

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERRING TO) RESOLUTION NO. 20-5123
METRO AREA VOTERS A BALLOT MEASURE)
AUTHORIZING A TAX TO FUND GET) Introduced by the Metro Council
MOVING 2020 FOR SAFETY, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, everyone in the Portland region deserves safe, reliable and affordable options to travel wherever they need to go by whatever means they use to get there; and

WHEREAS, a safe and reliable transportation system is a key part of a livable, equitable and prosperous Portland region, along with affordable homes, clean air and water, and access to parks and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, since January 2019, Metro has worked with local leaders and community members throughout the greater Portland region on a plan to make the Metro area’s transportation system safer, more reliable, more accessible and more affordable for everyone; and

WHEREAS, in early 2019 the Metro Council President appointed a Transportation Funding Task Force with more than 30 community leaders and officials from across Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties, to advise the Metro Council on key outcomes, investments and implementation for the Get Moving 2020 Transportation Measure; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2019, three local investment teams composed of community members with experience living, working and traveling in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties, closely studied potential transportation investments and provided input to staff, the Task Force and Council about investments that could advance the Metro Council’s and the Task Force’s desired outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force met 22 times between February 2019 and April 2020, and despite diverse experiences and perspectives found remarkable consensus and common ground, making extensive recommendations to the Metro Council regarding investments in key travel corridors and programmatic investments to benefit communities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, thousands of residents of the region helped shape the plan through community forums and workshops across the region, commenting at Metro Council hearings and Task Force meetings, and online surveys and focus groups; and

WHEREAS, this Get Moving 2020 plan includes comprehensive investments to make travel safer and more reliable for all in 17 of the region’s busiest travel corridors, as well as additional investment programs to improve transit, safety and options and deepen community stability throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the investments in the plan would make it safer, easier and more affordable to get to jobs, services and other destinations, with an intentional focus on benefitting people with lower incomes and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Metro has partnered with community-based organizations to ensure that the experiences and priorities of people of color are integral to proposed transportation investments in this plan, including proposed investments that will help reduce serious crashes, connect people to opportunity via more reliable transit, deepen community stability and improve access to affordable housing near improved transportation; and

WHEREAS, the investments in the plan have the potential to create tens of thousands of direct and indirect jobs, just as transportation investments have been critical to every economic recovery since the Great Depression because they bring jobs in the short term and build the infrastructure needed for future prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the investments in the plan will reduce the pollution that causes climate change by investing billions of dollars in bus efficiency improvements and electrification, new and updated MAX light rail service, and investments that make it easier to walk and bike; and

WHEREAS, the transportation investments in this plan will upgrade aging roads and bridges, improving safety for travelers and access to transit, and creating tens of thousands of jobs to help to rebuild our economy at the same time as we rebuild our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the investments in the plan leverage and support investments by local, regional, state, federal, nonprofit and private partners in transportation, affordable housing, parks and nature, and other key community priorities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the implementation of the plan Metro commits to ongoing community and stakeholder engagement, independent and transparent community oversight, and tracking of key outcomes identified by the Metro Council, Task Force and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Get Moving 2020 advances the policies and visions identified in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, the 2040 Growth Concept, the Climate Smart Strategy, and the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and

WHEREAS, it's time to get the Portland region moving; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2020, the Metro Council adopted Resolution Nos. 20-5117, 20-5118, and 20-5122, in which the Metro Council adopted Get Moving 2020 implementation procedures, program descriptions, and corridor investments; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2020, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 20-1448, For the Purpose of Imposing a Tax for Transportation Improvements and Programs for Voter Approval; and

WHEREAS, Metro Charter Section 4 provides that Metro has jurisdiction over matters of metropolitan concern; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Charter recognizes regional transportation planning as one of Metro's primary functions and directs the Metro Council to appropriate funds sufficient to support this function; and

WHEREAS, Metro Charter Section 10 provides that Metro may impose, levy, and collect taxes and Metro Charter Section 11 provides that any ordinance of the Council imposing a broadly based tax of general applicability requires approval of the voters before taking effect; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Metro Council submits to the qualified voters of the Metro Area the ballot measure attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, authorizing a tax for the purpose of funding the Get Moving 2020 Transportation Measure (the “Transportation Measure”); and
2. The Metro Council certifies the Ballot Title attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B for placing the Transportation Measure on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 Election for legal voters to adopt or reject; and
3. The Metro Council authorizes and directs the Metro Chief Operating Officer, the Metro Chief Financial Officer and the Metro Attorney, or their respective designees (each, an “Authorized Representative”), each acting individually, to file with the county elections official the Ballot Title and a related explanatory statement prepared by the Authorized Representative pursuant to Metro Code Section 9.02.020; and
4. The Metro Council authorizes and directs the Authorized Representative to take all other actions necessary to place the Transportation Measure on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 Election in a manner consistent with and in furtherance of this Resolution; and
5. Upon passage of the Transportation Measure the Metro Attorney will assign the Measure sections in Exhibit A with title, chapter and section numbers for the Metro Code as the Metro Attorney deems appropriate based on current Metro Code titles, chapters and sections; and
6. Upon passage of the Transportation Measure the Metro Council will take further action to establish, among other things, code language and rules to enforce and implement the tax imposed by the measure.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of July 2020.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney