro, local governments and private industries to promote recycling and environmental awareness. Lots of booths and activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# Concert series to fill the zoo with music

**P**ack a picnic basket and head for the zoo – it's time for the summer concert season. The Metro Washington Park Zoo's annual series of family concerts are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday June 24 through Aug. 20. Concert admission is \$5. Both concert series are presented in cooperation with OPB Radio.

If packing a picnic is not your cup of tea, you can purchase food at AfriCafe or Bear Walk Cafe. Alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the zoo; beer and wine can be purchased on-site on concert nights.

The zoo parking lot fills up quickly, but overflow parking and free shuttle service is available to the zoo entrance from the Sylvan business complex. Follow the signs on U.S. 26 at the Sylvan exit.



A stellar night of jazz is planned July 25 for The Grand WaZoo, the zoo's gala fundraiser. Featured this year will be guitarists Larry Carlton and Stanley Jordan and saxophonist Tom Scott.

Money raised this year will again benefit the zoo's endangered species program.

Gates open at 6 p.m.;  
the show starts at 7.

For more information,  
call the Friends of the Zoo office,  
220-2493.

## Clip and save!

Meier & Frank and KEDS present the 14th annual

## YOUR ZOO & ALL THAT JAZZ

7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, June 24 through Aug. 19

June 24	Ann Peebles and Otis Clay
July 1	Joshua Breakstone
July 8	Thara Memory and the Super Band
July 15	Paul Horn with John Stowell
July 22	The Persuasions
July 29	Richard Green and the Green String Quartet
Aug. 5	Poncho Sanchez
Aug. 12	Roberto Perera
Aug. 19	Woody Hite Band

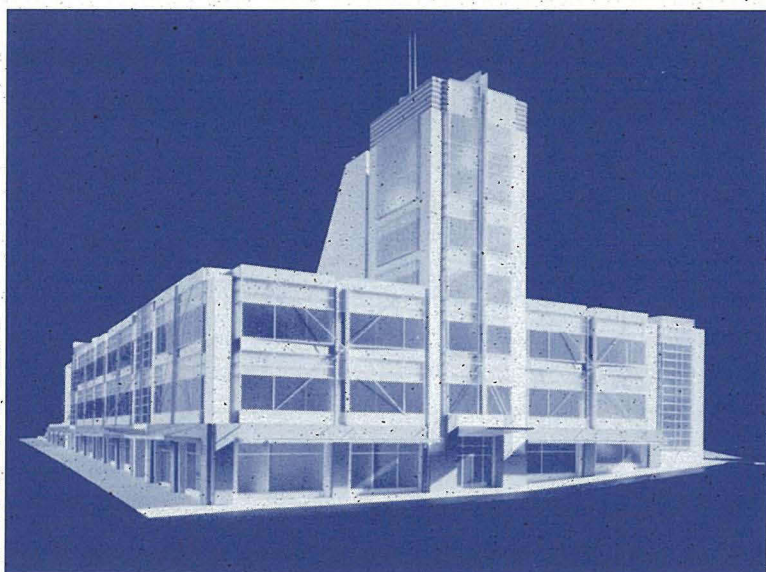
*The concert schedules are subject to change.*

GTE Northwest presents the third annual

## Rhythm & Zoo

7-9 p.m. Thursdays, June 25 through Aug. 20

June 25	Mason Williams and Friends
July 2	Sandy Bradley and the Small Wonder Big Band
July 9	Fiddle Tunes
July 16	The Bobs
July 23	The Babes (Christine Lavin, Sally Fingerett, Megon McDonough and Julie Gold)
July 30	Kenny Rankin
Aug. 6	Thomas Mapfumo
Aug. 13	Livingston Taylor
Aug. 20	Dan Hicks and the Acoustic Warriors



*Renovation of the former Sears building retains the existing tower, the building's most distinctive feature.*

## Renovation well under way at new Metro headquarters

In less than one year, Metro will have a new home on the east side of the Willamette River. Renovation work on Metro's future headquarters, the former Sears building at 600 NE Grand Ave., is in full swing. Completion is scheduled for March 1993.

Because leased office space no longer meets the agency's needs, a Metro-appointed task force analyzed office options. The task force considered building new offices, purchasing the former Sears building and leasing a larger building. Given long-term costs, public accessibility, parking availability, ownership, location and growth potential, the Sears building option was determined to be the best long-term choice. The cost of renovating is competitive with the cost of new construction, and purchasing rather than leasing will save the region \$7.7 million over 30 years. Reduced financing costs based on low bond market interest rates were also a factor.

After careful analysis, the Metro Council approved purchase of the Sears building and parking garage in December 1991. Hoffman Construction and

Thompson Vaivoda/Cole Architects were selected as the design/build team for the project. Coincidentally, Hoffman Construction built the original building in 1929.

The building is comprised of three floors and a basement totalling 190,700 square feet. The basement and most of the first level (Grand Avenue) will be converted into approximately 95,000 square feet of parking, or 170 parking spaces. The upper two levels, the tower and some portions of the first level (approximately 95,700 square feet) are being renovated for Metro offices, council and public meeting areas and a child care facility. Approximately 5,000 square feet of expansion space is being roughed in on the first level, and an additional 55,000 square feet can be converted into office space as needed.

The building design is distinguished by a pedestrian-friendly main entrance on the northwest plaza and exterior glass that lets light in and creates an accessible image from the street. The interior is designed around a central corridor that runs nearly the length of the building from north to south. The

corridor is flanked by glass-walled conference rooms and lighted by skylights above. The existing tower, the building's most distinctive feature, will be transformed into a two-level staff lunch room and a conference room.

There are 470 parking spaces in the adjacent garage at Northeast Grand and Irving. Up to 346 spaces are leased to the state of Oregon through a 30-year lease. The garage will also be used for overflow parking for events at the Oregon Convention Center and the Memorial Coliseum. The garage is expected to generate enough revenue to be self-supporting. Projections indicate that after four years, the garage will generate more than \$100,000 per year.

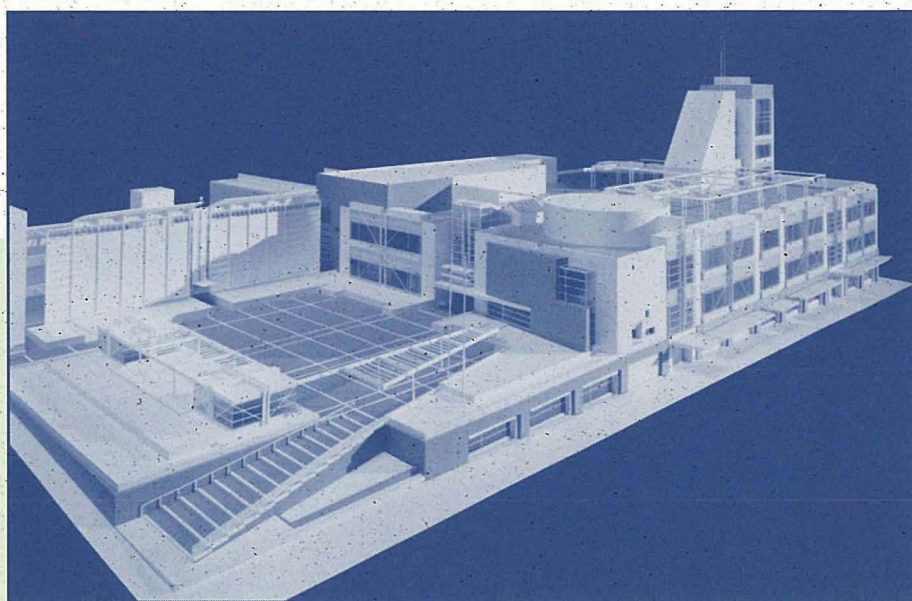
The headquarters project is financed by nearly \$23 million in general revenue bonds. The building purchase and renovation cost is \$15.7 million. The parking garage purchase and renovation cost is \$3.7 million. Financing costs total \$4.2 million.

## Building a model of recycling at work

Metro's "recycled" headquarters building will be a role model for other commercial building projects, thanks in part to a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. The \$30,000 grant will be used to document the "resourceful renovation" as a demonstration project.

In addition to reusing the existing structure rather than building on vacant land, Metro is salvaging, reusing or recycling most of the waste produced in the renovation process. Approximately 200 tons of metal, wood, doors, fixtures, paneling, carpet and hardware have been recovered for reuse or recycling to date.

Recycled building materials are also being incorporated where



*Model shows the pedestrian-friendly entrance plaza.*

possible, and, to facilitate recycling once the building is operational, recycling chutes for office paper will be installed in existing shafts.

The EPA grant funds a part-time, on-site project coordinator, a how-to manual for contractors and an educational slide show. Signs posted outside the construction site are updated regularly to report tons of material recycled or reused over the

course of the project. Metro plans to conduct workshops and building tours for the construction industry.

Construction/demolition debris, much of which is recyclable, makes up approximately 17 percent of the metro area waste stream. The Metro project will provide a real-life example of how those materials can be recovered and how much can be saved through avoided landfill disposal fees.

## Activities offer public input to Region 2040

Metro's Region 2040 project offers a number of activities that will help residents of this region decide where and how it should grow during the next 50 years.

The first major milestone of Region 2040's phase 1 was the afternoon session of Metro's annual regional growth conference on April 21. The entire afternoon was devoted to small work sessions, in which participants made decisions and value judgments about where they would place 600,000 additional residents during the next 50 years.

The information being compiled from the work sessions will be used to

help design a series of growth alternatives. Alternatives will address factors that affect this region's livability, including: land use, transportation, greenspaces, economic development and housing affordability.

A random telephone survey was recently completed that questioned 405 people who live within the Metro service area. Residents were asked what they liked and disliked about their neighborhoods and the region. They also were questioned about their values, beliefs and opinions about the future of the Portland metropolitan area. The survey

will also be used to design growth alternatives.

Another important tool in the Region 2040 project is a series of four public workshops that will take place throughout the region. Workshops, scheduled for mid-June, are geared toward citizens and will encourage participants to think and talk about their ideas for this region's future. Three of the workshops will be on weekday evenings; the fourth will be on a Saturday morning. For more workshop information, contact Mary Weber at Metro, 221-1646, ext. 117.

# Reduce, reuse, recycle good advice regarding hazardous products

Metro's household hazardous waste facility in Oregon City has been a busy place since it opened in February. More than 4,000 residents have used the facility to drop off unwanted paint, pesticides, weed killers and other potentially hazardous products from their homes.

The best way to get rid of some products, such as paint, is to simply use them up. And consider the three Rs:

- Reduce the amount of toxic products by buying only the amount you need.
- Reuse the products by donating unused portions to friends or organizations.
- Recycle whatever is accepted at recycling centers or the household hazardous waste facility.

## Change the way you buy

Buy products with the least toxic ingredients. Read labels carefully before you purchase. Look for warning words: flammable, caustic, corrosive, caution, danger, warning or poison.

Even better, use non-toxic alternatives. If non-hazardous alternatives are not available, buy only the amount you need and will use. Buying the "economy size" to save money could only end up

costing you more if you didn't need that much in the first place.

And always check to see what you already have on hand before buying more.

Consider using tools for the job instead of chemicals. In the garden, use hoeing, hand pulling and cultivation to remove weeds. Remove weeds before they flower and reseed for another season.

## Use and store products safely

Always read and follow directions for use and storage of hazardous products. Don't remove labels and always keep products in their original containers.

Never mix chemicals.

Always keep products away from children and pets.

Use the least amount needed to get the job done. More is not always better.

Use up any leftovers – or give to a friend, neighbor, community group or business that might need them. (Medicines, however, should not be shared.)

## Recycle what you can

Used motor oil can be recycled at a number of drop off locations in the region or at the curb if you have curbside recycling. Be sure to use a clear



plastic container with a screw top.

Old auto batteries can also be recycled. Call Metro's Recycling Information Center, 224-5555, for locations.

## Disposal

Never pour products down the drain or put them in the trash.

The best disposal method for any product is to use it up. Not only is this efficient disposal, but it's a good use of our natural resources.

Metro's household hazardous waste facility is open on a regular basis – from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday (closed on major holidays). The facility is located at Metro South Station, 2001 Washington St., Oregon City.

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## "PHANTOM" HIGHLIGHTS SLATE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Shows and events in February and March range from the popular Auto Show to the "Phantom of the Opera," presented at Metro facilities managed by the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission. A sampling of the offerings are presented below:

### Oregon Convention Center

At the Oregon Convention Center, many exciting events are open to the general public for a fee. The annual Auto Show is expected to draw large numbers Feb. 2-7. Professionals from around the region will be interested in the Office Systems Expo Feb. 10-12. Get ready for spring at the Yard, Garden and Patio Show Feb. 19-21. The Z100 Bridal Show will draw wedding planners Feb. 20-21. Ending February's line-up of events, the Portland Roadster Show is Feb. 26-28. In March, the International Sportsman's Show will attract outdoor enthusiasts March 3-7. Call the Oregon Convention Center's ticket office at 235-7575 for more information.

### Portland Center for the Performing Arts

The Portland Center for the Performing Arts has a stunning line-up of performances. Oregon Shakespeare Festival's presentation of "Twelfth Night" continues through Feb. 13 at the Intermediate Theatre. Shakespeare fans can also see "Henry IV, Part 1" at the Dolores Winningstad Theatre Feb. 12-March 6, presented by Tygres Heart Shakespeare Company.

Doc Severinsen joins the Oregon Symphony on Feb. 11 and Ricky Skaggs will appear at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Feb. 13 as a benefit for Doernbecher Hospital. Portland Opera buffs will enjoy Mozart's comic tale "Cosi Fan Tutte" at the Civic Auditorium on Feb. 20, 24 and 27.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival presents a recent New York hit, "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," at the Intermediate Theatre on selected dates between Feb. 20-March 20. On Feb. 25, the Oregon Symphony presents Bobby McFerrin, the "one-man band,"

singing his best-known songs.

Direct from Broadway, the Tony-nominated musical, "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Show," plays at the Civic Auditorium on March 2. James Galway in Recital will be presented by the Oregon Symphony March 7-9, joined by guitarist Kazuhito Yamashita.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" opens on March 16 and runs through April 17. This tale of the Paris Opera House phantom won seven Tony Awards and has broken box office records worldwide. Because of advance ticket sales, very few seats are left. Call the ticket office at 248-4496 for availability.

### Memorial Coliseum Complex

The Memorial Coliseum rafters will ring with activities such as the Bobby Brown concert on Feb. 15, the Oregon Indoor Track Meet on Feb. 19 and the ever-popular Disney on Ice Feb. 24-28.

Call 248-4496 for tickets.

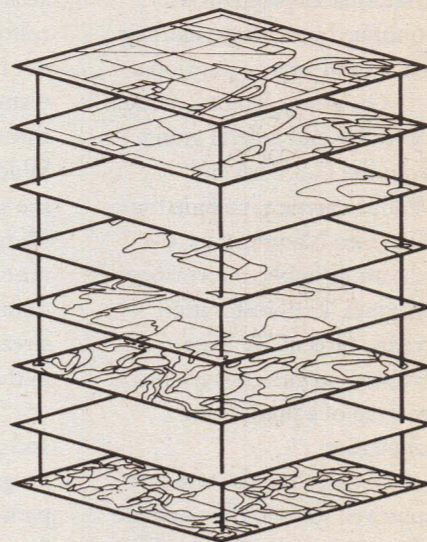
## DATA RESOURCE CENTER CATALOG AVAILABLE

Businesses and private citizens who want to learn about the types of services available from Metro's Data Resource Center can purchase a newly developed catalog.

The 60-page catalog contains a description and explanation of the Regional Land Information System (RLIS), the technological basis of many of the services

provided by the Data Resource Center. RLIS is a land-use computer system that shows different types of information in map "layers" that can stand alone or be used in combination.

RLIS users can find information regarding property tax assessments, location of floodplains, demographic profiles of a specific area, and many other land-use issues by contacting the center at 221-1646 ext. 329. The catalog serves as a valuable resource for businesses and private citizens who need more information about land use in the Portland metropolitan region.



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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO FOCUS ON HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT

A series of community meetings are being held throughout the metropolitan Portland/Vancouver region to discuss Metro's North/South Transit Corridor Study.

The hour-long meetings, which run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., are sponsored by Metro and local jurisdictions, and are intended to be informational. Each meeting will include a video presentation outlining the study and the Federal Transit Administration planning process; and a study update and timeline.

Three open houses to discuss the data and analysis currently being developed have also been scheduled. For more information, call Gwen Schnurman at 273-5572.

### FEBRUARY COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

**Feb. 9:**  
Clark College, Foster Auditorium in Hanna Hall  
1800 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver  
(located off Ft. Vancouver Way north of McLoughlin)

**Feb. 10:**  
Cascade Junior High School  
13900 NE 18th St., Vancouver

### MARCH OPEN HOUSES:

**March 1, 3 to 9 p.m.**  
North Clackamas Park,  
Milwaukie Center  
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive,  
Milwaukie

**March 3, 3 to 9 p.m.**  
Clark College,  
Gaiser West Hall  
1800 E. McLoughlin Blvd.,  
Vancouver

**March 4, 3 to 9 p.m.**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Great Hall  
1624 NE Hancock, Portland

## ZOO EVENTS AND CLASSES

**Feb. 12:**  
17th annual Valentine Poetry Contest readings

**Feb. 20:**  
12th annual Great Northwest Chili Cookoff, noon to 5 p.m., Memorial Coliseum; fun, food, entertainment; 30 chili cooking teams compete for prizes for best chili, people's choice, showmanship. Sponsored by This Week magazine, KUPL, Oregon Beef Council, Dairy Farmers of Oregon, Northwest Natural Gas. Benefits the zoo. For information about zoo events, call 226-1561.

### NEW AT THE ZOO

Zooniversity, new year-round series of half-day programs for adults, began Jan. 23 and runs for 15 Saturdays through Dec. 4. Sessions will be led by zoo staff and visiting professionals. University credit will be available.

Classes through April are:

**Primate Primer** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27  
**Northern Exposure** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 13  
**Bird Basics** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 3

For more information, call Tracy Smith, Zooniversity registrar, at 220-2781.

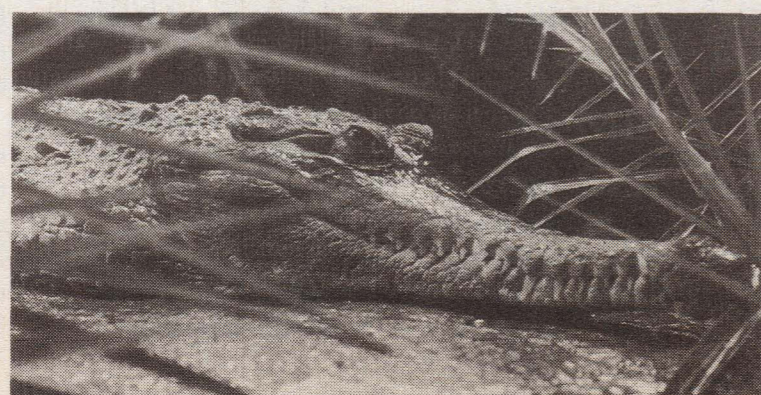


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## NEW CHARTER CREATES CHANGES WITHIN METRO

Voters in the region approved a new home-rule charter for Metro on Nov. 3, creating a new set of guidelines for the 14-year-old regional government.

Full implementation will take time, but the charter took effect on Jan. 1. Some highlights are:

- Metro is now the full name of the agency, formerly called the Metropolitan Service District.

- Metro councilors will draw salaries instead of per diem. The charter reduces the size of the council to seven in 1995.

- A new Office of Citizen Involvement will be integrated with Metro's current citizen involvement program. Its purpose is to aid communication between citizens of the district and the council and executive officer. The council appointed 19 members and alternates to a new citizen involvement committee representing the 13 council districts, areas outside Metro boundaries in the three

metropolitan counties and existing county citizen involvement committees.

- Metro's taxing authority is expanded. Voter approval is required for certain broad-based taxes, including sales and income taxes. The charter limits expenditures from taxes imposed without prior voter approval to \$12.5 million during its first year.

- Growth management and land-use planning become primary tasks for the agency.

The following will take place during the next few years:

- An auditor will be elected in 1994 to do financial and performance auditing starting in 1995.

- A Future Vision Commission will be created. The commission will be made up of citizens who will create a long-term vision (of at least 50 years) regarding the best ways to accommodate future population growth.

- Metro is required to adopt a regional framework

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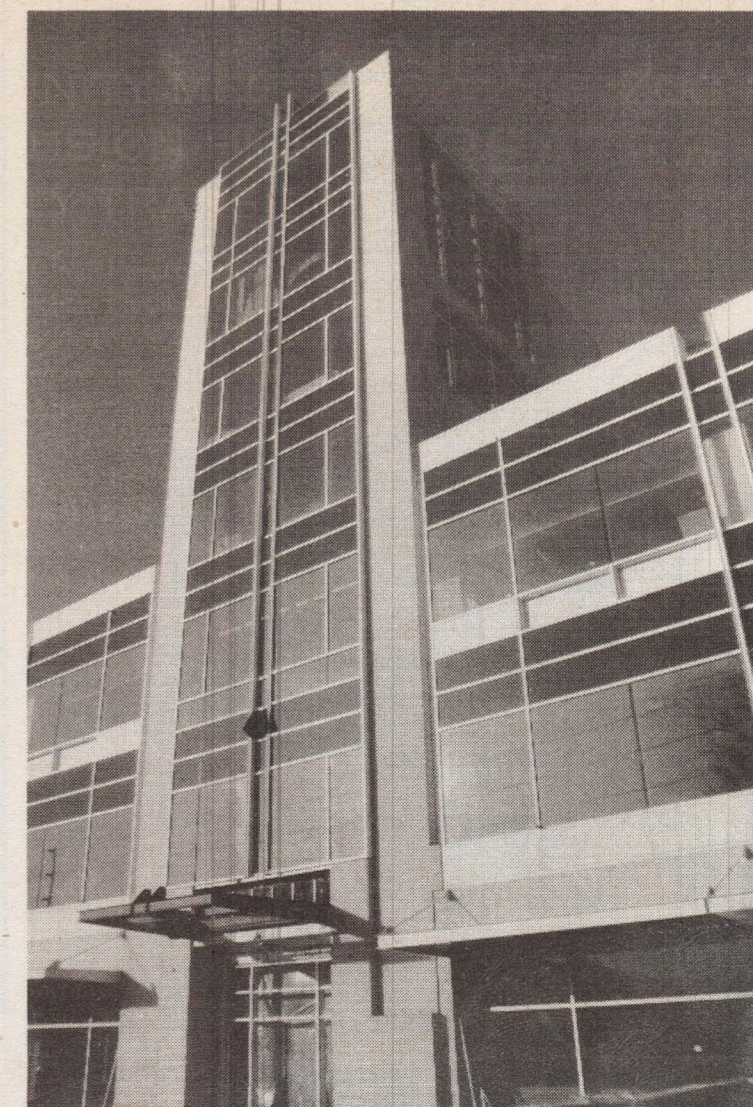


