

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 23-5332
REGIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM PLAN MAP)
) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marissa
) Madrigal in concurrence with Council President
) Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted the Greenspaces Master Plan in July 1992, which included a Regional Trails and Greenways Map, depicting proposed regional and multi-jurisdictional trails and greenways that would connect, among other things, natural areas and parks, regional centers and town centers, light-rail stations, and historical and scenic sites; and

WHEREAS, in May 2001, by Resolution 01-3068, the Metro Council approved the Criteria for Determining Regionally Significant Trails and Greenways for updating the Regional Trails and Greenways Map; and

WHEREAS, in July 2002, October 2008, July 2014, and most recently in June 2018, the Metro Council approved changes and additions to the Regional Trails and Greenways Map (now referred to as the “Regional Trails System Plan Map”); and

WHEREAS, in February 2016, by Resolution 15-4670, the Metro Council adopted the Parks and Nature System Plan, which outlines a mission-critical strategy to convene, plan and build a regional trail system; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion identifies the goal of convening and supporting regional partners to advance racial equity, and Metro conducts its regional trail planning efforts in close collaboration with regional partners, thereby providing an opportunity to advance racial equity through regional trail planning; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks and Nature staff propose to revise the Criteria for Determining Regionally Significant Trails and Greenways (now referred to as “Criteria for Determining Regionally Significant Trails”) for consistency with current language and best practices;

WHEREAS, local partner agencies have proposed segments of twenty-seven trails to be added or otherwise updated on the Regional Trails System Plan Map, and Metro’s natural areas and transportation planning staff reviewed these updates for consistency with Metro’s planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, these twenty-seven trails are consistent with local, state and federal plans, meet the Criteria for Determining Regionally Significant Trails, and have been vetted through public planning processes; and

WHEREAS, the newly updated Regional Trails System Plan Map will be used to inform updates to Metro’s Regional Transportation Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Metro Parks and Nature planning efforts, and local, state and federal partner trail planning efforts and initiatives; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby approves the revised Criteria for Determining Regionally Significant Trails, as described in Exhibit A, and the updated Regional Trails System Plan Map, as described in Exhibit B and mapped in Exhibit C.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney