BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISTRIBUTING \$18.8 MILLION OF CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE YEARS 2022-2026, PENDING INCLUSION IN THE 2024-2027 MTIP **RESOLUTION NO. 23-5337**

Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is the regional government responsible for regional land use and transportation planning under state law and the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Portland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) created a new federal transportation funding program called the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) with the explicit purposes to reduce transportation emissions through the development of carbon reduction strategies and to fund projects designed to reduce transportation emissions; and

WHEREAS, the BIL distributes CRP funds to states and MPOs through formulas that factor in aspects such as population; and

WHEREAS, based on this formula, the forecast anticipates distribution of approximately \$18.8 million in CRP funds to the metropolitan region for federal fiscal years 2022 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, federal regulation 23 CFR 450.324 authorizes Metro, acting with the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), to distribute CRP funds to eligible projects and programs in the metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan region worked collaboratively to develop the Climate Smart Strategy, adopted by Metro in Ordinance No. 14-1346B, to define actions for the region to meet state mandated greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, CRP project selection included consideration of the Climate Smart Strategy, federal eligibility requirements, project delivery, complimentary investments by state agency partners, and stakeholder feedback; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Policy Advisory Committee considered project and program options for funding and recommended JPACT forward a list of investments to the Metro Council for adoption; and

WHEREAS, JPACT considered the list of transportation projects and programs recommended by TPAC and voted to recommend the list, attached as Exhibit A, to the Metro Council for adoption; and

WHEREAS, receipt of these funds is conditioned on completion of requirements listed in Exhibit B attached; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council adopts the recommendation of JPACT on the proposed CRP programs and projects, attached as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 15th day of June, 2023.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney