

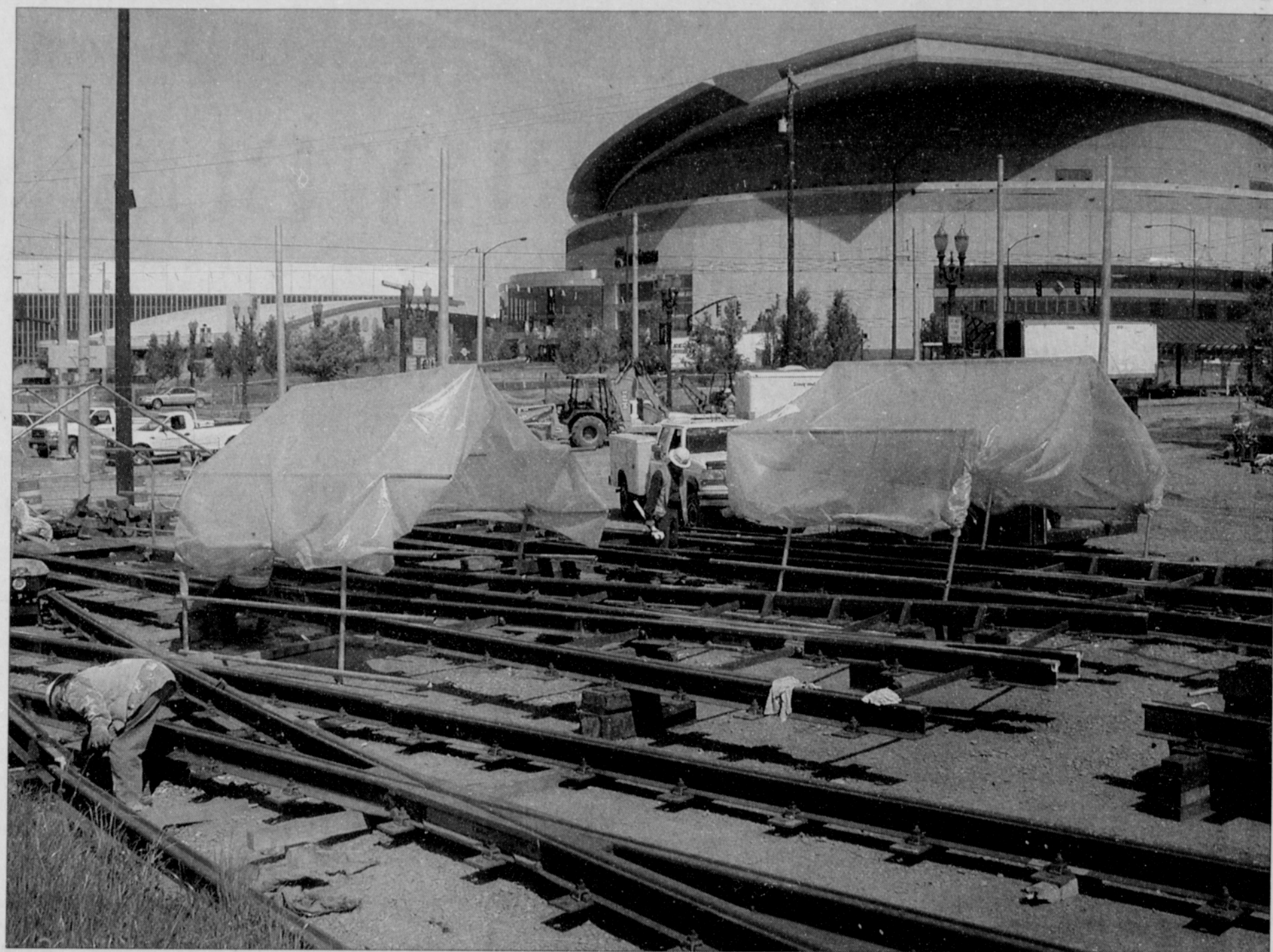
Interstate MAX Provides Ties to Small Portland Businesses

Interstate MAX construction is in full swing, from the Rose Quarter to the Expo Center. Bruce Watts, Tri-Met's manager of programs for disadvantaged businesses and workers, has made sure many of the businesses and workers on Interstate MAX come from the local community. To date, of the approximately 104 contractors and subcontractors building Interstate MAX, 46 are disadvantaged business enterprises, including 37 Portland companies.

If you drive along Interstate, chances are you'll see flaggers from Workhorse Construction. Many of these hard-working men and women on the front lines are residents of neighborhoods near Interstate. Workhorse provides flagging services as a subcontractor to Stacy Witbeck, Inc., the construction manager/general contractor for the stretch of Interstate MAX, from the Rose Quarter to Kenton.

Another innovative team of local businesses has formed the Northeast Truckers Consortium. This organization provides a way for small trucking businesses to compete for large public works projects. Among those who get credit for establishing the consortium is James Posey, who acts as the dispatch coordinator. The consortium received its first subcontract, totaling over \$400,000 from Stacy and Witbeck for the Interstate MAX sewer construction.

Interstate is Open for Business MAX construction is carefully coordinated with the over 100 businesses operating on Interstate Ave. Special signs, advertisements and discount



Construction is underway on Tri-Met's Interstate MAX light rail line, with many local businesses and workers involved in the project. Tri-Met is committed to creating opportunities for local firms to work on this 5.8 mile extension.

coupons are among the strategies for keeping customers coming in the door. In the coming weeks, Tri-Met will launch a Buy Interstate campaign to attract shoppers to the unique services and products available in the area.

Did you know there are 13

restaurants and taverns along N. Interstate? The food they serve ranges from traditional to ethnic cuisine. Some of the choices include Mexican fare at Playa Azul, Chinese cuisine at Swan Garden, and good old American cooking at U&I's new restaurant.

You can get a haircut or styling session at Perfect Image and Salon 618, or have your nails done at Finale at the corner of Interstate and Dekum. All along Interstate, there are eight hair and nail salons operating.

Gas is conveniently available at all of the four stations along N. Interstate: Texaco, Astro, Arco and Union 76.

Did you know there are 13 restaurants and taverns along N. Interstate?

Interstate Lanes, or take an educational tour at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

For a directory of Interstate Ave. businesses, or to get a hold of a community

relations coordinator, call 503-962-2150. Up-to-date MAX construction information is available online at www.tri-met.org/max/yellowline.

If you are hosting any out-of-town visitors, consider one of eleven clean and safe motels that are run with an international flair. They can have some fun bowling at the In-



MADE FOR KIDS ARTS CARNIVAL

A fun-filled day of creative play at Concordia University
Music, Art and Drama workshops, live music, hands-on activities, and **its all FREE!**



Bring the kids for a day packed full of workshops and activities led by professional musicians and artists.

SAT. OCTOBER 6, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM ON THE CONCORDIA CAMPUS

MADE for Kids is made possible by generous grants from
Anne A. Foundation, Wells Fargo Company
Herbert A. Templeton Foundation McMenamin Brothers

Call 503-280-8614



Concordia University
2811 NE Holman
Portland, OR 97211

Alberta Street Market

915 NE Alberta
Portland, Oregon 97211
(503) 281-6388

Alberta Street Market
Salutes
Minority Business Week

KAISER PERMANENTE SALUTES AND SUPPORTS MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES!

Kaiser Permanente's pledge to champion and aid small, minority and women owned businesses is more than a moral and social commitment. It is a valuable investment for the enrichment of the diversity they contribute to our organization and the communities we serve.

We encourage and welcome any small, minority or women owned businesses to explore the opportunities present within Kaiser Permanente. For more information call (503) 571-5101.

Explore our website for more information on all our current job openings. An on-line application is available. Or you may visit our Employment Office.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

500 NE Multnomah St., Portland, OR 97232

Hours: Monday - Friday 8am-3:30pm

Phone: (503) 813-4701

www.kp.org/nw



KAISER PERMANENTE.

Drug Free Workplace/Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer