

RESOLUTION calling for creation  
of a mass transit district.

## RESOLUTION NO. 30598

WHEREAS Chapter 643, 1969 Oregon Session Laws, provides that the governing body of the most populous city in a standard metropolitan statistical area may by resolution propose creation of a mass transit district, if that city has a local transit system and if the governing body finds that areawide mass transit needs cannot be met by local transit operation; and

WHEREAS the City Council of Portland is the governing body of the most populous city in that area designated and published by the United States Bureau of the Budget as the Portland, Oregon-Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

WHEREAS the City of Portland is served by a local transit system operated by the Rose City Transit Company; and

WHEREAS adoption of this resolution has been preceded by a public hearing, after notice of the same as is required by law for regular consideration of other resolutions by the City Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of Portland hereby makes the following findings:

(1) The Rose City Transit Company has operated under a franchise granted by the City Council and has, from time to time, requested and been permitted increases in passenger fares;

(2) Each increase in passenger fares has been followed by a decrease in bus passengers and has contributed to an increase in the use of private passenger vehicles, coupled with the demand for more and wider freeways and arterial streets to accommodate the high volume of traffic;

(3) Rose City Transit Company filed with the City Council a request for an increase in passenger fares to 40 cents, claiming that the company is not making a reasonable operating profit from the present 35-cent fare;

(4) Passenger fares above the 35-cent level presently charged by said transit company will result in additional loss of patronage and will result in a severe financial disadvantage to people who rely upon the local transit system as their only means of transportation;

(5) Said transit company has from time to time reduced the frequency of bus runs on its routes, thereby imposing a further hardship on many passengers who rely upon the local transit system as their only means of transportation;

(6) Other Oregon cities in the Portland metropolitan area are served by three other transit companies with routes terminating in downtown Portland;

(7) Neither Rose City Transit Company nor the said three other transit companies have followed an adequate schedule for the replacement of buses, and most of the buses operated by these companies are at least 15 years old, causing a greater inconvenience from bus breakdowns, a greater discomfort to passengers and more pollution of the air, than would be caused by the operation of newer buses;

(8) The needs of the Portland metropolitan area for an economical and efficient mass transit system cannot be met by a local transit operation;

(9) There is a need for the creation of a mass transit district in the standard metropolitan statistical area;

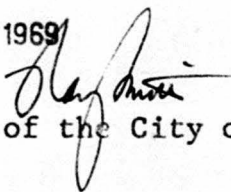
and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution is addressed to the Honorable Tom McCall, Governor of the State of Oregon, and is intended to comply with the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 643, 1969 Oregon Session Laws; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Governor hereby is requested to appoint members of the board of directors of a mass transit district pursuant to said Chapter 643, said mass transit district to have as its geographic boundaries the non-contiguous boundaries of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties; and be it further

RESOLVED that the City Auditor hereby is directed to deliver a duplicate original of this resolution to the Governor in Salem, Oregon, personally or by certified mail without undue delay.

Adopted by the Council OCT -1 1969

  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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Auditor of the CITY OF PORTLAND

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