

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING THREE) RESOLUTION NO. 23-5322
PARKS AND NATURE BOND LARGE SCALE)
COMMUNITY VISIONS PROJECTS AND) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
AWARDING FUNDING FOR THE INITIAL) Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
PROGRAM CYCLE) Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, the Metro Council referred to the Metro area voters a ballot measure authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$475,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding natural area and water quality protection and to connect people to nature close to home (the “Bond Measure”); and

WHEREAS, at the general election held on November 5, 2019, the Metro Area voters approved the Bond Measure, thereby creating a program under which a portion of the total Bond Measure proceeds would be allocated to funding large-scale projects that uplift communities by leveraging nature to achieve benefits such as job opportunities, affordable housing and safe, reliable transportation with a Council designated review cycle and selection process (referred to hereafter as the “large scale community visions Program” or “Program”); and

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the Metro Council approved a large scale community visions program pilot handbook (the “Handbook”) that identified the desired outcomes for investments and eligibility requirements for the initial cycle of Program funding;

WHEREAS, Metro thereafter issued a notice of Program funding availability for \$10 million, resulting in three complete funding applications from (1) the Trust for Public Land and Oregon State University for acquisition of private timber site in the Tualatin Mountains area (the “Tualatin Mountains Acquisition Project”) (2) Waterfront Education Park Development by Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission, Prosper Portland (the “OMSI Waterfront Education Park Project”) and (3) Albina Vision Trust for site acquisition adjacent to the Willamette River (the “AVT Acquisition Project”)

WHEREAS, Parks and Nature staff has reviewed and evaluated the applications and has determined that all three proposed projects are of regional significance that will increase access to nature for people in urban areas and improve the resilience of urban natural areas;

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has reviewed Parks and Nature staff’s evaluations; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Metro Council hereby finds that the Tualatin Mountain Acquisition Project advances the vision and goals set forth in the Bond Measure and the intent of the Large-Scale Community Visions Program;
2. The Metro Council hereby finds that the OMSI Waterfront Education Park Project advances the vision and goals set forth in the Bond Measure and the intent of the Large-Scale Community Visions Program;
3. The Metro Council hereby finds that the AVT Acquisition Project advances the vision and goals set forth in the Bond Measure and the intent of the Large-Scale Community Visions Program;

4. The Metro Council awards the Tualatin Mountain Acquisition Project up to \$3.5 million of funding, conditioned on eligibility requirements being satisfied and the successful execution of final funding agreements with Metro;
5. The Metro Council awards the OMSI Waterfront Education Park Project up to \$7 million of funding, conditioned on eligibility requirements being satisfied and the successful execution of final funding agreements with Metro;
6. The Metro Council awards the AVT Acquisition Project up to \$5 million of funding, conditioned on eligibility requirements being satisfied and the successful execution of final funding agreements with Metro;
7. The Metro Council hereby directs the Metro Chief Operating Officer to collaborate with each of the applicants and partners to increase project readiness and authorizes the COO to negotiate and execute individual funding agreements for each project, not to exceed \$10 million in large scale community visions pilot funding, when Program conditions have been met.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney