

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING )	RESOLUTION NO. 99-2800
HOUSE BILL 2082 TO INCREASE )	
STATE TRANSPORTATION REVENUES )	Introduced by Mike Burton
	Metro Executive Officer

WHEREAS, The Metro *Regional Transportation Plan* is an integral element of successfully implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept; and

WHEREAS, The *Regional Transportation Plan* calls for \$4.5 billion of needed road, street and highway-related improvements, including bicycle, pedestrian and boulevard improvements; and

WHEREAS, Currently adopted federal, state and local funding sources are anticipated to provide only \$970 million, resulting in a \$3.5 billion shortfall; and

WHEREAS, Road maintenance and preservation is underfunded by one-third and is projected over time to be underfunded by two-thirds; and

WHEREAS, Auto-related fees and taxes are substantially lower in Oregon than other West Coast states; and

WHEREAS, The cost of driving per mile has dropped steadily due to loss of purchasing power to inflation and improved fuel efficiency, despite past increases in the gas tax; and

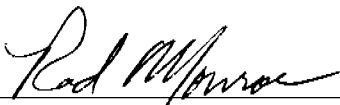
WHEREAS, HB 2082 proposes a 6-cent increase in the gas tax, a \$10.00 increase in the vehicle registration fee statewide, another \$10.00 increase in the vehicle registration fee in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties and corresponding increases in truck taxes; and

WHEREAS, This funding increase will be distributed for state and local road maintenance and improvement, including 2 cents of the gas tax for an ODOT bond program for state highway modernization; now, therefore,

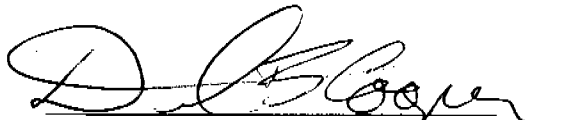
BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Metro Council endorses House Bill 2082 to increase transportation revenues.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.

  
Rod Monroe, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:

  
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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