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## METRO REGIONAL CENTER SET TO OPEN THIS SPRING

The new Metro Regional Center will soon be located in the former Sears building on Northeast Grand Avenue. Metro's downtown offices will move across the river this spring when the new building opens in mid-April. See article on page 4-A about the "resourceful renovation" methods used in the project.

## NEW COUNCILORS TAKE OFFICE

Eight Metro councilors took the oath of office on Jan. 4. At the first council meeting of 1993, Judy Wyers (District 8) was selected presiding officer.

Newcomers to the council are Jon Kvistad (District 2), Mike Gates (District 5) and Rod Monroe (District 9). Terry Moore, appointed to fill a vacancy in District 2 in September 1992, was elected to represent the new District 13 in Washington County, created as the result of reapportionment in 1991. (See sidebar for information on new councilors.)

Other councilors elected in November include Ed Washington, originally appointed to fill a District 11 vacancy in February. Richard Devlin (District 4) and Roger Buchanan (District 10) are returning for second terms. Jim Gardner (District 3) is returning for a third term.

Because the new home-rule charter reduces the size of the council to seven beginning in 1995, councilors will only serve two-year terms. The seven new councilors will be elected in 1994. Three of the councilors will serve two-year terms; the other four will serve four years. All terms will eventually be for four years.

### Councilors serve on standing committees

Councilors are appointed by the presiding officer to serve on two or more standing committees for oversight of program and policy issues.

Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Council committee meetings are scheduled on the following days of the month:

Finance Committee – second and fourth Wednesday  
Governmental Affairs Committee – first and third Thursday  
Planning Committee – second and fourth Tuesday  
Regional Facilities Committee – first and third Wednesday  
Solid Waste Committee – first and third Tuesday

Meetings begin at 4 p.m. at Metro Center, 2000 SW First Ave., Portland. All meetings are open to the public.

Call the Council Office, 221-1646, to confirm meeting schedules and obtain agendas, as changes in the schedule may occur.

### Council committee membership is as follows:

#### Finance Committee

Rod Monroe, chair  
Richard Devlin, vice chair  
Roger Buchanan  
Jon Kvistad  
George Van Bergen

#### Governmental Affairs Committee

Mike Gates, chair  
Jim Gardner, vice chair  
Sandi Hansen  
Terry Moore  
Judy Wyers

#### Planning Committee

George Van Bergen, chair  
Jon Kvistad, vice chair  
Terry Moore  
Richard Devlin  
Rod Monroe  
Mike Gates

#### Regional Facilities Committee

Ruth McFarland, chair  
Susan McLain, vice chair  
Ed Washington  
Jim Gardner  
Sandi Hansen

#### Solid Waste Committee

Roger Buchanan, chair  
Ruth McFarland, vice chair  
Susan McLain  
Ed Washington  
Judy Wyers

## NEWLY ELECTED METRO COUNCILORS

### Jon Kvistad (District 2)

A political consultant, Kvistad operates two businesses – AKA Political Services and Kvistad and Associates. He is vice president of the Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce and, prior to his election to the Metro Council, served on the Tigard Water District board. He was active in Citizen Participation Organization 4 in Tigard and served on the board of the Tualatin Valley Mental Health Center. Kvistad was a staff assistant for Sen. Mark Hatfield in 1977. He earned a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University.

### Mike Gates (District 5)

Owner of a small business since 1975, Mike Gates is active in the community as a member of the Clackamas County Economic Development Commission, West Linn Lions and Boy Scouts of America. A former West Linn city councilor, he served on the budget committee, recycling committee, citizens comprehensive plan review committee and the cable advisory board. He has been a member of the Tri-City Chamber of Commerce, West Linn Business Group, Big Brothers of America and VISTA volunteer service corps. He holds a bachelor's degree from Western Oregon State College.

### Rod Monroe (District 9)

Former state legislator Rod Monroe served two terms in the Senate and two terms in the House of Representatives. Monroe chaired the Senate Revenue and School Finance Committee and the House Committee on Housing and Urban Development. He has owned a property management business for the past 25 years. Monroe was a high school and college teacher, assistant to the president of Warner Pacific College, member of the David Douglas School Board and served on the board of trustees for Warner Pacific College. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Portland State University.

### Ed Washington (District 11)

Ed Washington, a long-time civic activist, previously worked as a customer support specialist in the marketing department at US West Communications. He is a member of the United Way board and is chair of the Multnomah County Mental Health Advisory Board. Washington also served on the Mid-County Sewer Advisory Board, the Tri-Met Budget Advisory Board and Metro's Composter Enhancement Committee. He has lived in the Northeast district for 28 years and is a member of the North/Northeast Economic Development Alliance Board.

### Terry Moore (District 13)

Until her election to the Metro Council, Terry Moore worked for the city of Portland Bureau of Planning as secretary to the Planning Commission. Presently, she works part-time in planning for pedestrian improvements. She also taught high school foreign languages in Gresham. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Lewis and Clark College. Moore chaired the Raleigh Hills-Garden Home Citizens Participation Organization and served on the State Structural Codes Advisory Board, Disabilities Commission, Fire Marshal's Advisory Committee and Tri-Met's Westside Light Rail and Special Needs Transit Advisory committees. She has written numerous articles for local and professional publications.

## CHARTER

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plan to address regional growth management and land-use planning. This will help coordinate local government comprehensive plans and regulations.

## METROPOLITAN GREENSPACES

### PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Even though Ballot Measure 26-1 was defeated at the polls in November, the Metropolitan Greenspaces program will continue but without funding for natural area acquisitions.

On-going projects, funded by Metro and federal grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, include the Trip Into Nature tours, the education/public information program, local restoration grants, GreenCity Data Project and citizen work on start-up of a fundraising foundation.

Because bonds were not approved to fund the purchase of natural areas, Metro will not be able to conduct an acquisition program at this time. However, a citizens committee may be formed to explore the start-up of a foundation to accept donations of land and funds. In addition, Metro will work with local cities and counties on their comprehensive plans to see how some

natural areas can be protected through zoning and land-use regulations.

Metro will continue to award federal grants for small restoration projects throughout the four-county area. The restoration grants are funded through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This fall in the second round of funding, Metro announced 19 one-time demonstration grants to improve small wetlands, streams and wildlife habitats in the four-county region.

The greenspace education and public information program will continue. In particular, phase two of the GreenCity Data Project will expand with the cooperation of the Saturday Academy, Portland Audubon Society, Portland State University, Portland Parks Bureau, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and students from 12 schools throughout the region.

A small grants program in

environmental education starts this winter. A total of \$40,000 will be awarded to public and nonprofit groups in the urban four-county region. Individual grants are not to exceed \$8,000. Application forms are available by calling 221-1646 ext. 118 or 22-GREEN. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15.

Greenspaces staff, policy and technical committees will study the ballot measure defeat and possibly consider submitting a new ballot measure to the public at a future date.

For more information about the Metropolitan Greenspaces program, or the winter Trip Into Nature brochure, call 22-GREEN (224-7336).

*The updated Urban Natural Resources Directory for the Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Area, formerly known as the FAUNA directory, is now available for \$5 (plus \$1 postage). Call Linda Robinson at PSU, (503) 725-5181, to order.*

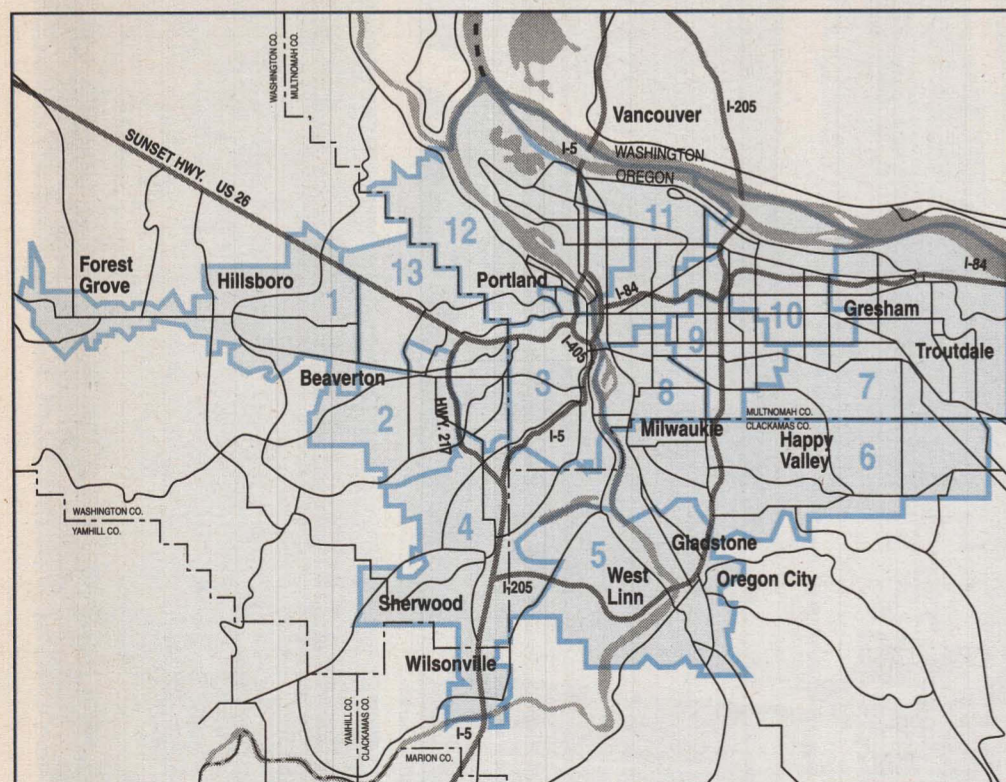


Tualatin River is a key element in the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan.

Photo: Bruce Forster

## COUNCIL DISTRICTS

The Metro region was reapportioned from 12 to 13 council positions based on population growth from the 1990 census. The new home-rule charter reduces the number of districts to seven in 1995.



## METRO BUDGET PROCESS POISED TO BEGIN SOON

Citizens are invited to participate in Metro Council budget hearings that begin in mid-March. The hearings will continue through the end of April. In May, the council will approve the budget, which is adopted in June. Call Metro at 221-1646 for a schedule of meetings.

## TRANSPORTATION NEWS: CORRIDOR STUDIES

### HILLSBORO CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Metro is the lead agency for the Hillsboro Alternatives Analysis, a study of transportation alternatives that would best serve growing transportation needs in the Hillsboro corridor. Other regional participants include Tri-Met, the city of Hillsboro and Washington County.

Also known as the Hillsboro Extension, the study could result in an extension of Westside light rail from 185th Avenue to downtown Hillsboro. The corridor study looks at several transportation alternatives for the Hillsboro area including: taking no action, improving the bus service, extending light rail 6 miles to downtown Hillsboro and extending light rail to the Washington County Fairplex.

Metro has been evaluating the impacts of each alternative and recently presented the summary results to the public and the Westside Citizens Advisory Committee.

Staff is working with the Federal Transportation Administration (formerly the Urban Mass Transportation Administration) to prepare

and publish a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Hillsboro Corridor Alternatives. The DEIS will provide the public with a description of the alternatives being considered, their transportation and environmental impacts and the costs and benefits associated with each alternative. A public hearing on the DEIS will be held in early 1993. The regional selection of the preferred alternative will occur in the spring of 1993.

Tri-Met and the FTA signed an agreement Oct. 6, completing the details on a pact that provides federal money for 75 percent of the region's Westside light rail project. Congress has provided \$516 million for the design and construction; \$15 million is immediately available to the project with another \$68 million to be received this fiscal year. If light rail is selected as the locally preferred alternative, the agreement includes a provision that allows it to be amended to include the Hillsboro extension.

### NORTH/SOUTH TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY

Planning has begun to determine which transit corridor(s) will be considered for high capacity transit in the Portland/Vancouver region. Examples of high capacity transit include light rail and bus-only lanes.

A regional resolution adopted in June of 1991 designated Clackamas County as a destination for the next high capacity transit development. The two Southeast corridors under consideration are:

- I-205 south, connecting the Portland International Airport, Gateway Transit Center, Clackamas Town Center and Oregon City and
- Milwaukie, connecting downtown Portland, Milwaukie, Clackamas Town Center and Oregon City.

The interstate agreement also includes a provision for determining the appropriate steps to pursue in the I-5 and I-205 corridors between Portland and Clark County. The two corridors under

consideration here are:

- I-205 north, connecting the Gateway Transit Center across the Columbia River to Clark County, Vancouver Mall to 179th Street and
- I-5 north, connecting downtown Portland, downtown Vancouver and north to 179th Street.

The North/South Transit Corridor Study, currently in the initial planning phase, will generate the necessary data to help decision-makers determine which corridor or corridors will receive priority consideration. This phase, Preliminary Alternatives Analysis, is the first of a five-step planning process under the Federal Transit Administration's requirements for local jurisdictions receiving federal money to plan and build a high capacity system.

A citizens advisory committee of 28 representatives from throughout the study area will provide independent recommendations on policy decisions to Metro's Joint Policy Advisory

Committee on Transportation. The first recommendation – selection of the priority corridor – is expected sometime in the spring of 1993. Following this decision, the study will generate a handful of promising alignment alternatives within the selected corridor. Documentation will then be prepared for the second step in the five-step process, the Alternatives Analysis.

Metro, as the regional planning agency, is managing the study. Other regional participants include: Washington and Oregon Departments of Transportation; the cities of Portland, Milwaukie, and Vancouver; Clackamas, Multnomah and Clark counties; the Southwest Regional Transportation Council; Tri-Met, C-Tran and the Port of Portland.

See calendar on page 4 for schedule of upcoming community meetings to discuss the study.

## Solid waste and recycling: Reducing region's waste took many new forms during 1991-92

### Household hazardous waste facility opens

After sponsoring eight mobile household hazardous waste collection events since 1986, Metro opened a permanent facility in Oregon City at Metro South Station in February 1992. In its first six months of operation, the facility served more than 5,000 customers. The facility collected approximately 180 tons of waste, including more than 15,000 gallons of latex paint, more than 15,000 gallons of flammable liquids and solids, more than five tons of pesticides and approximately 18,000 aerosol cans.

Flammables were shipped to an EPA-permitted cement kiln to be burned for energy. Latex paint, motor oil, anti-freeze, propane cylinders, fire extinguishers, lead acid batteries, some household batteries, metal paint cans and corrugated cardboard were recycled. Remaining materials were shipped to a hazardous waste landfill, treated to remove hazardous components or incinerated. Facility staff began a material reuse program for nonprofit organizations, collecting usable cleaning products and latex paint for later distribution.

### Metro brushes up on paint recycling

Metro staff began working with Rasmussen Paint of Beaverton to recycle and test latex paint collected through Metro's household hazardous waste collection program. The

goal of the paint project is to minimize the amount of latex paint that must be sent to a hazardous waste landfill by supporting development of and demand for a quality recycled product. The project continues into fiscal year 1992-93.

### Recycling rate climbs

In May, Metro announced that the region recycled 38 percent of its waste in 1991, up from 32 percent in 1990. The national recycling level is 17 percent, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Nearly 600,000 tons of materials were recycled in 1991, approximately 63,000 tons more than in 1990.

The region recycled more in every general category of recyclable materials, but increases in yard debris and wood waste recycling had especially significant impacts on the higher levels. Besides expanded recycling, the region also disposed of less garbage per capita for the first time since Metro has monitored these figures. The disposal rate dropped from 5.14 pounds per person per day in 1990 to 4.5 pounds in 1991.

### Metro funds regional recycling programs

More than \$1 million went directly to local governments to support regional recycling programs through the Metro Challenge and curbside container matching funds programs. Twenty-three cities and Clackamas and Washington counties received \$500,000 to fund waste reduction and recycling programs and staff. The city of Portland and Washington County received \$615,000 to purchase residential curbside recycling containers.

Local governments and Metro staff worked together to develop multifamily recycling programs and support materials.

### "One Percent Well Spent!" grants seven "wishes"

Seven innovative recycling-related projects received grants in the fourth year of Metro's "One Percent Well Spent!" program. The program distributed \$219,250, 1 percent of the Solid Waste Department budget. Grant recipients included Sunflower Recycling, John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center and Environmental Plastics, OSU Extension Service and Recycling Advocates and Gale and Associates.

### Composting, curbside recycling lead promotion efforts

Waste reduction promotion campaigns supported many Metro programs and reinforced the recycling message through printed materials, newspaper and radio advertising, special events and media relations. Major public information campaigns were implemented to promote and improve residential curbside recycling and home composting.

### Recycling education program reaches 27,000

Puppet shows, a "Recycle Jeopardy" game and hands-on activities carried Metro's recycling message to 27,000 students in kindergarten through grade 12. Two full-time staff and a dozen volunteers conducted 441 presentations in school classrooms, outdoor schools, and summer camps and events.

### Home composting program expands

Metro completed four Home Composting Demonstration Centers and recruited 63 volunteers for the Compost Corps outreach program. Metro staff and volunteers conducted 28 Saturday composting workshops, staffed information tables in six Fred Meyer garden centers and provided composting presentations to many community groups.

### Metro Recycling Information calls increase 12 percent

The phones at Metro Recycling Information rang 85,327 times - nearly 10,000 more calls than staff answered the previous year. Questions about plastics, yard debris and waste paper recycling, home composting and new curbside recycling programs lead the way. Nearly 18,000 brochures and informational flyers, 6,123 office paper recycling boxes and 7,858 recycling labels were distributed. An improved computer system was installed, allowing staff to respond to calls more quickly and efficiently.

Recycling Information staff worked with businesses, recyclers and other organizations and governments to coordinate Christmas tree, phone book and curbside recycling information programs.



### Commercial recycling programs expanded

Commercial waste reduction and recycling programs improved, particularly for office paper and construction/demolition debris. Waste Reduction staff produced a motivational office recycling video, funded in large part by contributions from local businesses. Staff worked directly with the construction industry and construction waste recyclers to expand wood waste recycling and developed the first edition of a construction site recycling handbook with Public Affairs staff.

## Resourceful Renovation

Metro is practicing what it preaches by recycling the former Sears store in inner Northeast Portland rather than constructing new offices on vacant land. In the process, much of the waste produced in the "Resourceful Renovation" is being recovered for reuse or recycling. Recycled building materials are being incorporated whenever possible. And to facilitate recycling once the building is occupied, an office paper recycling chute is being installed in an

existing mechanical shaft.

Other resource-efficient features include a program to reduce energy consumption by 35 percent and use of drought-resistant plantings, some drip irrigation and low flow faucets and toilets to reduce water consumption.

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded Metro a \$30,000 grant to document the project so it can be used as a role model for other construction projects.

## Region 2040 program initiated

Metro's long-range land-use planning program, Region 2040, got under way in January 1992 with a focus on public involvement.

Region 2040 will determine how the region should grow during the next 50 years. It will address specific land-use and transportation issues by using a combination of technical analysis and public input before growth policies are shaped.

Phase I of Region 2040 was designed to determine citizens' ideas about urban growth, what they value about their communities and how they would like to see the region grow.

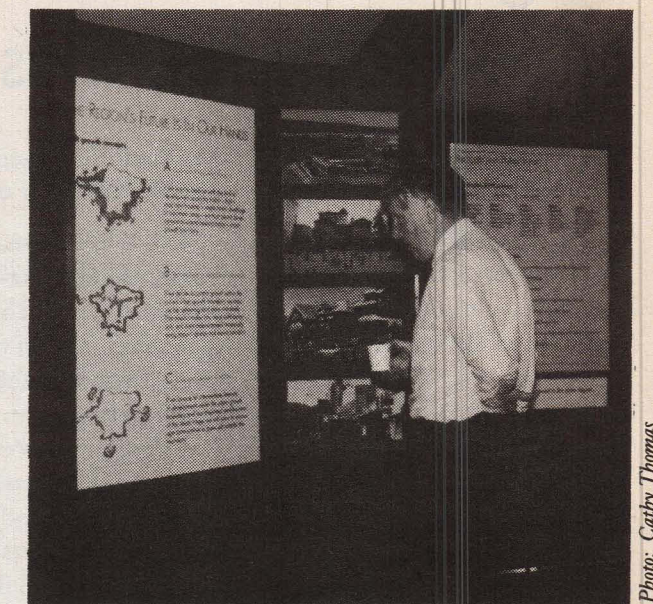
Metro staff conducted interviews with many groups and individuals. These included a random telephone survey in April; one-on-one interviews in April and May with community leaders; a workshop at the 1992 Regional Growth Conference and questionnaires

completed by appointed and elected officials from the region's local governments. Open public workshops were held in June in each of the three counties.

From this information, three regional growth concepts were drafted:

- Concept A - what the region would look like if current methods of growth continue.
- Concept B - how the region could develop by containing growth within the existing urban growth boundary.
- Concept C - how the region could develop with growth occurring inside the boundary and in satellite cities outside the boundary.

Additional technical work is being done on the three draft growth concepts. Citizens will have the opportunity to make comments in the coming months.



Public workshops offered citizens a chance to share their ideas about the region's growth.

## Transportation focus affected by 1991 federal act

Fiscal year 1991-92 saw passage of major federal transportation legislation in the form of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). The act created seven new funding programs, greatly increased funding for transit related programs and began phase out of the former Federal Aid Highway system program.

The new funding programs, headed by the Surface Transportation Program, allows for flexibility in solving transportation problems. Maintenance of existing freeways and major highways is provided in the new National Highway System.

Last year's Transportation Improvement Program required special effort to track the old funding programs while integrating the new federal assistance categories. The extra effort has laid the foundation for better coordination of highway and transit development planning with efforts to reduce regional congestion and assure compliance with federal air quality requirements.

In particular, Metro's leadership was instrumental in beginning to solicit and prioritize non-traditional project proposals from local governments, to be funded by the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality and the Transportation Enhancement programs created by the ISTEA.

These projects include bicycle and pedestrian paths, highway beautification efforts and reservation of railroad right-of-way for future use as light rail corridors.

### Data base development responds to Region 2040

By the end of 1992, the computerized land-use forecasting system was simplified into a spreadsheet for use in the Region 2040 project. Population and economic models were developed for updated forecasting. The first phase of identifying areas for potential growth during the next 50 years was studied for alternative A, urban reserves. Undeveloped parcels of land were identified for the urban infill project.

The development phase of RLIS, the Regional Land Information System, was completed with map "layers" entered into the computer. The data includes tax lots, zoning, comprehensive plans, vacant land, city boundaries, parks and open space, soils, wetlands, satellite imagery and portions of the topography maps. This information is being used on local and regional planning projects. Updating will continue in order to keep data current.

To serve the business community, an RLIS storefront opened and a color catalog of products and services was published to provide easy access to information.

### Air quality task force to reduce emissions

In March 1992, Gov. Barbara Roberts appointed a 25-member task force to find ways to reduce motor vehicle emissions in the Portland area. Metro Transportation staff worked with the Department of Environmental Quality to provide technical information and analysis on 19 proposed

strategies. Final recommendations received support from all task force members. Metro continues to work through the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation to develop legislation and strategies to carry out these recommendations.

Key recommendations included a continued push for cleaner burning fuels and vehicles, and incorporation of a regional smog fee. The fee would attempt to capture the true cost of auto pollution. Fee revenues would be used for clean air strategies, such as public transportation.

### Travel trends summarized

Metro summarized recent and past vehicle travel trends in the Portland metropolitan area for a study entitled Transportation System Monitoring Activities. Key information included auto traffic counts, transit ridership, parking cost information and auto operating costs. Traffic counts were taken in spring 1992 by local governments. The study helps track and explain changes in vehicle and transit use and how this may affect the efficiency of the transportation system.

The federally funded study will be repeated at regular intervals to track travel changes over time.

### Computer simulation provided

The proposed Western Bypass in Washington County moved from the "strategy" level to the "alternative" level of study at the Oregon Department of Transportation. Metro provided computer simulation to assess the transit and auto demand for several alternatives.

## Earthquake studies prepare region

Metro and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries launched a joint pilot project during the latter half of the 1991-92 fiscal year to identify and map earthquake hazards in the Portland metropolitan area. The primary purpose of the pilot project was to decrease the region's potential for loss of life and property in the event of an earthquake.

The Department of Geology and Mineral Industries provided scientific and technical earthquake expertise, while Metro coordinated the planning and development of the project.

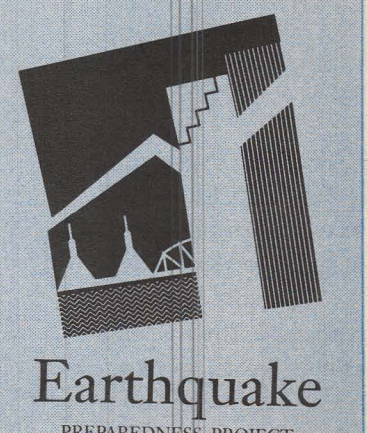
A major product of the study was a geologic model used to identify earthquake hazard zones. Earthquake

hazards in the Portland quadrangle (a 60-block segment of the metropolitan area used as the site for the pilot project) were determined by analyzing landslide potential and the types and characteristics of soil in the area. Data for the study were collected from several sites within the quadrangle.

The second major product of the pilot project was an assessment within the quadrangle of structural damage that could occur during an earthquake. A damage and loss assessment model was used to estimate the damage to buildings and will be used to estimate damage to utilities and transportation systems as well.

Funding sources for the project included the Oregon

legislature, United States Geological Survey and Metro excise tax funds. A Federal Emergency Management Agency grant has been awarded to expand and continue the study for the entire Portland metropolitan area.



Earthquake PREPAREDNESS PROJECT



## Large crowds entertained at spectator facilities

### Nearly 1 million attend Portland Center events

A total of 880 events drew more than 914,000 people to the four theaters that make up the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. The Portland Civic Auditorium, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Intermediate Theatre and Dolores Winningstad Theatre were busy with both new and returning shows. Receptions often filled the lobby spaces during unbooked times.

While overall attendance was down slightly, most tenants had very successful seasons. For example, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival exceeded all attendance projections. The touring company of "Cats" and the American Indian Dance Theater played to capacity crowds in the Civic Auditorium.

A new rental rate structure provided rent discounts to nonprofit organizations and not-for-profit resident companies. A highly successful summer theater workshop series for children was presented by Tygres Heart Shakespeare Company and the Oregon Children's Theatre Company.

### Civic Stadium provides versatile facility for events

The 1991-92 fiscal year set a new standard for Civic Stadium. A profit of \$144,000 was reached, the first time the stadium finished in the "black" in many years.

A variety of new events demonstrated the versatility of the stadium beyond its role as a community sports field. Besides the Portland Beavers and the Canadian Football League, Kenny G. brought his fans onto the stadium floor for a unique dinner concert.

Plans are under way to diversify the stadium's events even more, providing the opportunity for sports and entertainment in a unique outdoor urban setting.

### Memorial Coliseum hosts events galore

The success of the 1991-92 fiscal year at the Memorial Coliseum can be summed up in two words: spectacular events.

From the Tournament of the Americas' "Dream Team" to a sold-out Garth Brooks concert, the Memorial Coliseum gave the community first-rate entertainment and some seasonal firsts.

In the exhibition halls, 160 events were held ranging from

consumer and trade shows, to parties and auctions. The marketing thrust was aimed at the mid-size consumer show market, complementing the efforts of the Oregon Convention Center to book larger consumer shows.

Memorial Coliseum staff closed the year with impressive statistics: service to more than 1.9 million people who passed through the gates and a profit of \$1.3 million.

### Oregon Convention Center secures niche in second year

During the 1991-92 fiscal year, the Oregon Convention Center hosted 22 national conventions with delegate attendance topping the 100,000 mark. The economic impact to the region was nearly \$40 million. In addition, the center hosted 22 regional and state conventions and trade shows.

Consumer and family shows were an important part of the event mix, with several shows topping the charts as crowd favorites. The auto show alone experienced an increase of 20,000 over the previous year.

The fiscal year's total facility attendance was more than 627,000.



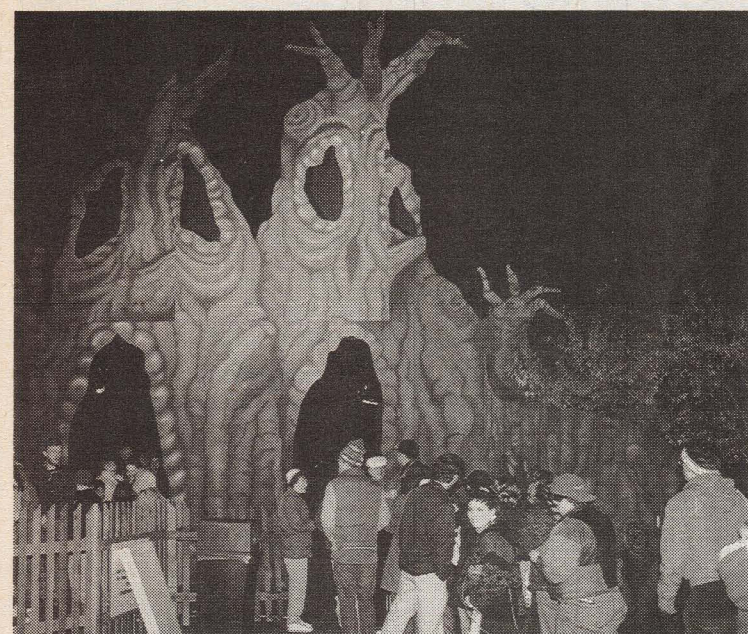
The Paul Taylor Dance Company delighted Portland audiences.

