

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING THE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5504
LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR	)	
THE TUALATIN VALLEY HIGHWAY TRANSIT	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
AND SAFETY PROJECT	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
	)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is the directly elected 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 Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together serve as the MPO board for the region in a unique partnership that requires joint action on all MPO decisions, including endorsing locally preferred alternatives for major projects in the region; and

WHEREAS, Metro's adopted long-range blueprint for the region, the 2040 Growth Concept, reflects a commitment to create prosperous and sustainable communities for present and future generations and guides the region's land use and transportation development in alignment with it; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a central tool for implementing the 2040 Growth Concept and emphasizes outcomes, system completeness and measurable performance in order to realize adopted land use plans, and hold the region accountable for making progress; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 High Capacity Transit System Plan identified Tualatin Valley (TV) Highway between Beaverton and Hillsboro as a Next Phase Regional Priority HCT Corridor and TV Highway between Hillsboro and Forest Gove as a Developing Regional Priority HCT Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Tualatin Valley Highway Corridor Plan (TVCP), was a "mobility corridor refinement" plan between Cedar Hills Boulevard (Beaverton Regional Center) and SE 10th Avenue/Maple Street (Hillsboro Regional Center) that identified needs and improvements for all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RTP and the 2018 Regional Transit Strategy both identify the Tualatin Valley Highway corridor as a key area for major transit investment in infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Moving Forward TV Highway Plan is a multi-agency study to determine nature and feasibility of High Capacity Transit (HCT) in the Tualatin Valley Highway corridor between SW 160th Ave and Cornelius Pass Road; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RTP identified the TV Highway Transit Project as a major high-capacity transit investment included in the 2030 Near-Term Constrained Project List; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 High Capacity Transit Strategy identified TV Highway as a Tier 1 corridor, the top level of regional prioritization for advancing in the near-term; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded Metro a Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) grant in 2020 to fund initial planning, engineering and development of capital improvements for the TV Highway corridor and accelerate the implementation of infrastructure investments to enhance the speed, reliability and access to transit services in an area that greatly benefits communities within areas of persistent poverty; and

WHEREAS, in January 2022 Metro and TriMet convened a Steering Committee for the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project, consisting of agency leaders, elected officials, and community representatives, to develop and recommend a Locally Preferred Alternative and funding strategy for high-capacity transit on TV Highway; and

WHEREAS, in June 2023 a community-led effort identified actions that nonprofit, government and private sector partners can each take to stabilize and support community in parallel with the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project; and

WHEREAS, Metro and TriMet collaborated on Phase 1 of the Project, as set forth in the Intergovernmental Agreement identified as Metro IGA No. 967638, to develop regional agreement on the recommended mode, alignment, and general station locations of the future high-capacity transit service; and

WHEREAS, the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project is a partnership among Metro, TriMet, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Washington County, and the cities of Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, and Beaverton; and

WHEREAS, the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project Steering Committee met numerous times, heard public input and testimony, and unanimously recommended the LPA for adoption on February 14, 2025, including the mode of transportation, alignment, and general station locations; and

WHEREAS, the Project Steering Committee defined the LPA Project route between the city of Beaverton, in the east, and the city of Forest Grove in the west, as shown on the attached Exhibit A map and generally described herein as:

- From the Beaverton Transit Center along the TV Highway to the Hillsboro Transit Center;
- Continuing west along the TV Highway to the City of Cornelius; and
- Continuing west to terminate in the City of Forest Grove at 19th Avenue and B Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Washington County Commissioners unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25-26 on April 22, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the Cornelius City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2025-16 on May 5, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsboro City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2881 on May 6, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Grove City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2025-17 on May 12, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the Beaverton City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25084 on May 27, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the TriMet Board of Directors unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25-05-25 on May 28, 2025, recommending confirmation of the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the LPA was endorsed by the Oregon Department of Transportation with a letter of support dated May 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025 (anticipated), JPACT approved Resolution No. 25-5504 and submitted the resolution to the Metro Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2025 (anticipated), MPAC made a recommendation to the Metro Council on endorsing the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project LPA; and

WHEREAS, a public demonstration of local support for the Project LPA by TriMet, Metro, and collaborating local jurisdictions is essential to advance Project Development and funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, the Council's endorsement of the LPA as described in this Resolution and the attached Exhibit A map would allow Metro to continue working with TriMet and other project partners to advance the Project; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Metro Council hereby:

1. Endorses the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project Locally Preferred Alternative as described in the attached Exhibit A.
2. Directs staff to prepare amendments to the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to reflect the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project Locally Preferred Alternative for consideration by JPACT and the Metro Council in 2026.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of June 2025.

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Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney