

### Landmark Commission Approves Modification of Passenger Shelter At Union Station Allowing Amtrak To Remain.

The City of Portland Historical Landmarks Commission approved today a plan to trim the west side of the second passenger shelter at Union Station in order to increase cost efficiency, improve safety clearances and reduce travel times. The decision should ensure Amtrak's continued operations at the station.

Last July, Amtrak notified the Portland Development Commission (PDC) of its intention to terminate its lease at Union Station because of lack of progress in track, platform and passenger shelter modifications. PDC, the City's urban renewal, housing and economic development agency, owns the station.

Addressing the Landmarks Commission, James Larson, Assistant Vice President for Operations and Planning for Amtrak in Washington, D.C. stated, "Amtrak's preference is to remain at Union Station provided potential costs can be reduced; however, we have repeatedly stated that the status quo is not an acceptable alternative."

PDC Director of Development Larry Dully commended the Landmarks Commission saying, "A cloud of uncertainty about Union Station's future has been effectively removed. With this decision by the Landmarks Commission we are in a position to carefully modify the shelter and make long planned

passenger and track improvements. The Landmarks Commission voted in August 1990 to amend the boundaries of the Union Station historic designation to include the two passenger shelters thus making any changes to the structures subject to their approval.

Representatives from PDC and the Portland Office of Transportation presented the Landmarks Commission with a request-to-modify the passenger shed by trimming its western side 28 inches. This will: a) provide the necessary safety clearances for joint Amtrak/freight railroad operation on the track immediately west of the shelter; b) reduce Amtrak's travel time and operation costs; and c) provide a track configuration consistent with long-term transportation needs of the City.

PDC, the Portland Office of Transportation, Amtrak, the three freight railroads and the Oregon Association of Railway Passengers (OreARP) worked closely to develop an agreement that would retain Amtrak at Union Station.

Further improvements to the shelter are also planned and include replacing the roof and stabilizing the columns which are decayed with age and weather. These changes will significantly improve and upgrade their structural integrity of the shelter, as well as its appearance.

### PepsiCo, Inc. Receives 1991 Corporate Award From MBDA



WASHINGTON, D.C., September 27 -- PepsiCo Inc., the corporate parent of Pepsi-Cola, Frito-Lay, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC, received the 1991 Corporate Award from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency. The award is presented annually to those corporations which have shown dedication, enthusiasm, cooperation and distinguished service in promoting minority business. Pictured above, from left to right, are Joe Lira, Director of the MBDA; Ronald E. Harrison, Vice President, Community Affairs, PepsiCo, Inc.; and William H. Bailey, Deputy Director MBDA, presenting the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency Corporate Award.

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Have you ever wanted to have a say in how United Way of the Columbia-Willamette distributes money? John Collins of Vancouver did.

Collins, a member of the African-American community, has been involved with United Way's fund distribution process since 1984. He currently serves as volunteer chairman of the Community Organization and Fund Distribution Division. "The efforts of these (fund distribution) volunteers make it possible for United Way to take a proactive stance in preventing problems and to find long-term solutions to critical human needs," says Collins.

United Way currently is seeking other African-American volunteers to help make funding decisions for nearly 200 vital human-service programs offered throughout the Portland/Vancouver area. These programs address such needs as positive development for young people, health education and emergency services for the homeless.

Training and orientation will be provided for new volunteers beginning in December. The funding-review meetings start in mid-March and last through May. For more information on volunteering for United Way's fund distribution process, please contact Susan Gast at 226-9359.

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