

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING OR
ADDING THREE I-5 INTERSTATE BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS TO
THE 2024-27 MTIP TO MEET FEDERAL
PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS**

) RESOLUTION NO. 25-5503
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) Introduced by: Chief Operating Officer
) Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
) Council President Lynn Peterson
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WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) prioritizes projects from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to receive transportation-related funding; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires federal funding for transportation projects located in a metropolitan area to be programmed in an MTIP; and

WHEREAS, in July 2023, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 23-5335 to adopt the 2024-27 MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-27 MTIP includes Metro approved RTP and federal performance-based programming requirements and demonstrates compliance and further progress towards achieving the RTP and federal performance targets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the USDOT MTIP amendment submission rules, JPACT and the Metro Council must approve any subsequent amendments to the MTIP to add new projects or substantially modify existing projects; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 5 provides a critical connection between Oregon and Washington that supports local jobs and families, and is a vital trade route for regional, national and international economies; and

WHEREAS, bridge users are impacted by heavy congestion, safety issues, limited public transit options, and inadequate active transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are working together to design, replace, and construct a new I-5 Interstate Bridge across the Columbia River; and

WHEREAS, the I-5 Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) Program will also include system upgrades that include reconstructed interchanges, new auxiliary lanes, active transportation upgrades, and an extension of the TriMet MAX light rail system line to Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, benefits from the new I-5 bridge are anticipated to provide earthquake resilience to the I-5 corridor, improve, safety, congestion, and reliability, improve freight movement and connections, expand transit options and alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles, plus support tens of thousands of jobs in the region; and

WHEREAS, the I-5 IBR Program's Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is expected to receive its required Record of Decision from the Federal Highways Administration and Federal Transit Administration by early 2026 which will allow the construction phases to move forward; and

WHEREAS, the MTIP formal amendment adds new approved funding for the preliminary engineering phase, adds a new right-of-way and utility relocation phases, and new construction phases for the Columbia River Bridge Replacement package and pre-completion tolling signage project; and

WHEREAS, the IBR Program's 2023 Financial Plan estimates the total project will cost between \$5 billion to \$7.5 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the total amendment programming will result in three I-5 IBR projects and increase the total funding programmed from \$103,112,407 to \$2,057,861,000; and

WHEREAS, the I-5 IBR Program is will utilize bridge tolling expected to begin in 2027 to help generate required bridge revenues to cover part of the replacement bridge's costs and future maintenance funding needs; and

WHEREAS, approval for the new funding is required from the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and is anticipated to occur on July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the programming updates to the three projects are stated in Exhibit A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2025, Metro's Transportation Policy and Alternatives Committee recommended that JPACT approve this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2025, JPACT approved and recommended the Metro Council adopt this resolution; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council adopts this resolution to amend one existing and add the two new projects as stated within Exhibit A to the 2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to meet federal project delivery requirements.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____ 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney