

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING A)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5516
ROOFTOP COMMUNITY SOLAR LEASE)	
AGREEMENT AT THE METRO PORTLAND)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
EXPO CENTER)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro owns and operates the Metro Portland Expo Center, a multi-purpose event facility, located at 2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland, Oregon (the “Expo Center”); and

WHEREAS, Bonneville Environmental Foundation (“BEF”) is an environmental nonprofit partner that advances and deploys renewable energy and community scale solar energy projects; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2023, Metro and BEF began discussions about potentially locating a rooftop community solar array facility at the Expo Center, ultimately identifying Building Hall D and Building Hall E as suitable locations for such a facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, BEF conducted an interconnection study to determine the feasibility and capacity for a possible community solar array project at the Expo Center, and has effectively executed an interconnection agreement with PGE; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2024, BEF was awarded grant funding from the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund to use for the development and construction of a community solar array project at the Expo Center; and

WHEREAS this project supports Expo Future’s call for incremental investment in Halls D and E concepts and will not impact Expo redevelopment since Halls D and E will remain under the Expo Future development scenarios; and

WHEREAS Metro’s Capital Asset Management Department and Portland Expo reviewed potential impacts to the asset condition of the Expo Center and determined that there is low risk for any adverse impacts; and

WHEREAS, in order to locate a community solar rooftop facility at the Expo Center, the parties must enter into a long-term lease agreement that provides BEF with the access rights necessary to develop, construct, operate and maintain a facility at the site; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby:

1. Finds that the public interest will be furthered by entering into a long-term lease agreement that allows for the development, construction, operation and maintenance of a rooftop community solar array facility at the Metro Portland Expo Center; and
2. Authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and execute a rooftop community solar lease agreement at the Metro Portland Expo Center, provided the basic terms are substantially similar to those described on Exhibit A and the form of agreement is approved by the Office of Metro Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 31st day of July 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney