

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR THE SOUTHWEST/WESTPARK RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT UTILIZING AVAILABLE NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES; AUTHORIZING A REVISION TO THE FY 1981 CAPITAL BUDGET DESIGNATION OF FUNDING SOURCE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING FOR THE SOUTHWEST/WESTPARK PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT ENGINEERING FOR THE SOUTHWEST/WESTPARK PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in September 1980, the Metropolitan Transit Authority applied to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration for financial assistance to support preliminary engineering for the Southwest/Westpark rail transit project; and

WHEREAS, due to the policies of the current Administration, federal funding for new rail projects has been deferred until the national economy improves; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is encouraging State and local initiative in the development of new rail transit systems; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors has designated Southwest/Westpark Corridor as a priority corridor for major rail transit investment; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Southwest/Westpark Corridor as a priority corridor and the selection of rail transit as the locally preferred alternative for investment had been based upon a detailed, in-depth Alternatives Analysis process; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Metropolitan Transit Authority is the identification of major transit investments to provide a regional mass transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest/Westpark project is vitally important to transit in Houston; and

WHEREAS, federal funds are unavailable to assist in the project at this time; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(c) of Article 6663(c) of Vernon's Civil Statutes authorizes the State Highways and Public Transportation Commission to provide fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the public transportation improvement project, if federal funds are unavailable to assist the project, and if the Commission determines that the project is vitally important to the development of public transportation in the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1: Authorization is hereby granted to initiate preliminary engineering for the Southwest/Westpark project utilizing available non-federal resources.

Section 2: The FY 1981 Capital Budget designation of Funding Source shall be revised to reflect \$12,000,000 in local funding under line item 9020.00 for preliminary engineering for the Southwest/Westpark Corridor.

Section 3: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to file an application with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, requesting State funding assistance for the MTA's Southwest/Westpark project.

Section 4: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to furnish such additional information as the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation may require in connection

Section 5: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to conduct a Public Hearing in connection with the project, if a hearing should be required by the State.

Section 6: The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute and the Assistant Secretary to attest to any contracts for financial assistance which may result from approval of this application.

Section 7: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.


PASSED this 10th day of June, 1981.

APPROVED this 10th day of June, 1981.

ATTEST:



Daniel C. Arnold, Chairman of the Board

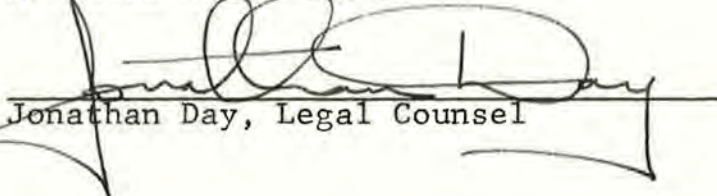


~~Ninfa Laurenzo, Secretary~~
Assistant Secretary
APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:



Walter J. Addison, Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jonathan Day, Legal Counsel

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS IN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST/WESTPARK PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority is prepared to proceed with plans for the Southwest/Westpark project; and

WHEREAS, for a substantial portion of the proposed alignment, the Southwest/Westpark project will parallel current operations of Southern Pacific Railroad; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and Southern Pacific Railroad have agreement to explore the feasibility of joint development of the affected right-of-way as may be required for the construction and operation of transit service facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1: The Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute, and the Assistant Secretary to attest to, a Master Agreement with Southern Pacific Railroad which will outline the purpose and general terms of the working relationship between the Metropolitan Transit Authority and Southern Pacific Railroad for the Southwest/Westpark Project.

Section 2: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this 10th day of June, 1981.

ATTEST:

APPROVED this 10th day of June, 1981.

Cindy A. Breeding
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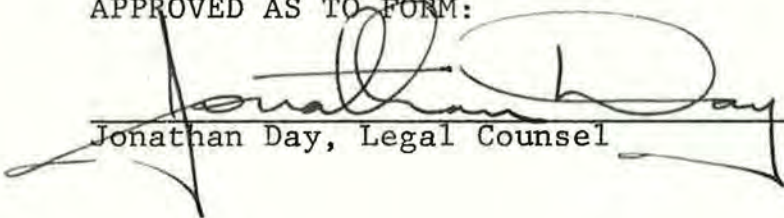
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A RESOLUTION

DECLARING THAT THE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED PLAT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SOUTHWEST/WESTPARK PROJECT AND METRO'S BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; DECLARING, SUBJECT TO INFORMATION AND TESTIMONY DEVELOPED AT A SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC HEARING, AN INTENTION TO ACQUIRE THE WESTPARK SITE; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE ALL PRELIMINARY STEPS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE THE WEST-PARK SITE.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority is proceeding with plans for the Southwest/Westpark project; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transit Authority is also proceeding with its development of multiple bus maintenance facilities in various sectors of its service area; and

WHEREAS, the tract of land described on the attached plat (Westpark Site) is an integral part of the Southwest/Westpark corridor project and Metro's bus maintenance facilities project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT:

Section 1: The Westpark Site is an integral part of the Southwest/Westpark project and Metro's bus maintenance facilities project.

Section 2: Subject to information and testimony developed at a subsequent public hearing, the Metropolitan Transit Authority hereby declares its intention to acquire the Westpark Site.

Section 3: The Executive Director is authorized to take all preliminary steps necessary to acquire the Westpark Site, including, but not limited to, hiring a surveyor and securing an accurate survey of the site, hiring appraisers and securing the necessary statutory appraisals of the fair market value of the site and, subject to the approval of the Board, entering into negotiations regarding the purchase of the site.

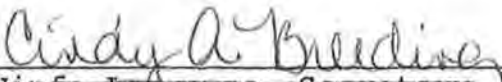
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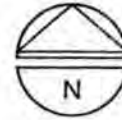


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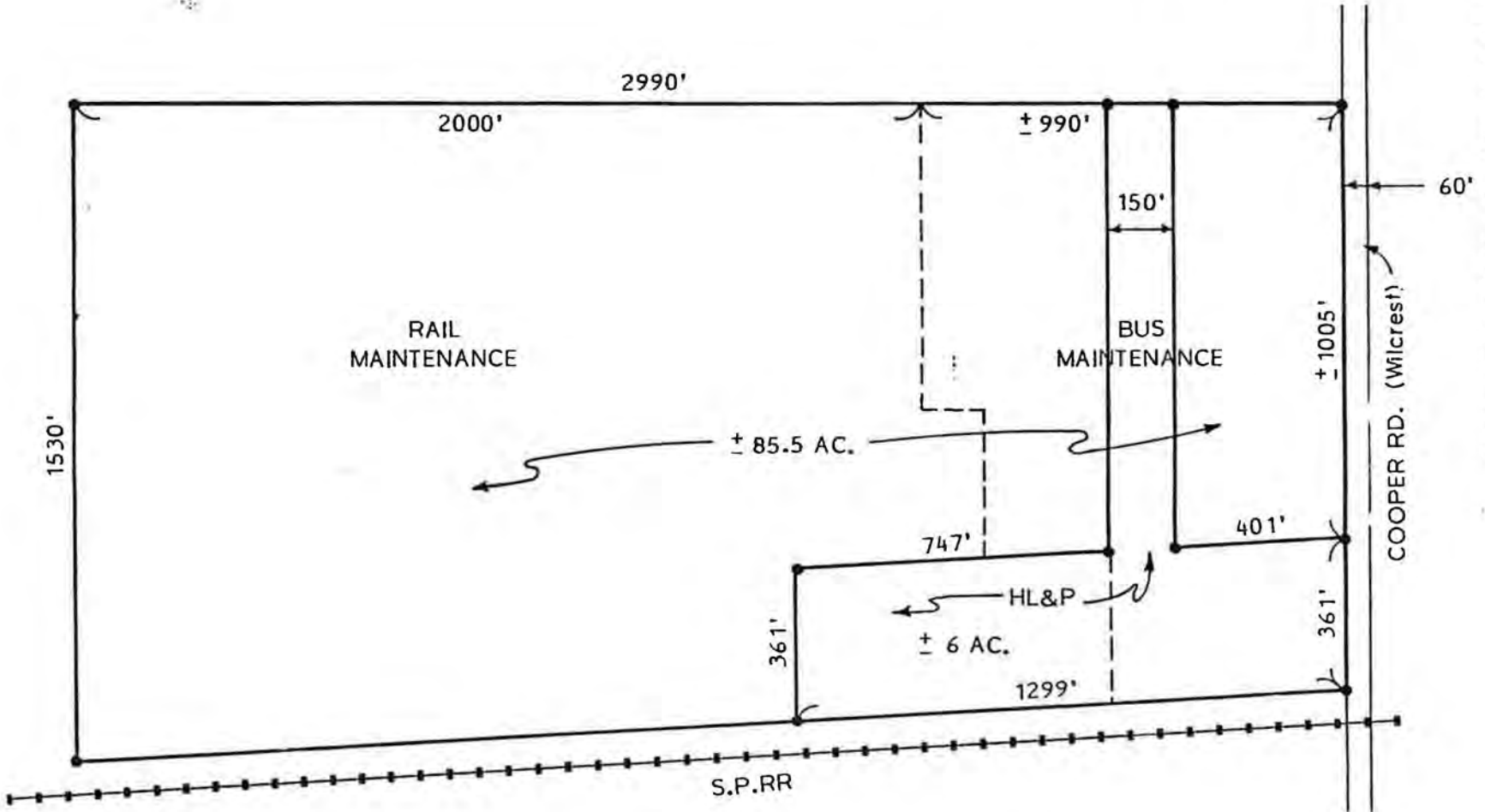
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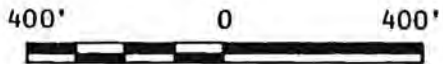
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