

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5607, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ONE PROJECT OF THE 2024-27 MTIP TO MEET FEDERAL PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

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Department: Planning, Development and Research
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The June FFY 2026 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Formal Amendment #2 proposes the following programming changes:

- Amends the Willamette Greenway Trail: Columbia Blvd Bridge project

Resolution No. 26-5607 authorizes the proposed MTIP Formal Amendment.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt Resolution 26-5607 to amend one project, as stated within Exhibit A, to the 2024-27 MTIP to meet federal project delivery requirements.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Advancement of the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) investment priorities of equitable transportation, climate action and resilience, safe system, mobility options, and thriving economy.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

- Should the Metro Council approve the resolution to move forward with proposed MTIP project amendments as recommended by JPACT?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) is scheduled to consider recommending approval of Resolution 26-5607 to the Metro Council on the morning of June 18, 2026.

Should JPACT recommend approval, the Metro Council will consider adopting Resolution 26-5607 at its meeting on June 18, 2026.

- If the Metro Council adopts the resolution, the required programming actions will be completed for the project in the June FFY 2026 Formal Amendment #2.

- If the Metro Council does not adopt the resolution, the required programming actions will not be completed, the projects will not move forward with next steps, and the amendment will return to JPACT for further consideration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Metro staff recommend approval of Resolution 26-5607.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. **Metro’s Strategic Framework or Core Mission:** The 2024-2027 MTIP follows transportation policy established in the development of the 2023 RTP. Projects programmed in the MTIP must be consistent with the RTP to ensure federal requirements are met.
2. **Metro’s racial equity and climate action goals:** While the package of investments in the adopted 2024-27 MTIP make very slight progress towards the 2023 RTP goals, which include Equitable Transportation and Climate Action, the individual projects and programs within the MTIP are likely to make better progress to the local communities in which they are located.

The Willamette Greenway Trail: Columbia Blvd Bridge project, included in the proposed amendment, constructs a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Columbia Blvd as a gap closure for added safety. The 2023 RTP identifies this investment as a project that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and is located in an equity focus area.

3. **Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback:** The agencies leading the projects included in this amendment acknowledge the proposed programming changes.

Metro conducted a 30-day public comment period, which closed on May 27, 2026. During this comment period, Metro did not receive any comments. Detailed information can be found in the Public Comment Period summary report, Exhibit B.

4. **Legal Antecedents:**
 - a. Amends the 2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program adopted by Metro Council Resolution 23-5335 on July 20, 2023 (FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE 2024-2027 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA)
 - b. Oregon Governor approval of the 2024-27 MTIP on September 13, 2023.
 - c. 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Approval and 2024 Federal Planning Finding on September 25, 2023.

- 5. **Anticipated Effects:** Enables the amendments to the projects in the MTIP and STIP.
- 6. **Financial Implications:** The proposed amendments have no impact to the Metro budget.

BACKGROUND

The 2024-2027 MTIP is a program implementation tool. It includes an investment profile and performance analysis of the progress expected toward the 2023 RTP’s regionally significant transportation investments. The MTIP must accurately maintain project information throughout the life of a project, from initial award/allocation to funding obligation and through all phases of project delivery. If a change emerges to a project’s scope, schedule or budget, the MTIP may need to be amended to reflect the change. As new federally funded and regionally significant projects emerge and are funded, the MTIP is amended to include the projects.

Amend Existing MTIP/STIP Programmed Project:

Project Number: 1	Key Number: 18832	Status: Existing Project
Project Name:	Willamette Greenway Trail: Columbia Blvd Bridge	
Lead Agency:	Portland Parks	
Current Project Description:	In North Portland at the intersection of the Willamette Greenway Trail and N. Columbia Blvd, construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Columbia Blvd as a gap closure for added pedestrian and bicyclists safety and to support the overall extension of the Willamette Greenway Trail from Kelly Point Park to Cathedral Park.	
Current Funding Summary:	The project is currently programmed with \$247,813 of Surface Transportation Block Grant, STBG-Flex funds, \$1,959,858 of Transportation Alternatives, TA-Urban funds, \$2,306,842 of STBG-Urban funds, and \$4,595,273 of local funds.	
Summary of Changes:	<p>The formal amendment is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel Utility Relocation phase and move \$247,813 of STBG Flex federal funds with a local match of \$28,363 to Construction phase. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local overmatch of \$29,148 from UR phase is no longer needed. • Amend Construction phase to program \$6,000,000 of TA-Flex federal funds awarded by the Oregon Community Paths (OCP) program with a local match of \$686,727. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local overmatch for Construction phase will be decreased by \$216,720. • Technical correction completed to change project description for consistency with the STIP with no changes in scope of project. 	

METRO REQUIRED PROJECT AMENDMENT REVIEWS

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.316-328, Metro is responsible for reviewing and ensuring MTIP amendments comply with all federal programming requirements. Metro staff evaluate each project and its requested changes against multiple MTIP programming review factors that originate from 23 CFR 450.316-328. The evaluation process is designed to ensure the MTIP is fiscally constrained, consistent with the approved RTP, and provides transparency in its updates, changes, and/or implementation.

PROPOSED PROCESSING AND APPROVAL ACTIONS:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
• TPAC agenda mailing.....	April 24, 2026
• Initiate the required public notification/comment process.....	April 27, 2026
• TPAC action	May 1, 2026
• Completion of public notification/comment process.....	May 27, 2026
• JPACT action	June 18, 2026
• Metro Council action.....	June 18, 2026
• Final amendment package submission to ODOT & USDOT.....	Late June 2026
• USDOT clarification and final amendment approval.....	Early August 2026

Note: The above dates are anticipated and could change.

ATTACHMENTS

None