

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING METRO)	RESOLUTION NO. 21-5206
COUNCIL’S VALUES, OUTCOMES, AND)	
ACTIONS FOR THE I-5 BRIDGE)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, the Interstate Bridge is part of a critical trade route for regional, national, and international commerce; and

WHEREAS, the existing structures were not designed to support the needs of today’s transportation system; and

WHEREAS, congestion and bridge lifts slow auto, transit, and freight movement along Interstate 5; and

WHEREAS, existing roadway design contributes to safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge’s narrow shared-use paths, low railings, and lack of dedicated pathways impede safe travel for pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, there are limited transit options across the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge could be significantly damaged in a major earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the states of Oregon and Washington are working together to replace the aging bridge with a modern, seismically resilient, multimodal structure that provides improved mobility for people, goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the I-5 Interstate Bridge Replacement Program (IBRP) is a collaboration between the Oregon and Washington Departments of Transportation, Metro, TriMet, C-TRAN, the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, the Cities of Portland and Vancouver, and the Ports of Portland and Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, Metro is a Participating Agency in the NEPA planning process; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council and staff participate in the IBRP Executive Steering Group, Equity Advisory Group, and staff level group, and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan with four primary priorities: Equity, Safety, Climate, and Congestion Relief; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council strives for policies that promote climate resiliency, sustainability, economic prosperity, community engagement, and creating or preserving livable spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council’s Values, Outcomes, and Actions for the I-5 Bridge Replacement Program reflects and documents the goals, objectives, and principles in the Regional Transportation Plan, Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, and Climate Smart Strategy and input from Council on previous Discussion Drafts, and

WHEREAS, Metro Council adoption of the Values, Outcomes, and Actions for the I-5 Bridge Replacement Program provides clear direction to Metro project participants when considering project elements and will shape input from Metro staff to the IBRP throughout the process to reflect the Council's priorities, now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Metro Council hereby adopts the Values, Outcomes, and Actions for the I-5 Bridge Replacement Program, as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 6th day of January, 2022.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney