

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5619

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING OR ADDING SIX PROJECTS TO THE 2024-27 MTIP TO MEET FEDERAL PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

Date: July 6, 2026

Department: Planning, Development and Research

Meeting Date: July 16, 2026

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Presenter: N/A

Length: N/A (Consent Agenda)

ISSUE STATEMENT

The July FFY 2026 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Formal Amendment proposes the following programming changes:

- Amends the 181st Ave Safety Upgrades: SE Stark St to E Burnside St project
- Amends the NE Columbia Blvd: Cully Blvd & Alderwood Rd project
- Amends the Stark/Washington St Signal ATC Upgrades: 76th Ave - 257th Ave project
- Amends the TriMet Preventive Maintenance Support (2027) project
- Amends the TriMet bus purchase (2027) project
- Adds the Tualatin River Wayfaring Project

Resolution No. 26-5619 authorizes the proposed MTIP Formal Amendment. The proposed changes are detailed in **Exhibit A: MTIP Project Detail Report**

ACTION REQUESTED

Recommend approval of Resolution 26-5619 to amend or add six projects, as stated within Exhibit A, to the 2024-27 MTIP to meet federal project delivery requirements

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Advancement of the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) investment priorities of equitable transportation, climate action and resilience, safe system, mobility options, and thriving economy.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

- Should JPACT and the Metro Council approve the resolution to move forward with proposed MTIP project amendments?

POLICY OPTIONS TO CONSIDER

The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) is scheduled to consider recommending approval of Resolution 26-5619 to the Metro Council on the morning of July 16, 2026.

Should JPACT recommend approval, the Metro Council will consider adopting Resolution 26-5619 at its meeting on July 16, 2026.

- If the Metro Council adopts the resolution, the required programming actions will be completed for the project in the July FFY 2026 Formal Amendment.
- If the Metro Council does not adopt the resolution, the required programming actions will not be completed, the projects will not move forward with next steps, and the amendment will return to JPACT for further consideration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Metro staff recommend approval of Resolution 26-5619.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. **Metro's Strategic Framework or Core Mission:** The 2024-2027 MTIP follows transportation policy established in the development of the 2023 RTP. Projects programmed in the MTIP must be consistent with the RTP to ensure federal requirements are met.
2. **Metro's racial equity and climate action goals:** While the package of investments in the adopted 2024-27 MTIP make very slight progress towards the 2023 RTP goals, which include Equitable Transportation and Climate Action, the individual projects and programs within the MTIP are likely to make better progress to the local communities in which they are located.

The 181st Ave Safety Upgrades: SE Stark St to E Burnside St project, included in the proposed amendment, completes safety upgrades and enhancements including: new traffic signals, adding and rehabbing sidewalks, a buffered bike lane, and street lighting improvements in an identified 2023 RTP equity focus area.

3. **Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback:** The agencies leading the projects included in this amendment acknowledge the proposed programming changes.

Metro conducted a 30-day public comment period, which closed on July 1, 2026. During this comment period, Metro did not receive any comments. Detailed information can be found in **Exhibit B: Public Comment Period Summary**.

4. **Legal Antecedents:**

- a. Amends the 2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program adopted by Metro Council Resolution 23-5335 on July 20, 2023 (FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE 2024-2027 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA)
- b. Oregon Governor approval of the 2024-27 MTIP on September 13, 2023.
- c. 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Approval and 2024 Federal Planning Finding on September 25, 2023.

5. **Anticipated Effects:** Enables the amendments to the projects in the MTIP and STIP.

6. **Financial Implications:** The proposed amendments have no impact to the Metro budget.

BACKGROUND

The 2024-2027 MTIP is a program implementation tool. It includes an investment profile and performance analysis of the progress expected toward the 2023 RTP's regionally significant transportation investments. The MTIP must accurately maintain project information throughout the life of a project, from initial award/allocation to funding obligation and through all phases of project delivery. If a change emerges to a project's scope, schedule or budget, the MTIP may need to be amended to reflect the change. As new federally funded and regionally significant projects emerge and are funded, the MTIP is amended to include the projects.

Amend Existing MTIP/STIP Programmed Projects:

Project Number: 1	Key Number: 23555	Status: Existing Project
Project Name:	181st Ave Safety Upgrades: SE Stark St to E Burnside St	
Lead Agency:	Gresham	
Description:	Complete safety upgrades and enhancements between Stark St and Burnside St including: new traffic signals, adding and rehabbing sidewalks, a buffered bike lane, street lighting improvements and street utility upgrades for greater pedestrian safety.	
Funding Summary:	The project is currently programmed with \$3,178,685 of FFY 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds and a local match of \$363,816.	
Added Notes:	The formal amendment is to add \$1,912,000 local funds to the Construction phase. Total project funding increases from \$3,542,501 to \$5,454,501.	

Project Number: 2	Key Number: 18837	Status: Existing Project
Project Name:	NE Columbia Blvd: Cully Blvd & Alderwood Rd	
Lead Agency:	Portland	
Description:	Install or replace a signal and construct a taper on Columbia Blvd's east leg at Alderwood for future side-by-side left-turn lanes between Cully and Alderwood. Construct sidewalks at the Columbia/Alderwood intersection and on N side to Cully. The project will keep Columbia Blvd a viable freight route while enhancing neighborhood connections and improving safety.	
Funding Summary:	The project is currently programmed with \$5,793,202 of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) - Flex funds, \$2,179,847 of STBG - Urban funds, \$379,647 of STBG - 2025 Redistribution funds, and \$976,004 of local funds.	
Added Notes:	The formal amendment is to: • Increase Construction phase by \$6,050,261 of local funds and Rail Highway Crossing Hazard funds • Increase Utility Relocation phase by \$200,000 of local funds • Slip Construction phase from FFY 2026 to 2027 • Change project description to: "Reconstruct the intersections of NE Columbia Blvd/Alderwood Rd and NE Columbia Blvd/Cully Blvd including the installation of new traffic signals at both locations, side-by-side left turn lanes between the intersections, roadway tapers east and west of the intersections, exclusive left and right turn lanes on Alderwood approaching Columbia, and pedestrian/bicycle facilities." Total project funding increases from \$9,328,700 to \$15,578,960.	

Project Number: 3	Key Number: 23585	Status: Existing Project
Project Name:	Stark/Washington St Signal ATC Upgrades: 76th Ave - 257th Ave	
Lead Agency:	Portland	
Description:	Design, construct, and complete traffic signal interconnect actions plus upgrade Advance Transportation Controllers (ATC) on SE Stark Street for improved signalized intersection efficiency and added motorist and pedestrian safety.	
Funding Summary:	The project is currently programmed with \$1,668,340 of STBG - Urban funds and a local match of \$190,949.	
Added Notes:	The formal amendment is to: • Reduce Construction phase by \$218,350 and move \$156,235 to the Other phase and \$62,295 to Preliminary Engineering phase. • Slip Construction phase from FFY 2026 to 2027	

	Reduce project Mileposts (MPs) by 3.6 miles from 76th - 257th to 76th - 185th. Project name will also change to “Stark/Washington St Signal ATC Upgrades:76th Ave - 181st Ave” to reflect changes in limits. The changes are due to duplication of scope from K22138 and K23584.
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Project Number: 4	Key Number: 23184	Status: Existing Project
Project Name:	TriMet Preventive Maintenance Support (2027)	
Lead Agency:	TriMet	
Description:	The federal fund portion to the annual Metro-TriMet Transit Oriented Development (TOD) STBG for local funds exchange. The Metro STBG supports TriMet's 2027 Preventative Maintenance program. (2025-27 RFFA TOD Allocation)	
Funding Summary:	The project is currently programmed with \$4,052,251 of STBG - Urban funds and a local match of \$463,798.	
Added Notes:	The formal amendment is to slip project to FFY 2028. The project will remain in the 2024-2027 MTIP but will be canceled from the 24-27 STIP due to moving to unconstrained funding years. Formal amendment also changes project name and description to: “TriMet Bus/Rail Preventative Maintenance program (2028): Metro's STBG funds are exchanged with TriMet local funds under the Metro-TriMet Transit Oriented Development (TOD) exchange program. The STBG contributes to TriMet's annual Bus/Rail Preventive Maintenance program (2028).” Changes to the project are being completed to ensure consistency with TriMet’s FTA grant and the programming of the 2027-2030 MTIP and STIP.	

Project Number: 5	Key Number: 23178	Status: Existing Project
Project Name:	TriMet bus purchase (2027)	
Lead Agency:	TriMet	
Description:	Funding to support the purchase of up to 58 full sized 40 foot electric replacement buses planned for FFY2026 to be used on existing fixed routes across TriMet's 3 county service region.	
Funding Summary:	The project is currently programmed with \$3,534,479 of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 (a) Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Frant Program funds and a local match of \$883,620.	
Added Notes:	The formal amendment is to slip project to FFY 2028. The project will remain in the 2024-2027 MTIP but will be canceled from the 24-27 STIP due to moving to unconstrained funding years. Formal amendment also changes project name and description to:	

	“TriMet bus purchase (2028): Funding to support the purchase of approximately five (5) full-sized 40-foot electric replacement buses planned for FFY2028 to be used on existing fixed routes across TriMet's 3-county service region” Changes to the project are being completed to ensure consistency with TriMet’s FTA grant and the programming of the 2027-2030 MTIP and STIP.
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Add New MTIP/STIP Projects:

Project Number: 6	Key Number: 24479	Status: Existing Project
Project Name:	Tualatin River Wayfaring Project	
Lead Agency:	Tualatin Riverkeepers	
Description:	Install signage, improve website and printed information, and construct loaner life jacket stations along the Tualatin River Water Trail.	
Funding Summary:	The new project will be programmed with \$22,282 of Recreation Trails Program funds with a local match of \$5,570 and overmatch of \$858 in Other phase for FFY 2026.	
Added Notes:	The formal amendment adds the new Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Recreational Trails Program funded project to the MTIP. The project is located on the Metro Pedestrian and Bicycle networks resulting in its classification as a regionally significant project.	

METRO REQUIRED PROJECT AMENDMENT REVIEWS

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.316-328, Metro is responsible for reviewing and ensuring MTIP amendments comply with all federal programming requirements. Metro staff evaluate each project and its requested changes against multiple MTIP programming review factors that originate from 23 CFR 450.316-328. The evaluation process is designed to ensure the MTIP is fiscally constrained, consistent with the approved RTP, and provides transparency in its updates, changes, and/or implementation.

PROPOSED PROCESSING AND APPROVAL ACTIONS:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
• TPAC agenda mailing.....	May 29, 2026
• Initiate the required public notification/comment process.....	June 1, 2026
• TPAC action	June 5, 2026
• Completion of public notification/comment process.....	July 1, 2026
• JPACT action	July 16, 2026
• Metro Council action	July 16, 2026
• Final amendment package submission to ODOT & USDOT.....	Late July 2026
• USDOT clarification and final amendment approval.....	September 2026

Note: The above dates are anticipated and could change.

ATTACHMENTS

- **Resolution 26-5619** For the Purpose of Amending or Adding Six Projects to the 2024-27 MTIP to Meet Federal Project Delivery Requirements
- **Exhibit A to Resolution 26-5619:** MTIP Project Detail Report
- **Exhibit B to Resolution 26-5619:** Public Comment Period Summary