

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING A WORK)	RESOLUTION NO. 22-5255
PLAN AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR)	
THE 2023 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
PLAN UPDATE)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is the regional government responsible for regional land use and transportation planning under state law and the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Portland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the federally recognized transportation policy for the Portland metropolitan region, and must be updated every five years; and

WHEREAS, the RTP fulfills statewide planning requirements to implement Goal 12 Transportation, as implemented through the Transportation Planning Rule (Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660 Division 12), and must be updated every five to seven years; and

WHEREAS, the RTP is a central tool for implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept, and constitutes a policy component of the Regional Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, the most recent update to the RTP was completed in December 2018, and approved and acknowledged by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC); and

WHEREAS, the next update must be completed by November 30, 2023 to allow time for review and approval prior to the plan’s expiration on December 6, 2023, and to ensure continued compliance with federal planning regulations and funding eligibility of projects and programs using federal transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RTP update will serve as a major vehicle for implementing and updating the region’s Climate Smart Strategy, first adopted in December 2014, approved by the LCDC in 2015 and incorporated in the RTP in 2018, in response to House Bill 2001 and Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660 Division 44, to help meet statewide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to levels at least 75 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RTP update and 2023 Climate Smart Strategy will seek to help meet revised statewide goals identified in the Governor’s Executive Order 20-04 that require accelerated reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to levels at least 45 percent below 1990 emissions levels by 2035 and at least 80 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, from October 2021 to April 2022, the Metro Council, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC), the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), the TransPort Subcommittee of TPAC, the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (SWRTC) staff, Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity (CORE), county-level coordinating committees and elected officials, city and county staff, representatives from state, federal and resource agencies, port and transit districts, and business, environmental, social equity, and transportation organizations from the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area provided input as to what priorities should be addressed as part of the update; and

WHEREAS, the central themes and issues identified through those discussions in combination with findings and recommendations from the 2018 RTP, 2018 RTP Equity Assessment, the Regional Congestion Pricing Study, the Regional Framework for Jurisdictional Transfer Study, the Phase 1 Regional Emergency Transportation Routes update, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and other efforts completed since 2018 served as a basis for developing the work plan and public engagement plan prepared for review by the Metro Council and regional advisory committees in Winter 2022; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff have organized public engagement and planning activities to support a regional policy discussion on the future of the region's transportation system and the role that investment can play in providing safe, reliable and affordable mobility options to access to jobs, education, healthcare and other services and opportunities and building healthy, climate-friendly and equitable communities and a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, the work plan seeks to increase regional collaboration and coordination through a combination of partnerships, focused policy discussions, sound technical work, and inclusive public engagement to update the region's outcomes-based transportation plan and investment priorities to support ongoing efforts to link land use and transportation planning to implement the 2040 Growth Concept and community visions within fiscal constraints while addressing urgent global and regional challenges facing the region – including rising inequities, climate change and safety, housing affordability, homelessness, public health and economic disparities that have been intensified by the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the public engagement plan seeks to be inclusive, strengthen existing partnerships, and build new partnerships with local, regional, state and federal governments, small and large businesses and economic development interests, business and community leaders, and underrepresented communities, including Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) communities, people with low income, people with limited English proficiency, people experiencing a disability, youth and older adults, through a strategic engagement approach that helps build public trust in government, builds support for and momentum to adopt the 2023 RTP, and makes the case for funding and investment in the region's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2022, JPACT approved and recommended Metro Council approval of the 2023 RTP Update Work Plan, identified in Exhibit A and the 2023 RTP Update Public Engagement Plan, identified in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2022, MPAC recommended Metro Council approval of the 2023 RTP Update Work Plan, identified in Exhibit A and the 2023 RTP Update Public Engagement Plan, identified in Exhibit B; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council approves the 2023 RTP Update Work Plan, identified in Exhibit A and the 2023 RTP Update Public Engagement Plan, identified in Exhibit B.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of May 2022.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney