



# **METRO FY 2026-27 BUDGET**

Summary of Proposed Budget  
Amendments for the FY 2026-27 Budget

Discussion and Vote of Budget Amendments: June 4,  
2026

Vote to Adopt Budget: June 18, 2026

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## FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget Amendment Impacts

The following proposed budget amendments would *increase* appropriations as follows:

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION** increase by \$5,983,919

- **General Fund** increase by \$2.5M
- **General Asset Management Fund** increase by \$750K
- **MERC Fund** increase by \$2.5M
- **Parks and Nature Operating Fund** increase by \$250K

The following proposed budget amendments result in a *net zero* impact to FTE:

**TOTAL FTE** *net zero*

- **General Fund net zero**
  - Council & Office of the COO: 1.0 FTE Reduction
    - Transfer of Senior Program Analyst to IT
  - Information Technology (IT): 1.0 FTE Addition
    - Transfer of Senior Program Analyst from Council & Office of the COO
- **MERC Fund net zero**
  - Venues: Expo: 0.5 FTE Reduction
    - Transfer of Setup & Operations Supervisor to OCC
  - Venues: OCC: 0.5 FTE Addition
    - Transfer of Setup & Operations Supervisor from Expo

The following proposed changes to the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) are:

**TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)**

- **Capital Asset Management** increase of \$150,000
- **Expo** increase of \$15,600,000
- **Parks and Nature** increase of \$15,543,152

## Contingency, Appropriation and Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Impacts

Below is a list, by department and Fund, of each requested budget amendment affecting Contingency, Appropriations and FTE.

### CENTRAL SERVICES

<b>CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #831</b> CAM Carryforward	<p><b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$78,500 to carryforward unspent FY2025-26 funds.</b></p> <p>Carries forward funding to complete departmental initiatives initiated in FY2025-26.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$62,000 supports completion of Metro’s Sustainability Plan. Sustainability program staff have a draft framework and action plan, but expanded scope for stakeholder engagement and implementation planning has extended the project timeline. Completion is expected in Fall 2026.</li> <li>\$16,500 supports final implementation of centralized fleet software to improve maintenance, replacement planning, and fuel/energy tracking.</li> </ul>
<b>General Asset Management Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #832</b> CAM R&R Carryforward	<p><b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$150,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025-26 funds.</b></p> <p>Funds completion of the MRC Single Use Restroom project, anticipated by September 2026.</p>
<b>COUNCIL &amp; OFFICE OF THE COO</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #828</b> Social Innovation Carryforward	<p><b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$150,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025-26 funds.</b></p> <p>Supports Seeding Justice disbursements tied to milestone-based deliverables expected in late summer to early fall 2026.</p>
<b>Amendment #833</b> Transfer of 1.0 FTE to Information Technology	<p><b>-1.0 FTE – Senior Program Analyst</b></p> <p>Transfers a Senior Program Analyst position from the Revenue and Analytics Division to Information Technology to align technical data and systems work within the appropriate department. Improves organizational clarity and positions IT to better deliver on Metro's data and digital transformation priorities.</p> <p>Transfer of the position results in a reduction of 1.0 FTE and \$226,779 in personnel services costs, but is net zero to the general fund.</p>

<p><b>Amendment #838</b> GAPD Carryforward</p>	<p><b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$122,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b></p> <p>Supports public opinion research within the Regional Investment Strategy program.</p>
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**DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION**

<b>General Fund</b>	
<p><b>Amendment #842</b> Grants Carryforward</p>	<p><b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$59,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 grant funds.</b></p> <p>Supports grant disbursements delayed by administrative constraints among partner organizations, including workforce reductions and delays in completing administrative processes. Program staff continue to work closely with partners, and funds are expected to be fully distributed by Fall 2026</p>

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

<b>General Fund</b>	
<p><b>Amendment #830</b> HR Carryforward</p>	<p><b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$10,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b></p> <p>Supports development of an updated employee policy manual to improve clarity and accessibility. Contract execution is expected in FY2026–27.</p>

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

<b>General Fund</b>	
<p><b>Amendment #833</b> Transfer of 1.0 FTE from Council &amp; Office of the COO</p>	<p><b>+1.0 FTE – Senior Program Analyst</b></p> <p>Transfers a Senior Program Analyst position from the Revenue and Analytics Division to Information Technology to align technical data and systems work within the appropriate department. Improves organizational clarity and positions IT to better deliver on Metro's data and digital transformation priorities.</p> <p>Transfer of the position results in an addition of 1.0 FTE and \$226,779 in personnel services costs, but is net zero to the general fund.</p>
<p><b>Amendment #833</b> IT Carryforward</p>	<p><b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$345,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b></p> <p>Supports continuation of key initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$145,000 for Metro's digital transformation initiative, including software subscriptions, AI model consumption, and developer tooling that supports AI and agentic application development.</li> <li>• \$220,000 for cybersecurity enhancements, including implementation of a Security Operations Center and system upgrades—informed by the results of the January 2026 Penetration Testing and NIMS Cyber Security Framework gap analysis. Due to delays in hiring the Chief Information Security Officer and procurement, the bulk of the work will move to FY2026-27</li> </ul>

<b>General Asset Management Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #834</b> IT R&R Carryforward	<b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$400,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b>  Supports evaluation and prioritization of IT capital projects in FY2026–27.

<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #827 R3</b> Carryforward	<b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$300,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b>  Addresses program funding needs resulting from delayed program start in FY2025-26.

<b>OFFICE OF THE METRO ATTORNEY</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #840</b> OMA Personnel Expenses	<b>\$75,000 increase in personnel services</b>  Provides additional resources to address personnel cost pressures in OMA’s budget—which is 98% personnel services, leaving minimal flexibility to absorb benefit cost increases and staffing changes.  Budget increase of \$75,000 will be paid for by general fund contingency.

## PARKS AND NATURE

<b>General Asset Management Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #837</b> Project Carryforward	<b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$200,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b>  Supports acquisition of two utility vehicles scheduled for delivery in FY2026–27.
<b>Parks and Nature Operating Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #836</b> P&N Carryforward	<b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$250,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b>  Supports sponsorship expenditures delayed into FY2026–27.

## PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #820</b> PDR Carryforward	<b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$80,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b>  Supports consulting services for the Travel Model and Household Travel Survey, and Urban Growth Boundary.
<b>Amendment #821</b> Future Vision Carryforward	<b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$425,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025–26 funds.</b>  Funds an additional placemaking grant cycle tied to Future Vision initiatives, including the creation and presentation of artistic and cultural works that deepen public engagement with Future Vision’s goals, as well as its

	culmination and launch phases. Grants will be provided to artists and culture bearers to fund their creative contributions. The effort will also include communication and storytelling components to document these works and share them broadly with the community.
<b>Amendment #822</b> MPO Funding Increase	<p><b>\$22,130 increase in contingency</b></p> <p>Aligns budgeted ODOT-provided MPO funding estimates with finalized allocations.</p> <p>Budget increase of \$22,130 in revenue will be allocated to general fund contingency.</p>

## VISITOR VENUES

EXPO	
MERC Fund	
<b>Amendment #823</b> Expo Carryforward	<p><b>Increases beginning fund balance by \$200,000 to carryforward unspent FY2025-26 funds.</b></p> <p>Funds a Facilities Condition Assessment for Halls D and E, delayed to the beginning of FY2026-27.</p>
<b>Amendment #825</b> Transfer of 0.5 FTE to Oregon Convention Center	<p><b>-0.5 FTE – Setup &amp; Operations Supervisor</b></p> <p>Restores a 1.0 FTE Setup &amp; Operations Supervisor to OCC that had previously been split equally between OCC (0.5 FTE) and Expo (0.5 FTE), to align with the OCC/Expo unified management structure.</p> <p>Transfer of the position results in a decrease of 0.5 FTE and \$70,397 in personnel services costs in Expo with the offsetting increase in OCC, net zero impact to the MERC fund overall.</p>
<b>Amendment #826</b> VDFI Revenue Update	<p><b>\$46,000 decrease in contingency</b></p> <p>Adjusts budget to reflect finalized Visitors Development Fund Inc. (VDFI) allocations, which were based on estimates during initial budget development. Approved allocations reflect a 20 percent reduction from the Visitor Facilities Trust Account (VFTA) baseline, compared to the assumed reduction of 12-15 percent.</p> <p>Budget decrease of \$46,000 in revenue will be offset by a reduction in Expo contingency.</p>

OREGON CONVENTION CENTER	
MERC Fund	
<b>Amendment #824</b> OCC Position Reallocation	<p><b>\$4,929 increase in personnel services</b></p> <p>Adjusts funding between positions to reflect correct assignment and budgeting within the unified OCC/Expo management structure.</p> <p>Budget increase of \$4,929 will be paid for by OCC contingency</p>

<p><b>Amendment #825</b> Transfer of 0.5 FTE from Expo</p>	<p><b>+0.5 FTE – Setup &amp; Operations Supervisor</b></p> <p>Restores a 1.0 FTE Setup &amp; Operations Supervisor to OCC that had previously been split equally between OCC (0.5 FTE) and Expo (0.5 FTE), to align with the OCC/Expo unified management structure.</p> <p>Transfer of the position results in a decrease of 0.5 FTE and \$70,397 in personnel services costs in Expo with the offsetting increase in OCC, net zero impact to the MERC fund overall.</p>
<p><b>Amendment #826</b> VDFI Revenue Update</p>	<p><b>\$763,000 increase in contingency</b></p> <p>Adjusts budget to reflect finalized Visitors Development Fund Inc. (VDFI) allocations, which were based on estimates during initial budget development. Approved allocations reflect a 20 percent reduction from the Visitor Facilities Trust Account (VFTA) baseline, compared to the assumed reduction of 12–15 percent.</p> <p>Includes a one-time allocation of \$960,000 to stabilize fund balance, as approved by the VDFI Board in the same budget cycle.</p> <p>The net budget increase of \$763,600 in revenue will be allocated to OCC contingency.</p>

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**MERC Fund**

<p><b>Amendment #826</b> VDFI Revenue Update</p>	<p><b>\$38,000 decrease in contingency</b></p> <p>Adjusts budget to reflect finalized Visitors Development Fund Inc. (VDFI) allocations, which were based on estimates during initial budget development. Approved allocations reflect a 20 percent reduction from the Visitor Facilities Trust Account (VFTA) baseline, compared to the assumed reduction of 12–15 percent.</p> <p>Budget decrease of \$38,000 in revenue will be offset by a reduction in P'5 contingency.</p>
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<b>EXPO FUTURES PROJECT</b>	
<b>Amendment #839</b> Expo Futures	Expo Future Phase 3 is ongoing and expected to span multiple years. While external funding may become available for specific purposes, the requests below are anticipated to rely primarily on Metro General Funds. These investments advance the Expo Future vision and support strategic service offerings that strengthen Expo’s long-term financial stability.
<b>General Fund</b>	
	<p><b>Increases General Fund beginning balance by \$412,689 and materials and services by \$500,000</b></p> <p>This amendment allocates \$500,000 for continued Expo Future planning, including campus development and advancement of memorialization efforts as recommended by the HSMC. This continues the work from past several years that supported studies, assessments, and planning related to both the sports and memorialization Council resolutions. That unfinished work will continue into FY 2026-27 with carryforward of \$412,689.</p> <p>Efforts will continue to be supported by the GMCC and a project manager from the COO Strategic Initiatives team. Given the scale and complexity of the Council-adopted vision, Expo Future planning is expected to continue over multiple years.</p>
<b>MERC Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #839</b> Expo Futures	<p><b>Increases MERC fund Beginning Fund Balance by \$1,600,000</b></p> <p>This amendment carries forward \$1.6 million of the \$2 million originally budgeted in FY 2025–26 for the Expo Futures Sports Infrastructure project (CIP Project 8N168) into FY 2026–27 to support continued project implementation. These funds represent unspent prior-year resources and are fully funded.</p>
<b>Expo (CIP)</b>	
<b>Amendment #839</b> Expo Futures	<p>This amendment adds \$14 million to the Expo Center Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project 8N168 to add infrastructure and equipment to make Halls D &amp; E court sport ready. At the February 10, 2026 joint Metro Council and Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) work session, both bodies expressed support for accelerating the Expo transition and specifically endorsed the full sports pivot scenario estimated at \$14–\$16 million. The approved scenario includes permanent sports flooring with ceiling-hung basketball hoops and portable volleyball systems, lighting upgrades, and a turnkey configuration to support tournament-level competition.</p> <p>This amendment increases the existing project from FY2025-26 (\$2 million), to the full scope of the planned project (\$16 million). The FY2026-27 budget includes \$1.5 million in ongoing General Fund resources to support future debt service for this project, and the full funding plan and associated appropriations will be considered through subsequent FY2026-27 budget amendments.</p>

## Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Changes

Below is a list, by department and fund, of each requested budget amendment impacting the 5-year CIP.

### CENTRAL SERVICES

<b>CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT (CAM)</b>	
<b>General Asset Management fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #832</b> 1 project	<p><b>Increases project budget to carryforward FY2025–26 funding and scope.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases the MRC Single-User Restrooms project budget to carryforward prior-year funding.</li> </ul> <p>Net change to the CIP is an increase of \$150,000</p>

### PARKS AND NATURE

<b>General Asset Management Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #837</b> 2 projects	<p><b>Increases project budgets to carryforward FY2025–26 funding and reflect updated cost estimates.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases the Fleet: Parks project to support acquisition of two utility vehicles scheduled for delivery in FY2026–27.</li> <li>Increases the Glendoveer Cart Path Paving project in FY2027–28 based on updated cost estimates.</li> </ul> <p>Net change to the CIP is an increase of \$700,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FY2026-27: \$200,000</li> <li>FY2027-28: \$500,000</li> </ul>
<b>Parks and Nature Bond Fund</b>	
<b>Amendment #837</b> 14 projects	<p><b>Adds three projects, removes one project, and adjusts 10 existing projects to carryforward FY2025–26 funding, reflect updated cost estimates, and align project scope and schedules.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds the Fern Hill Forest Stream Restoration project, transferred from the Parks and Nature Operating Fund.</li> <li>Adds the Willamette Cove Design and Willamette Cove Construction projects.</li> <li>Removes the Quamash Prairie McFee Creek Crossing project due to reprioritization of funding and project needs.</li> <li>Increases Natural Areas Acquisition, Oxbow Pump House Renovation, Oxbow Well Replacement, and Farmington Paddle Launch Accessibility Improvements projects, due to updated cost forecasts.</li> <li>Increases Marine Drive Trail due to an updated construction schedule.</li> <li>Increases Multnomah North Channel Restoration to carryforward FY2025–26 funding and scope.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreases the Oxbow Portable Water System and Willamette Cove Remedial Design and Remedial Action projects due to revised cost estimates.</li> <li>• Re-allocated budgets for Oxbow Horizontal Drainage – Roadway Improvements and Oxbow Drainage Improvement projects from FY2026-27 to FY2027-28 due to project schedule.</li> </ul> <p>Net change to the CIP is an increase of \$15,164,152:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY2026-27: decrease of \$2,904,600</li> <li>• FY2027-28: increase of \$69,334</li> <li>• FY2028-29: increase of \$8,119,334</li> <li>• FY2029-30: decrease of \$127,666</li> <li>• FY2030-31: increase of \$10,386,750</li> </ul>
<b>Parks and Nature Operating Fund</b>	
<p><b>Amendment #837</b> 1 project</p>	<p><b>Removes one project to reflect a transfer across funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes the Fern Hill Forest Stream Restoration project following its transfer to the Parks and Nature Bond Fund.</li> </ul> <p>Net change to the CIP is zero. Net change to the Parks and Nature Operating Fund is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY2026-27: (\$296,000)</li> <li>• FY2027-28: (\$25,000)</li> </ul>