RESOLUTION NO. 83-51

A RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, on May 5, 1983, the Board of Directors of METRO ("Board") approved and adopted METRO's Regional Transit Capital Improvement Program: 1983-1990 ("Capital Program");

WHEREAS, the Capital Program included a map entitled "1990 Rail Capital Program" which reflected that the Southeast rail facility would be located on the existing Mykawa rail right-of-way, and, further, that such facility would be under construction along the entirety of such alignment to its intersection with the southern boundary of Harris County in the year 1990;

WHEREAS, the text of the Capital Program includes on page 4 a statement that rail service will be extended to the Southeast "[f]ollowing completion of the Stage One facility";

WHEREAS, the Board desires to clarify its intent that the alignment of the Southeast rail facility will be selected only after completion of required studies and after the Board secures formal input from a representative group of citizens who reside in the Southeast corridor as to a proper selection of alternative alignments, specifically including the proposed route along Martin Luther King Boulevard;

WHEREAS, the Board further desires to clarify its intent that the design and commencement of construction of the Southeast
rail facility will be undertaken before actual completion of the Stage One Crosstimbers to West Belt facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board further desires to clarify its intent that extensions of the Southeast rail facility beyond the South Loop - Bellfort area, either to Hobby Airport or south along Mykawa or Martin Luther King Boulevard, will be considered on a par with other Stage Two, Phase B projects described on page 4 of the Capital Program, specifically including the proposed North extension, for which the METRO staff has already undertaken Phase I Alternatives Analysis, published corridor refinement studies and been authorized to proceed with Phase II Alternatives Analysis by Board Resolution dated March 23, 1983;

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

Section 1. It is the intention of the Board to construct a rail facility in the Southeast corridor extending from the downtown area to the vicinity of the South Loop/Bellfort as a part of Stage One after economic commitments to the heavy rail project from Crosstimbers to West Belt have been met. The precise route and the technology selected for the Southeast rail project will be determined after a formal process of input from a representative group of citizens who reside in the Southeast corridor has been completed and after completion of required alternative analyses and environmental impact studies. Extensions of the Southeast rail project will be considered by the Board on a par
with its consideration of all proposed Stage Two, Phase B extensions: Crosstimbers to North Belt with a connection to Intercontinental Airport; West Loop through Post Oak to South Rice Stage One rail station; West from downtown parallel to Katy Freeway to Highway 6; and a connection from Stage One to Texas Medical Center. The Board's consideration of these various proposed extensions will be based on potential ridership, economic feasibility, environmental impacts and other relevant factors.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 31st day of May, 1983.

APPROVED this 31st day of May, 1983.

ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

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