

Westside MAX Tunnel Contract Documents Released

Representatives of local jurisdictions today joined Tri-Met in the offices of the Westside project's new Bid Center to announce the release of documents describing the estimated \$150 million tunnel construction project. The tunnel is the first and largest Westside MAX construction contract to go out to bid.

The three-mile, twin tube tunnel will bore through Portland's West Hills from the Washington Park reservoirs on the east to just west of Finley's Sunset Hills Mortuary. A station 250 feet below the Washington Park zoo and other institutions will be the deepest transit station in North America. The Tri-Met Board of Directors will award the contract May 27, with construction beginning this summer.

"The beauty of this project—aside from its magnificent technical chal-

lenge—is the number of jobs it will create for Oregonians," said Tri-Met General Manager Tom Walsh. "The \$50 million tunnel payroll will require 1.25 million hours of work to complete an employ the equivalent of 200 people full time over the next three years," Walsh said.

Walsh said a substantial portion of the workforce will be Oregonian. A citizen committee appointed by Tri-Met is putting final touches on a comprehensive program to boost participation of minority and women workers and subcontractors in Westside work. Recommendations are expected in two weeks.

Work on the tunnel will proceed on a 24-hour basis. "The tunnel is the keystone for the Westside project," Walsh explained. A delay in completing the tunnel would ripple

through the project and delay opening day. "Were we to work conventional hours, completion could be delayed by up to four years, and \$60 million additional cost would be incurred," Walsh said.

A stringent program to minimize impacts of construction has been designed by Tri-Met. The nighttime work will largely be contained inside the tunnel. Materials excavated at night will be removed and stockpiled at either end until they can be hauled off the next day, minimizing nighttime noise and traffic. Homeowners overlooking the east portal construction site will be offered a sound insulation program to assure substantially quieted nighttime sound levels.

Working from the east end, a tunnel boring machine will churn up rock that will be carried by a covered

conveyor belt into a covered hopper. At the west end, construction activity will be concentrated away from homes, which will be protected from stray noise by noise walls. Strict limits on noise generation, strictly enforced, will be imposed on the contractor.

Prospective bidders and subcontractors can pick up copies of the 10-volume, 2,000-page packet of tunnel bid documents at a bid information center at NE Seventh and Oregon, three blocks east of the Oregon Convention Center. The bid information center is open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A pre-bid conference offering detailed information on all aspects of this complex project will be held March 25 at the Red Lion Inn-Lloyd Center. For more information call 239-2166.

Rally On Capitol Steps

Today at the Capitol, hundreds of Oregonians from across the state spoke with one voice, challenging the legislature to offer a solution for the school funding crisis to the voters.

Many Oregonians voted for Measure 5 because they wanted tax reform. They thought that the passage of Measure 5 would force the Legislature to do something about the increasingly inequitable tax system in the state. They also trusted that schools would be protected.

Now Oregonians have learned that Measure Five is a failed ballot measure! It has failed to give us tax reform, and it's hurting schools!

We have learned that it's imperative that we find replacement revenue for education, now, not later—before our children's futures are damaged.

We have learned that a creative and equitable tax solution is possible. In fact there are several excellent proposals stuck in committee—proposals for solutions that Oregonians would vote for if given the chance.

The Legislature believes that the majority of Oregonians can't see that we're facing an immediate crisis. They believe we must "suffer" before we will vote for new taxes. This is an affront to our intelligence.

The Rally took place to show the legislature that not only are Oregonians ready for fair tax reform, we demand it! It is unacceptable for our children to suffer because our elected officials have not worked together to assure stable school funding.

May Wallace, Pamela Kelly
for Parents for Quality Education

Bank Sponsors State's Largest Hispanic Education Summit
Saturday, March 27, 1993 at Tacoma Community College, Student Center, 5900 S. 12 St., Tacoma, Wash.

The IRS And Oregon State Help People Avoid Bankruptcy

Good news for taxpayers who believe they won't be able to pay their tax bills on April 15th. Both the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Oregon Department of Revenue are working with the non-profit agency, Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS), to help CCCS counselors set up debt management plans to pay delinquent taxes.

This specific arrangement with both the Federal and State tax authorities will enable CCCS to be more successful in working with their clients who owe back taxes as well as the usual bank, department store, and medical bills.

The IRS has trained CCCS counselors on how to arrange installment plans for those who need help. As well, the Oregon Department of Revenue will also provide counselors with

criteria which enables them to figure state taxes into a debt management plan.

CCCS is a non-profit agency that helps people in financial trouble. Offering free counseling, CCCS counselors work with their clients to create a workable budget. When necessary, CCCS will negotiate with creditors to take smaller payments over a longer period of time. Some major creditors reduce or waive interest charges when accounts are paid through CCCS. CCCS is the only viable alternative to filing for bankruptcy, a blemish that can remain on one's credit record for ten years.

CCCS has been serving the community for more than 25 years and has offices in Portland, Beaverton, Gresham, Oregon City, McMinnville, The Dalles, Vancouver, and Longview.

Faye Burch To Serve As Advocate

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board of directors. She will also participate in multi-jurisdictional group study researching disparity in contracting.

Burch has served as a policy advisor to Governor Roberts since June of 1991. She was previously director of communications for the City of Portland Bureau of Buildings. Burch received the 1988 Service Award from the Commission on Black Affairs, and the 1986 Service Award from U.S. West Communications. She is a member of the Urban League Of Portland board and the Woman's Foundation of Oregon.

The Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business is located 155 Cottage St., NE, Salem, Oregon, 97310. For more information about the OMWESB programs, please contact Faye Burch at 378-5651.

DBE Informational Session
The Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business will be conducting a DBE Informational Session on Thurs. March 25th from 5:30pm-7pm at the Lloyd Center Tower, 825 N.E. Multnomah, 12th floor, rooms 12A/B.

This informal workshop is designed to assist disadvantaged, minority and women-owned businesses with questions and concerns regarding:

- Initial certification process
- Expanding certification capabilities
- Licensing/credential issues
- Construction Contractors Board education requirements
- Westside Light Rail opportunities

Special guest: FHWA Region 10, Civil Rights Director, Willie Harris.

Lincoln High Families Host Russian Students

Lincoln High School Russian language students and their families host 22 exchange students from Portland's Russian sister city Khabarovsk this month.

The Russian students' stay in Portland will conclude with an international Night celebration at Lincoln Tuesday, March 30 at 6 p.m. The event will feature Russian food and dancing. In April, Lincoln students travel to Khabarovsk to live and attend school with their Russian counterparts for one month. Students also will visit Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Jim Hill To Improve Treasury Operations

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sur Hill's request.

Annually, an outside accounting firm will perform an in-depth review and evaluation of the Treasury's internal controls and procedures relating to its more complex investment areas such as the Common Stock Investment Program, the Alternative Equities Program, and the Venture Capital Assets Program. The first review is expected to begin in July 1993. These in-depth reviews will be conducted on a rotating basis.

Scholarship applications for attending Portland Community College are now available for the 1993-94 academic school year through the PCC Foundation. The Foundation office is located at PCC's Sylvan Campus, 12000 SW 49th Avenue, CC Building, Rm. B21. Deadline for applications is Friday, May 14. All materials must be in the Foundation office by 5pm. Any late applications will be disqualified.

Hot Topic Planned For 1993 CPAO Conference In April

Crime Prevention and Community Policing—"Bridging The Gap" is the Crime Prevention Association of Oregon (CPAO) 1993 Conference theme. This year's conference will be held April 21 through April 23 at the Inn of the Seventh Mountain in Bend, OR. Large group workshops will focus on crime prevention and community policing together to facilitate changes that law enforcement is experiencing.

The conference begins on Wednesday. The opening ceremony and general membership luncheon will feature a presentation on "Laying the Foundation"—the natural evolution of successful policing efforts involves both community policing and crime prevention tactics. A large group workshop, entitled: "Preparing for Change," features Johnnie Cain, PhD, a well-known BPST instructor who holds his doctorate in Organizational Behavior. Participants will explore health survival skills to cope with the inevitable conflict that accompanies change. Rounding out the after noon is a hosted hospitality hour.

The 8am continental breakfast

on Thursday is a workshop on "Community Involvement and Problem Solving Strategies". Washington County's Crime Prevention Specialist Arlene Wittmayer will focus the workshop on the techniques necessary to identify, reach and achieve sustained involvement at all levels of the community.

Breaking up the highly participatory workshop will be a "Resource Fair" luncheon in the outdoor pavilion. Conference attendees will be rewarded Thursday evening with a "good old fashioned Western Ho-Down!" Enjoy scrumptious grub, try your hand at some "chancey" Kansas City-style games and kick up "yer" feet to some pretty fine honky-tonk" piano music.

Our featured and final workshop of the conference—"Crime Prevention and Community Policing: What's Working!"—will follow continental breakfast on Friday. Joseph E. Brann, Chief of Police City of Hayward, CA, a strong advocate of community policing, is the featured instructor.

Friday's luncheon will include the annual CPAO awards Ceremony and the election of officers.

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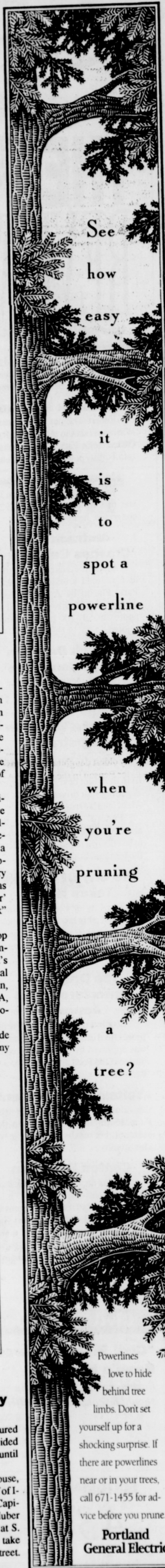
The Grand Opening/Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the state's first entirely environmentally responsible house will be held Friday, March 26 at 3 p.m. at 2204 S. W. Luradel Street in Portland.

The home, called the HERE Today House is built with materials and technology that are Healthful, Environmentally responsible, Resource and Energy efficient (HERE).

Products that have been recycled

and used in the home will be featured during the ribbon-cutting. Self-guided tours of the house will be offered until 4:30 p.m.

To get to the HERE Today House, take the Capitol Highway exit off of I-5 south. Go right off the exit on Capitol and cross Barbur. Go left on Huber Street and proceed until it ends at S. W. 25th. Go right on 25th and take your first left onto Luradel Street. Then look for the signs.



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