Oregon Garden Products show drew appreciative crowds.



Photo: Kristen Finnegan

## Zoo celebrates year of "firsts"



The Security Pacific Bank ZooBoo featured thrills and chills.

For the Metro Washington Park Zoo, fiscal year 1991-92 was a year of significant first-time achievements.

It was the first full year of the new Africa Rainforest exhibit, including the opening of the Kongo Ranger Station. The first haunted train activities and holiday camps for kids were just two of the year's many success stories.

Attendance was the highest since the zoo opened, with 1,162,078 visitors. Mild weather all year contributed to good crowds at the summer music concerts and special events such as October's Security Pacific Bank ZooBoo (28,891) and December's U.S. Bank's ZooLights Festival (57,679).

Improvements were made

to the musk ox area in the Alaska exhibit, the elephant barn and other exhibits, while the Children's Zoo was closed. Designs were completed for the Center for Species Survival and a proposed mini-trolley. Programs to enrich the animal environments and encourage more animal activity were expanded to the bird, bear and elephant areas.

Several animals were received from – and sent to – other zoos. Metro Washington Park Zoo received an impala, snow leopard, red pandas, African lion, Nile monitor and Andean condor, along with numerous waterfowl for the Cascades and Rain Forest aviaries. Sent out were a giraffe, to make room for another female; two penguins that were hatched here and two zebras. Tamba, the elephant, fell into the moat and received national media coverage.

Visitor services and retail sales were highly successful, with food, catering, gift shop

and train ticket sales all showing significant increases over last year.

A phone survey in Bend and Eugene revealed that residents in those cities consider the zoo a major destination when they travel to Portland, with about 25 percent visiting the zoo once a year.

Friends of the Zoo built its membership to 21,000 and

raised funds for the construction and programming of the Center for Species Survival.

An energy audit of the zoo's facilities was conducted to reduce utility costs and a zoo-wide recycling program was upgraded.

The adult volunteer goal was exceeded, with more than 55,000 adult hours and 15,000 youth hours donated to the zoo in fiscal year 1991-92.

Children learned about Africa at the Kongo Ranger Station.

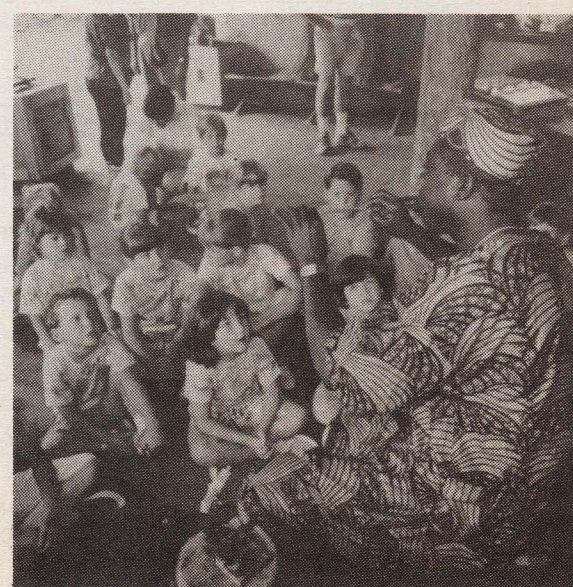


Photo: Michael Durham

## Metropolitan Greenspaces master plan completed

Public outreach – forums, meetings and lectures – characterized the 1991-92 fiscal year for the Metropolitan Greenspaces program, providing focus to the final master plan. The plan was finalized at the end of the fiscal year for adoption by the Metro Council in July 1992.

Open public forums were held throughout the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area during summer 1991 and winter/spring 1992 with more than 1,000 people participating from Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah and Washington counties. Opinions from the

public ranged from the need to protect interconnected urban open spaces to the restoration of small damaged natural areas. Between January and May 1992, citizens nominated sites for inclusion in the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan. Public review of the draft master plan also took place between April and June.

Four public lectures were held at the World Forestry Center free to the public. "Urban Natural Areas: Our Legacy Our Challenge" featured themes from the master plan. The series was designed to spark new thinking based on issues presented by local, regional and national speakers.

Policy and technical committees approved extensive work on the draft master plan. The roles and responsibilities of Metro and local park providers were drafted in the plan. Recommendations included a set of eight goals and objectives to guide the

master plan implementation. A natural areas analysis was started and a Greenspaces finance study outlining funding options was completed. The draft master plan, involving protection of natural areas in three counties and 24 cities in



the region, was approved by the Metro Council in July 1992.

The first full year of the "Trip Into Nature" tours was completed, with about 6,000 adults and children enjoying field excursions within the region's urban natural areas.

A 24-hour telephone line, 22-GREEN, was established to handle citizen inquiries. A slide show about the Metropolitan Greenspaces program was completed and used in talks around the region and placed in public libraries.

Fourteen restoration and enhancement grants totaling \$200,000 were awarded in August 1991, thanks to funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The four-county model projects ranged from restoring Mt. Scott Creek in Milwaukie to enhancing Fernhill Wetlands in Forest Grove.

A natural areas report, summarizing the land inventory and mapping project, was completed in November 1991. The report includes mapping and field surveys identifying the remaining natural areas in the four-county region. A total of 60,234 acres were mapped showing that about 20 percent of the land within Metro boundaries are natural areas.



Photo: Bruce Forster

All information was entered into Metro's computerized mapping system and shared with local governments.

A report entitled "Environmental Education in the Portland Area" was published in July 1991. The report recommended broadening student participation, coordinating regionwide environmental education services and improving educational facilities at natural area sites.

The GreenCity Data Project was initiated, involving six junior and high school student teams collecting data on natural areas and wildlife.

### Fiscal year 1991-92

## Metro Resources and Expenditures

(Net of interfund transfers)

### Sources of funds

Beginning fund balance	\$65,725,468
Property taxes for zoo operations and convention center debt service	\$10,546,738
Excise tax	\$3,727,826
Hotel/motel tax for convention center operations	\$3,555,380
General revenue bond proceeds	\$22,990,000
Interest earned on investments	\$4,446,430
Zoo revenues and donations	\$7,121,228
Planning grants and local government assessment dues	\$2,900,954
Solid waste revenues	\$50,061,601
Metro ERC revenues	\$22,636,664
Miscellaneous revenues, all funds	\$4,912,105

**Total sources of funds** **\$198,624,394 \***

\* Does not include general obligation refunding bonds of \$64,553,792.

### Uses of funds

General fund	\$2,123,357
Central services	\$7,140,179
Self-insurance fund reserves	\$4,663,045
Planning	\$7,006,403
Zoo operating and capital	\$19,030,842
Metro ERC facilities	\$34,909,021
Solid waste and recycling	\$63,504,863
Solid waste landfill closure and bond reserves	\$25,058,935
Convention center project construction and debt service	\$11,837,027
General revenue bond fund	\$23,350,721

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