

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2023)	ORDINANCE NO. 26-1537
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO)	
INCLUDE THE LOCALLY PREFERRED)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
ALTERNATIVE FOR THE TUALATIN VALLEY)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
HIGHWAY TRANSIT AND SAFETY PROJECT)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the federally-recognized metropolitan transportation plan for the greater Portland region, and must be updated every five years; and

WHEREAS, the RTP fulfills statewide planning requirements to implement Statewide Planning Goal 12 (Transportation), as implemented through the Transportation Planning Rule and the Metropolitan Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Rule; and

WHEREAS, the RTP is a central tool for implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept, and constitutes a policy component of the Regional Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, transit is a key element of the Climate Smart Strategy and the RTP; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Metro Council adopted the Regional Transit Strategy (RTS), as a component of the RTP, via Resolution No. 18-4892, which established the regional vision to make transit more frequent, convenient, accessible and affordable for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the HCT Strategy is a component of the 2018 RTS which was updated by Resolution No. 23-5348 to include new high capacity transit-related policies and identified high capacity transit lines on the Regional Transit Network map to better reflect the RTS vision; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 HCT Strategy identified the Tualatin Valley Highway corridor as a Tier 1 near-term priority investment which is included on the RTP 2030 financially constrained project list; and

WHEREAS, the most recent update to the RTP was completed on November 30, 2023, following approval by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and the Metro Council must approve any subsequent amendments to add new projects or policies or to substantially modify existing projects or policies in the RTP; and

WHEREAS, the public must be provided an opportunity to review and comment on proposed amendments to the RTP, consistent with the policies and procedures in Metro’s Public Engagement Guide; and

WHEREAS, ongoing efforts to address congestion in the region include directing growth in designated centers and corridors served by high-quality transit in combination with investments in system and demand management strategies, improving transit service and reliability, increasing bicycle and pedestrian connections and adding roadway capacity in targeted ways; and

WHEREAS, the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project was identified in the 2023 RTP's financially constrained list of projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, in January 2022 Metro and TriMet convened a Steering Committee for the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project, consisting of agency leaders, elected officials, and community representatives, to develop and recommend a Locally Preferred Alternative and funding strategy for high-capacity transit on TV Highway; and

WHEREAS, the TV Highway Transit and Safety Project Steering Committee met numerous times, heard public input and testimony, and unanimously recommended the LPA for adoption on February 13, 2025, including the mode of transportation, alignment, and general station locations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Washington County Commissioners unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25-26 on April 22, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the Cornelius City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2025-16 on May 5, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsboro City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2881 on May 6, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Grove City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2025-17 on May 12, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the Beaverton City Council unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25084 on May 27, 2025, endorsing the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the TriMet Board of Directors unanimously adopted Resolution Number 25-05-25 on May 28, 2025, recommending confirmation of the LPA; and

WHEREAS, the LPA was endorsed by the Oregon Department of Transportation with a letter of support dated May 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 12, 2025, JPACT approved Resolution No. 25-5504 and submitted the resolution to the Metro Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 26, 2025, Metro Council approved Resolution No. 25-5504 endorsing the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project; and

WHEREAS, FTA requires that the Locally Preferred Alternative be included in the Financially Constrained RTP and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan in order to be considered for a Small Starts Capital Investment Grant project rating; and

WHEREAS, Metro held a 45-day public comment period on the requested amendment from November 3 to December 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council held a public hearing on December 4, 2025 to accept public testimony and comments regarding the requested RTP amendment; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and MPAC have recommended approval of the requested RTP amendment by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council held an additional public hearing on the requested RTP amendment on March 5, 2026; now therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The 2023 Regional Transportation Plan is hereby amended, as indicated in attached Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this ordinance.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Georgia Langer, Recording Secretary

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney