

## **IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5536, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING ERIK MATISEK TO THE FUTURE VISION COMMISSION**

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### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

Starting in 2025, Metro will update the 50-year regional vision, Future Vision, as required by Metro Charter. The Charter also requires Council appointment of a Future Vision Commission to develop that vision. The Commission will make a direct recommendation to the Council.

The Future Vision is a conceptual vision for the region, not a regulatory document. Regulatory changes could be identified as part of the implementation plan that will follow this vision and/or as part of the actions identified therein.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-5536 to appoint Erik Matissek to the Future Vision Commission.

Per Metro's Charter, this group must include representatives from the public and private sectors, one academic, and one person from outside the Metro region. Beyond those requirements, this list was developed based on additional guidance from Council discussions, which included: use an application process, balance new and established voices, consider lived experience, and seek systems thinkers and representation of a wide range of topics/interests. Council also directed the inclusion of one non-voting Metro Councilor to chair the Commission, one elected official from each Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, and at least two members per Metro Council district. Subsequently, Councilors accepted the GAPD department recommendation to also include an elected official from the City of Portland. More than 100 applications were reviewed by staff, and an inter-departmental director-level group provided guidance on selection of a candidate shortlist.

The Commission will start meeting in the fall of 2025 and is expected to run for about 18 months. Commissioners will focus on a long-term, high-level vision, bring a systems approach, seek connections across sectors, and champion the Future Vision process. To do this work, Commissioners will become familiar with critical topics, analyses, and research; consider trends and futures; and be comfortable with uncertainty. The Commission will develop a document that describes a 50-year conceptual vision for the region and a list of implementation considerations for the next phase.

### **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

The effect of Resolution No. 25-5536 will be to appoint Erik Matissek to the Future Vision Commission.

## **POLICY QUESTION**

Does the Metro Council approve the addition of Erik Matissek to the Future Vision Commission?

## **POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

1. Adopt the resolution and appoint Erik Matissek to the Commission
  - Appointing Erik Matissek fulfills Council's interest in having geographic diversity on the Commission, as well as people who are new to Metro processes.
2. Provide staff with additional direction for filling the vacancy created by the recent stepping down of an appointed member.
  - Not approving Erik Matissek's appointment to the Commission as recommended would create the need for staff to identify another individual to fill this vacancy.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that Metro Council adopt Resolution No. 25-5536 to appoint Erik Matissek to the Future Vision Commission.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Metro is charged under its voter-approved Charter to undertake, "...as its most important service, planning and policy making to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for ourselves and future generations." (Metro Charter Preamble) The Charter further requires Metro to adopt a Future Vision (Metro Charter Section 5.1.a) and to periodically update that Vision (Metro Charter Section 5.1.d). The Future Vision has not been updated since its 1995 adoption.

The Charter directs that "the Council shall appoint a commission to develop and recommend a proposed Future Vision.... The commission shall be broadly representative of both public and private sectors, including the academic community, in the region. At least one member must reside outside the Metro Area (Metro Charter Section 5.1.c). The first Future Vision Commission was seated with Resolution No. 93-1801 in May 1993.

This work is funded by the General Fund in both the current budget (Fiscal Year 2024-2025) and the next fiscal year's budget (2025-2026). It is expected to continue into the future fiscal year of 2026-2027 when Council would consider approving additional funding to complete the work.

## **BACKGROUND**

Metro Council initially discussed the Future Vision update at a work session on July 30, 2024. A September 2024 work session focused on the makeup and recruitment of the Future Vision Commission. Council recommended an application process.

The application was opened in the fall of 2024, closed in late October, and then reopened to gather more applicants. The application was closed on April 24, 2025. A group of staff from

Metro Planning, Development, and Research and Parks & Nature departments reviewed and scored the applicants and created a shortlist. Feedback was solicited from an interdepartmental group of department directors and managers regarding the shortlist. A recommended slate was reviewed by Metro Councilors, and that review resulted in the list that appears as Exhibit A.

Metro Council appointed 22 members to the Future Vision Commission with Resolution 25-5490 on June 12, 2025 and a further member on July 10, 2025 with Resolution 25-5513.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments