

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Supporting a Three Lane)
Design for SE Foster Road between 122nd)
and 136th and Urging Improvements to Occur) RESOLUTION
in the Spring and Summer as Originally) 92-244
Scheduled)

WHEREAS SE Foster Road from 122nd Avenue to 136th Street is classified as a minor arterial in the Comprehensive Framework Plan and the 1990 Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Board of County Commissioners in 1989 identifies the improvement of this section of SE Foster Road as a high priority; and

WHEREAS the current CIP proposes an improvement from the existing two lanes to a five lane facility with sidewalks, bike lanes, and traffic lights at two additional intersections; and

WHEREAS testimony from residents of the community indicates that they are eager for many of the improvements but many are concerned that a five lane facility will disrupt neighborhood livability and create hazard for local pedestrians; and

WHEREAS the current accident rate on this section of Foster Road will be substantially mitigated by the addition of a center turn lane and two additional sets of traffic lights; and

WHEREAS road engineers have determined that a three lane facility on this stretch of Foster Road will be sufficient to handle the projected volume of traffic during a 15 minute period of the peak hour at a service Level E; and

WHEREAS the County differs with other municipalities in the region in its definition of acceptable peak saturation levels and this issue regarding Foster Road illustrates that difference; and

WHEREAS there will be a projected cost savings if a three lane rather than a five lane improvement is made; and

WHEREAS the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has heard from citizens, staff, community groups, and urban planners about the three lane and five lane alternatives; and

WHEREAS Tri-Met is awaiting the completion of the Foster Road improvement before they install the Tri-Met turnaround at 136th - a program which will improve service to the area; and

WHEREAS administrative constraints will delay formal approval of the Foster Road design until the spring of 1993, after the current board adjourns;

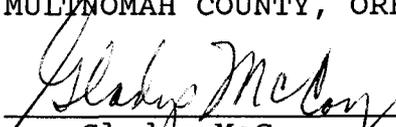
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Multnomah County Commissioners express their support for the three lane improvement to Foster Road and urge the Transportation Division to take whatever action is necessary to expand this section of road to no more than three lanes in the spring and summer of 1993 according to the original schedule.

Adopted this 29th day of December , 1992

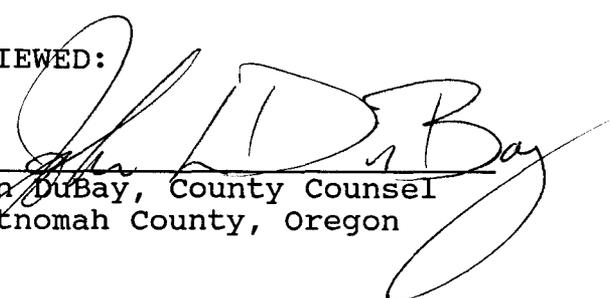


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