

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5534
THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES	)	
REFORM WORK PLAN	)	Introduced by Metro Council President
	)	Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020, the Metro Council referred to the Metro area voters a personal and business income tax for the purposes of funding Supportive Housing Services in the Metro region (Measure 26-210, the “Supportive Housing Services Measure”), which Metro Area voters approved on May 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council subsequently codified Measure 26-210 in Metro Code Chapters 11.01, 7.05, 7.06, and 7.07; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the midpoint of Supportive Housing Services (SHS)’s 10-year lifespan, approved by voters in 2020. Metro and its partners are applying lessons learned to refine the systems and administrative procedures that will stabilize and strengthen the regional homeless services system; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, Metro has received consistent feedback from the Council President’s Work Group, the Metro COO’s Stakeholder Advisory Table, SHS’s advisory committees, public opinion research, and a wide range of regional and statewide stakeholders emphasizing both the urgency of this work and the importance of program success; and

WHEREAS, this feedback identifies three near-term improvement priorities for the SHS Program: streamlined regional implementation and oversight; improved metrics and reporting that enable transparent and accessible communication with the public; and demonstrated efficient use of public resources; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders consistently underscored that SHS resources remain critical to the region’s ongoing efforts to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in June 2025, Metro Council determined not to pursue a ballot measure to amend or extend SHS funding until participating governments collectively take action to improve voter confidence in the program; and

WHEREAS, in July 2025, Metro staff presented recommended reform areas to Metro Council and committed to developing a Work Plan for Council consideration in fall 2025, resulting in the Reform Work Plan (“Work Plan”) now presented; and

WHEREAS, the Work Plan provides near-term, practical reform actions that can be implemented without a ballot measure and are designed to streamline oversight, accelerate coordination, and increase system effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Work Plan reflects extensive Metro-led engagement from January 2024 through June 2025, as well as ongoing feedback from community members, jurisdictional partners, and Metro Councilors; and

WHEREAS, the Work Plan proposes reforms in the areas of governance, regional investments, performance metrics, data transparency, and administrative standards, and includes background information, high-level descriptions, key milestones, deliverables, and draft timelines for each action; and

WHEREAS, the Work Plan proposes that Metro Council endorse the draft regional key performance indicators, key environmental indicators, and goals for future consideration and approval by the future SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (RPOC), as these proposed metrics are intended to support effective regional oversight and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, successful implementation of these reforms will require continued close collaboration with County implementation partners, whose ongoing involvement is essential to ensuring alignment, effectiveness, and responsiveness to community needs; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Metro Council hereby adopts the SHS Reform Work Plan attached as Exhibit A and the reform actions contained therein.
2. Metro staff are directed to implement the reform actions identified in the Work Plan and to collaborate with County implementation partners to support effective and coordinated regional implementation.
3. The Metro Council endorses the draft regional Key Performance Indicators, Key Environmental Indicators, and regional goals for future consideration by the SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of December 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney