

**BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 17-4776
POWELL-DIVISION TRANSIT AND	)	
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT'S DIVISION	)	Introduced by Councilor Bob Stacey or
TRANSIT PROJECT LOCALLY PREFERRED	)	Councilor Shirley Craddick
ALTERNATIVE	)	

WHEREAS, in June 2010, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 10-1241B, amending the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to comply with federal and state law, which amendments included adoption of the Regional High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional HCT System Plan identified a new HCT corridor in the vicinity of Powell-Division as the second of the three near-term regional priority corridors; and

WHEREAS, in May 2012, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 12-4345, which updated the work program for corridor refinement planning and designated the Powell-Division HCT Corridor as the next regional priority for completion of corridor refinement, after which Metro and TriMet initiated the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project by commencing gathering information for the alternatives analysis for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 12-4362, endorsing the East Metro Corridor Refinement Plan, which identified Division Street as the preferred location for a major transit improvement in the City of Gresham; and

WHEREAS, in August 2013, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 13-4450, which provided funding for Community Planning and Development Grants, including funding for the City of Portland and the City of Gresham to assess land uses and create a development strategy for the Powell-Division HCT Corridor that is consistent with the HCT alternatives analysis; and

WHEREAS, in January 2014, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 14-4496, creating and appointing members of a steering committee, which committee members were identified in an open process as representative of major policy, program, geographic, and demographic interests in the project area, including community development, economic development and job creation in and near the plan area; and

WHEREAS, in September 2015, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 15-4634, endorsing the Transit Action Plan for the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project, which identified a preferred near-term high capacity transit solution for the corridor that safely and efficiently serves high ridership demand, improves access to transit, is coordinated with related transportation investments, and recognizes limited capital and operational funding; and

WHEREAS, in September 2015, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 15-4640, which provided additional Community Planning and Development Grant funding to the City of Portland and the City of Gresham to maximize the impact of Powell-Division bus rapid transit by realizing local

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community visions, promoting district design, activating business districts, and promoting development that will take advantage of the transit investment; and

WHEREAS, in November 2015, the Gresham City Council adopted Resolution No. 3225, to accept the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Gresham Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, in July 2016, the Portland City Council adopted Resolution No. 37224, to adopt the Powell-Division Transit & Development Project Portland Local Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project is a collaboration among Metro, TriMet, ODOT, Portland, Gresham, and Multnomah County to identify the preferred HCT investment in the corridor, and to implement a development strategy to support key places within the Powell-Division HCT Corridor for community and economic development; and

WHEREAS, there is community interest in and local and regional support for determining the best community investment strategy and specific projects for the Powell-Division HCT Corridor to address identified needs and fulfill local and regional aspirations; and

WHEREAS, there is also community interest in and local and regional support for leveraging regional transit planning efforts to support affordable housing, community stabilization, and economic development within the corridor; and

WHEREAS, local planning efforts completed and underway have identified major safety, roadway, and related bicycle and pedestrian improvements needed in the Powell-Division HCT Corridor, which planning efforts include the Inner Powell Boulevard Streetscape Plan, the Division Green Street/Main Street Plan, the Outer Powell Boulevard Conceptual Design Plan, East Portland in Motion, Division-Midway Neighborhood Street Plan, Division Complete Streets between Wallula and the Gresham-Fairview Trail, the Outer Powell Safety Project, and the East Metro Connections Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Steering Committee met numerous times over the course of the past three years, heard public input and testimony from individuals, community groups and affected businesses and nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2016, the Steering Committee made a recommendation for a Locally Preferred Alternative, including the mode of transportation, alignment, and general station locations; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2016, the Gresham City Council adopted Resolution No. 3267, to accept the Powell-Division Transit & Development Project Locally Preferred Alternative with an attached memorandum of understanding denoting that TriMet will seek to identify enhancements to the Gresham Transit Center and improve transit service to Mt. Hood Community College; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2016, the Portland City Council adopted Resolution No. 37254, to adopt the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project and Conditions for Approval, including a request that Metro advance Powell Boulevard for regional consideration within the High Capacity Transit planning and prioritizing process, and amend the Regional Transportation Plan to assert continued need for Powell Boulevard transit improvements; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2016, the TriMet Board of Directors adopted Resolution 16-12-70, to recommend confirmation of the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2016, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2016-131, to adopt the Steering Committee's Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Locally Preferred Alternative with an attached memorandum of understanding denoting that TriMet will seek to identify enhancements to the Gresham Transit Center and improve transit service to Mt. Hood Community College; and

WHEREAS, concurrently with the adoption of this Resolution No. 17-4776, the Metro Council is considering Ordinance No. 17-1396, regarding the amendment of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan to include the Locally Preferred Alternative of the Powell-Division Transit and Development, and to designate the Powell Boulevard corridor as a Mobility Corridor recommended for study in a future corridor refinement plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council adopts the Steering Committee's Powell-Division Transit and Development Project Locally Preferred Alternative (Exhibit A).

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Tom Hughes, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

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Alison Kean, Metro Attorney