

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5557, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR REGIONAL ACTION TO MITIGATE THE
IMPACTS OF FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS AND FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ON
METRO RESIDENTS

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Federal immigration enforcement priorities, federal funding shifts, and other disruptive actions have created widespread instability and fear in the region and have negatively affected the physical, economic, and social well-being of Metro residents. These disruptions are expected to continue for multiple years, resulting in impacts whose scale and duration exceed the capacity of individual city, county, or regional governments to address independently.

In recent months, Metro has been asked to respond to these impacts through time-limited emergency interventions. While such actions may be necessary to address immediate harm, they also underscore the need for a clearer framework to guide how Metro evaluates responses to federal actions, including when funding is appropriate and how funding decisions relate to other available legal, policy, and intergovernmental tools.

ACTION REQUESTED

This resolution proposes to refocus Metro's response to the impacts of federal actions by establishing a clearer framework for decision-making. The framework is intended to support more deliberate, consistent evaluation of funding requests and to ensure that Metro's actions are aligned with its role, authority, and capacity.

Specifically, the resolution directs the Chief Operating Officer and Metro Attorney to identify and evaluate potential legal, legislative, policy, and intergovernmental actions related to federal impacts, and adopts prioritization factors to guide consideration of future funding requests associated with federal actions.

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Approve Resolution No. 25-5557

- Adoption of a framework to guide regional action and the evaluation of future funding requests related to the impacts of federal funding shifts and enforcement actions on Metro residents.

Do not approve Resolution No. 25-5557

- Metro would continue to consider funding requests associated with federal impacts without an adopted decision-making framework.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommend that the Metro Council adopt the proposed framework to guide Metro's response to the impacts of federal actions.

The framework is intended to support more disciplined decision-making by establishing clear expectations for when funding requests related to federal actions are brought forward, how those requests are evaluated, and how funding decisions are considered alongside other available legal, policy, and intergovernmental options. Adoption of the framework will help ensure that Metro's responses are strategic, regionally focused, and aligned with the agency's role and resources.

ATTACHMENTS

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