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Designating the Brill Trolley as  
an Historic Landmark.

**Ordinance No. 107621**

AN ORDINANCE relating to historic  
preservation, designating the  
Brill Trolley as a Landmark  
under Ordinance 106348.

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**Council Bill No. 99671**

INTRODUCED: AUG 14 1978	BY EXECUTIVE REQUEST
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ORDINANCE 107621

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WHEREAS, The Landmarks Preservation Board after a public hearing on February 15, 1978 recommended that the Brill Trolley be designated a Landmark under the above-mentioned ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the owners of the designated property have agreed to controls and incentives; and

WHEREAS, the Board at its May 14, 1978 meeting voted to recommend approval of the agreed controls and incentives to the City Council; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the designation by the Landmarks Preservation Board of the Brill Trolley as a landmark as provided in Ordinance 106348 is hereby approved, based upon the historical, architectural and cultural considerations stated in the "Report on Designation" dated May 30, 1978 attached hereto, and the following controls upon alteration of the landmark are hereby imposed:

A Certificate of Approval must be obtained or the time for denying a Certificate of Approval must have expired before the owner may make alterations to:

(a) The exterior of the trolley, including paint color scheme; and

(b) The interior of the trolley, including the seatcover materials;

and excluding from these controls any in-kind maintenance and repairs for the above noted features and also any changes to the running gear and operating hardware of the trolley which do not affect the overall appearance of the above features.

Section 2. Enforcement of this Ordinance and penalties

(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

for its violations shall be as provided in Section 14.08 of Ordinance Number 106348.

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Passed by the City Council the 21 day of August, 1978, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21 day of August, 1978.

President [Signature] of the City Council.

Approved by me this 29 day of August, 1978. Charles Royer Mayor.

Filed by me this 29 day of August, 1978.

Attest: [Signature] City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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By [Signature] Deputy Clerk.

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PHYLLIS LAMPHERE

The City of Seattle

**Landmarks Preservation Board**  
400 Yesler Building  
619 Second Avenue Seattle, Washington 98104 • (206) 625-4501

July 6, 1978

LBP 157 / 78

The Honorable Phyllis Lamphere, President  
Seattle City Council

SUBJECT: The Brill Trolley #798  
Request for Council Action pursuant to  
Section 11.01 - Ordinance 106348

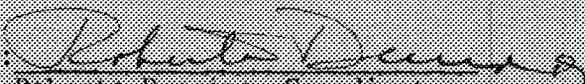
Dear Ms. Lamphere:

At their meeting May 14, 1978, the Landmarks Preservation Board voted to transmit the approved Agreement on Controls and Incentives (enclosed) for the Brill Trolley #798, and to request Council action pursuant to Section 11.01 of the Landmarks Preservation Ordinance 106348.

A copy of the Report on Designation, the Approval of Nomination, the Notice of Approval of Agreement, and the Seattle Landmark Nomination Form for the Trolley are included with this letter.

Sincerely,

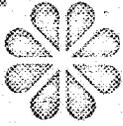
Earl D. Layman  
City Historic Preservation Officer

By:   
Roberta Deering, Coordinator  
Landmarks Preservation Board

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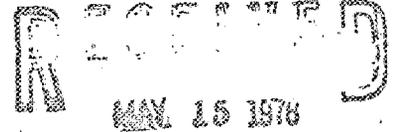
cc: Peggy Corley, Chairperson  
Landmarks Preservation Board



**METRO**

Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle

Exchange Bldg. • 821 Second Ave., Seattle, Washington 98104



CITY OF SEATTLE  
OFFICE OF URBAN CONSERVATION  
May 10, 1978

Ms. Peggy Corley, Chairman  
Landmarks Preservation Board  
400 Yesler Building  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Ms. Corley:

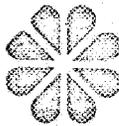
This is to inform the Landmarks Preservation Board that Metro would like to proceed with designation of the Brill Trolley #798 as an historical landmark. We are pleased that Metro can be involved in the preservation of a part of Seattle's transportation history.

Metro and Landmarks Preservation Board staff have agreed to the following controls upon alteration or significant changes in specified features and characteristics of the Brill Trolley.

A Certificate of Approval must be obtained, or the time for denying a Certificate of Approval must have expired before Metro may make alterations or significant changes to:

1. The exterior of the trolley, including paint color scheme.
2. The interior of the trolley, including the seatcover materials.

Excluded from these controls are any in-kind maintenance and repairs for the above noted features and also any changes to the running gear and operating hardware of the trolley which do not affect the overall visual appearance of the above features.



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Ms. Peggy Corley  
May 10, 1978  
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As for economic incentives, Federal Historic Preservation Grant-in-Aid Funds, on an application basis would be available to Metro should the Trolley be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Metro recommends that the Brill Trolley #798 be designated as an historical landmark and that the above controls and economic incentives be included in the designation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles T. Collins  
Transit Director

CTC:jm



The City of Seattle

## Landmarks Preservation Board

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810 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington, 98104 • (206) 625-4501

LPB-121/78

### REPORT ON DESIGNATION

May 30, 1978

NAME OF PROPERTY: The Brill Trolley #798

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Not Applicable

OWNER: METRO (Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle)  
821 2nd Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESIGNATION

On May 14, 1978, the Landmarks Preservation Board conducted a Public Hearing to consider the designation of the Brill Trolley #798 as a Seattle Landmark. After receiving evidence and hearing testimony, the Board voted to approve designation of the object as a Seattle Landmark; those significant features of the object are:

- the exterior including color scheme, and the interior of the trolley.

The Board finds that this object merits designation on the basis of the following criteria of Landmarks Preservation Ordinance 106348:

Sec. 3.01

- (3) It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, city, state or nation; or

This trackless trolley was one of a fleet of 100 ordered by the City and constructed by

Sec. 3.01 (3) cont.

Pacific Car and Foundry Co. in Renton as an attempt to counteract Seattle's depression era economy; this was not only to be accomplished by having the cards manufactured here, but to demonstrate faith in the city by improvement of its transit system. This "act of faith" was of immeasurable importance in providing much needed transportation facilities with the influx of workers and the military with the advent of World War II.

Sec. 3.01

- (4) It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or of a method of construction;

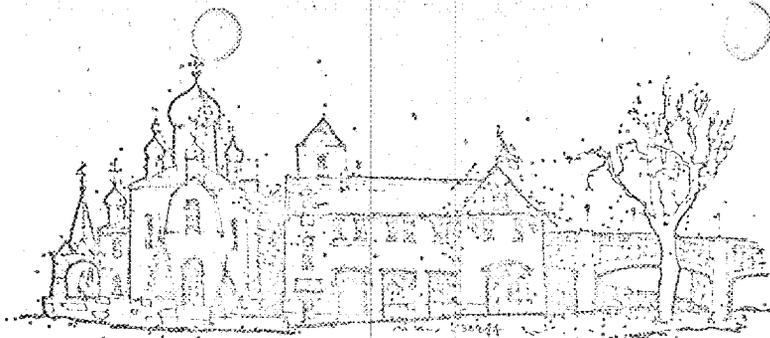
Late thirties form; art deco details (paint job, fabric, etc.)

Issued May 30, 1978

Earl D. Layman  
City Historic Preservation Officer

  
By: Roberta Deering  
Board Coordinator

RD:hg



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### APPROVAL OF NOMINATION

NAME OF PROPERTY:

The Brill Trolley #798

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Not Applicable

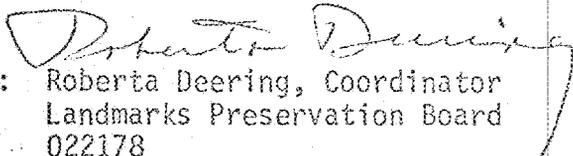
At its meeting of February 15, 1978, the Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve the nomination of the Brill Trolley #798, owned and operated by METRO Transit, Mr. Charles Collins, Director.

The following particular features and/or characteristics are proposed to be preserved:

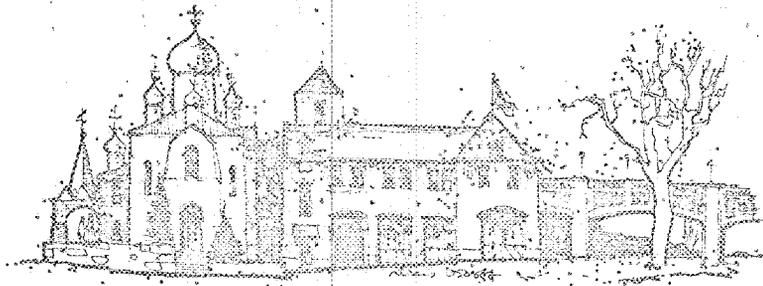
the entire trolley, exterior and interior.

The Board will hold a Public Hearing - Wednesday, March 22, 1978, at 11:00am - Mayor's Conference Room, 12th Floor, Municipal Building, at which the Board will consider the Approval of Designation for the Brill Trolley #798.

Earl D. Layman  
City Historic Preservation Officer

  
By: Roberta Deering, Coordinator  
Landmarks Preservation Board  
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May 30, 1978

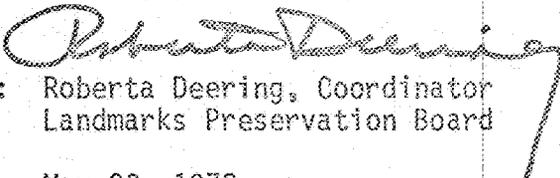
### NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT ON CONTROLS & INCENTIVES

#### The Brill Trolley #798

On May 24, 1978, the Landmarks Preservation Board reviewed and approved the Agreement on Controls & Incentives for The Brill Trolley #798, as noted in the attached letter dated May 10, 1978, from Mr. Charles T. Collins, METRO Transit Director to Peggy Corley, Chairperson, Landmarks Preservation Board.

Submitted,

Earl D. Layman  
City Historic Preservation Officer

  
By: Roberta Deering, Coordinator  
Landmarks Preservation Board

May 30, 1978

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Attachment



City of Seattle  
Department of Community Development/Office of Urban Conservation

# Landmark Nomination Form

Name Brill Trolley No. 798 Year Built\* 1940  
(Common, present or historic)

- Landmark
- Landmark Site
- Both

Street and Number NA

Assessor's File No. NA

Legal Description Plat Name NA Block NA Lot NA

Present Owner Metro, Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle Present Use Trolley bus

Address Exchange Building, 821 Second Avenue, Seattle

Original Owner Seattle Transit System Original Use Trolley bus

Designer  
Architect J.C. Brill Company, Philadelphia Builder Pacific Car and Foundry Co., Renton

### Designation Criteria:

Standards for Designation of Landmark Sites and Landmarks. (Ordinance 106348 Section 3.01). An object, site or improvement which is more than twenty-five (25)\* years old may be designated for preservation as a landmark site or landmark if it has significant character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state, or nation and if it falls into one of the following categories:

Explain and list documentation supporting each criterion checked: (use additional sheets if needed for detailed descriptions of property, historical significance, etc. as applicable.)

(1) It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, an historic event with a significant effect upon the community, city, state or nation; or

(2) It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the city, state, or nation; or

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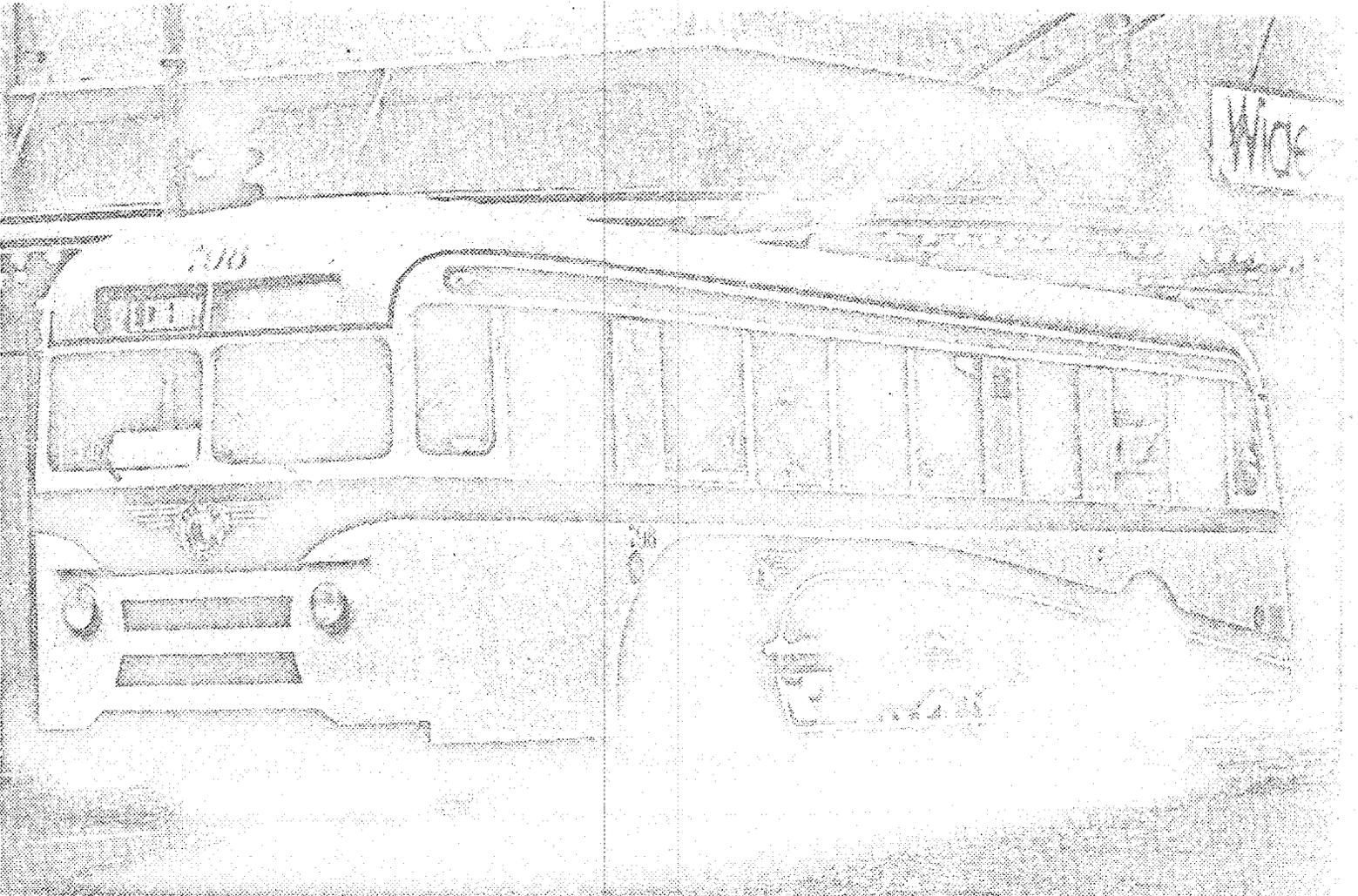
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(5) It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder; or

(6) Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the city;

Tuesday, October 18, 1977

The Seattle Times



No. 798 with a load of passengers.

Submitted by Councilman Benson  
Earl D. Layman

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date 15 October 1977

Reviewed [Signature]  
Historic Preservation Officer

Date 22 May 1978

# CITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL

TO:

Law Department

FROM:

Urban Development and Housing Committee

C. F. #

none yet

Date Sent:

7/19/78

Reply Requested By:

ASAP

Subject:

Contracts and Incentives for the Brill Trolley designation as an historic landmark.

*Handwritten signature*

# ACTION required

Review and Return File With Your Answer to Sender

Review and Answer Petitioner, Return File and Copy of Answer to Sender

Review and Make Recommendations, Return File and Recommendations to Sender  
( ) In Duplicate

Prepare Legislation and Return File to Sender

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Additional Information:

Signature

# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

Date Reported  
and Adopted

Your Committee on Urban Development and Housing

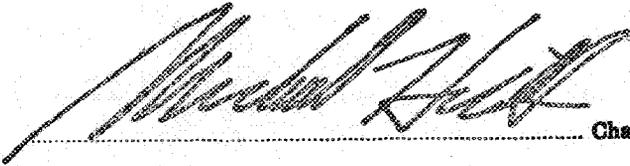
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to which was referred

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Relating to historic preservation, designating the Brill Trolley as a Landmark under Ordinance 106348.

recommend that the same do pass.



Chairman

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Committee

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# Affidavit of Publication

## STATE OF WASHINGTON KING COUNTY—SS.

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

Ordinance No. 107621

was published on September 1, 1978

*[Signature]*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
September 1, 1978

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle.

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MICHAEL HILDT,  
President Pro Tem of the  
City Council.

Approved by me this 29th day  
of August, 1978.

CHARLES ROYER,  
Mayor.