

## RESOLUTION No. 34599

Recommending a tunnel portal option and endorsing further study of Zoo and Sylvan stations for the Westside LRT Project to Tri-Met and adopting a downtown rail alignment policy for the Downtown Plan. (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Portland City Council approved Resolution No. 33507 on July 21, 1983 supporting the conclusions of the Westside Corridor Project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, Council's action included the following elements:

- A. Selected the Sunset LRT Rail Transitway as the preferred alignment and mode.
- B. Two downtown LRT alignments, the Transit Mall and Cross-Mall alignments;
- C. Light rail stations at Sylvan, Zoo and 18th/Jefferson,
- D. A request to examine surface alignment and tunnel options which would preserve the "natural character" of the Sunset Corridor as a major entry into the city; and

WHEREAS, the Council approved Resolution 34254 on March 4, 1987 to reaffirm their support for the Sunset LRT as the next priority for transitway development and concerns with alignment impacts on the Sunset; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met has initiated Preliminary Engineering analysis on the Westside Project and is required by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate alignment alternatives including short tunnel, long tunnel, and surface options prior to completing the preliminary engineering and Final Environmental Impact Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Rail Alignment Committee was organized to examine the timing for a second downtown rail alignment and concluded that:

- a. The existing cross-mall alignment on Morrison-Yamhill has adequate capacity to serve the ridership demand for the Westside and Banfield rail corridors;
- b. The Westside LRT Project should proceed with preliminary engineering analysis of a single downtown alignment, the cross-mall extension to Civic Stadium;
- c. The Downtown Plan's concept for a light rail alignment to serve the high density office corridor should be reinforced;
- d. A subway option should be examined as an alternative to a surface option; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met has completed analysis of six portal alternatives in the Central City area for long and short tunnel options and the project's

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Technical Advisory Committee has recommended Option A as the preferred option for the long tunnel alternative to be compared with surface and short tunnel options for the Supplemental DEIS; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portland, a municipal corporation of the State of Oregon, that Council affirms its previous commitment to the Sunset LRT Project expressed in Resolution No. 33507 and 34254; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Downtown Plan's Public Transportation Planning Guideline No. 4 to modify the Transit Mall for light rail with the second regional transitway shall be revised to state:

At least two downtown light rail alignments will be needed to operate a regional rail system. In order to reinforce the basic concepts of the Downtown Plan, alignments should reinforce the north/south office corridor and the east/west retail core.

- a. Options to be reviewed should include a surface alignment on the Transit Mall and a comparison of a subway option including considerations for other north/south corridors.
- b. Any phasing of any north/south alignment should be determined as part of the planning for the regional rail system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council recommends to Tri-Met that Option A is the best east portal option and all other options should be dropped from further consideration during upcoming Environmental Impact Statement studies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council endorse further study of a Zoo station, with or without a tunnel alignment to provide improved access to this regional facility from all parts of the Metro area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council endorse further consideration of a Sylvan Station a) with a surface alignment and b) further study of a station with a long tunnel alignment as this station site will provide necessary access to transit facilities from the Northwest Hills area and Sylvan neighborhood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council request considerations be given to surface, short tunnel and/or elevated structure alignments options which preserve the aesthetic qualities of the canyon and reduce potential noise and other environmental impacts.

Adopted by the Council, **JUL 26 1989**

Commissioner Blumenauer  
Steve Iwata

**BARBARA CLARK**

Auditor of the City of Portland

By *Mary E. Newell* Deputy

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9:30 A.M. TIME CERTAIN

*See Agenda # 1259 for  
correspondence & other  
documentation*

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BARBARA CLARK  
Auditor of the CITY OF PORTLAND

By

*Mary L. Howard*  
Deputy

### INTRODUCED BY

Commissioner Earl Blumenauer

### NOTED BY THE COMMISSIONER

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Administration

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Prepared By: S. Iwata Date: 7/12/89

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### CALENDAR

Consent

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THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	Yeas	Nays
BLUMENAUER	✓	
BOGLE	✓	
KOCH	✓	
LINDBERG	✓	
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