

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOCATING)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5511
APPROXIMATELY \$141.6 MILLION OF)	
REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR THE)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
YEARS 2028-2030, PENDING ADOPTION OF)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
THE 2027-2030 MTIP)	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, approximately \$161 million is forecast to be appropriated to the metropolitan region through the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Transportation Alternatives set aside, and Congestion Mitigation – Air Quality (CMAQ) transportation funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) are authorized per federal regulation 23 CFR 450.324 to allocate these funds to projects and programs in the metropolitan region through the Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) process; and

WHEREAS, by Metro Resolution No. 24-5415, the Metro Council and JPACT have provided policy guidance to conduct a two-step allocation process for funding of Region-wide Program Investments and Capital Project Investments; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Resolution No. 24-5415, the Metro Council and JPACT have allocated \$92.3 million in Regional Flexible Funds for Step 1A, High Capacity Transit Bond Repayments, and Step 1B, Region-wide Programs and Regional Planning Investments, as shown in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Resolution No. 24-5415, the Metro Council and JPACT directed staff to develop a new Regional Flexible Fund bond proposal to support transit capital projects and transit supportive investments at the corridor or regional scale, as proposed as part of Metro Resolution No. 25-5510; and

WHEREAS, pending action on Metro Resolution 25-5510 to initiate a new Regional Flexible Fund bonding commitment, the remaining forecasted 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Funds are directed to a competitive allocation to community scale capital project investments (Step 2); and

WHEREAS, staff followed policy direction established by the Metro Council in the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan, adopted by Ordinance No. 23-1496, to select projects for the 2028-2030 RFFA Step 2; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RTP prioritizes investments in transportation projects that advance five goals: equitable transportation, safe system, climate action and resilience, mobility options, and thriving economy; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Flexible Funds for Capital Projects Investments allocation meets the adopted objectives of Resolution No. 24-5415, responds to public comments on the proposed capital investments, and addresses local prioritization; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and JPACT provided input on additional considerations, including prioritizing projects with other committed funding, considering small jurisdictions' ability to secure other funding sources, continuing to invest in project development to build a pipeline of projects, leveraging adjacent investments funded through Resolution 25-5510 (Step 1A.1 bond proposal), and considering economic development potential; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period, between March 26 and April 30, 2025, provided opportunities for community input on the merits and potential impacts of the project applications, as summarized in Exhibits C and D to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, at their July 11, 2025 meeting, TPAC considered local prioritization processes, public comments, and the recommendations of Metro resulting in the recommendation to JPACT to approve to forward a funding allocation to projects and programs to the Metro Council for adoption; and

WHEREAS, at their July 17, 2025 meeting, JPACT approved TPAC's recommendation and forwarded a recommendation to the Metro Council to allocate funding to projects and programs included in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, projects must meet the conditions of approval, listed in Exhibit B to this resolution, to be eligible to access funds; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby

1. adopts the recommendation of JPACT on the programs and projects to be funded through the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation process as set forth in Exhibit A.
2. directs the Chief Operating Officer to direct staff to work with ODOT to incorporate the conditions of approval, as set forth in Exhibit B, in the delivery of the projects.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 31st day of July, 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney