

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2018	)	ORDINANCE NO. 23-1496
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)	)	
TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
LAW AND AMENDING THE REGIONAL	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
FRAMEWORK PLAN	)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is the directly elected regional government responsible for regional land use and transportation planning under state law and the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Portland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together serve as the MPO board for the region in a unique partnership that requires joint action on all MPO decisions, including the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) advises and makes recommendations to the Metro Council on growth management and land use issues at the policy level, including the RTP; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) provide input and recommendations to JPACT and MPAC, respectively, at the technical level; and

WHEREAS, Metro's Committee on Racial Equity (CORE) advises Metro Council and staff on the implementation of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and provided input that helped shape the RTP vision and goals and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the RTP is the federally recognized transportation plan for the Portland metropolitan region, and must be updated every five years to ensure continued compliance with federal planning regulations and funding eligibility of projects and programs using federal transportation funds in the region; and

WHEREAS, the RTP fulfills statewide planning requirements to implement Statewide Planning Goal 12, as implemented through the Transportation Planning Rule (Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660 Division 12) and the Metropolitan Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Rule (Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660 Division 44); and

WHEREAS, the RTP is a central tool for implementing Metro's Region 2040 Growth Concept and Climate Smart Strategy and constitutes a policy component of the Regional Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, the last update to the RTP was adopted by the Metro Council on December 6, 2018 via Ordinance No. 18-1421 and was subsequently approved and acknowledged by the Land Conservation and Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and the Metro Council approved the 2023 RTP work plan and public engagement plan on April 21 and May 5, 2022, respectively; and

WHEREAS, from May 2022 through November 2023, the Metro Council and Metro staff engaged the public, community, and business leaders, and local, regional and state partners to update the RTP, including its vision, goals, objectives, policies, performance measures, and projects; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff have conducted planning activities informed by extensive inclusive public engagement to support a regional policy discussion on the future of the region's transportation system and the role that investment can play in providing safe, reliable and affordable mobility options to access to jobs, education, healthcare and other services and opportunities and building healthy, climate-friendly and equitable communities and a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, central to the 2023 RTP is an overall emphasis on making progress toward the region's safety, equity, climate, economic and mobility goals, and state goals for reductions in per capita vehicle miles traveled and corresponding greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023, Metro released the initial draft of the 2023 RTP and Appendices for public review and comment, providing a 45-day public comment period on the draft 2023 RTP through August 25, 2023, and held a public hearing on July 27, 2023 to accept public testimony and comments; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff invited federally-recognized tribes, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and other federal, state and regional resource, wildlife, land management and regulatory agencies to consult on the 2023 RTP and Appendices in accordance with 23 CFR 450.316, and convened six separate consultation meetings in Fall 2021, Spring 2023 and on August 17 and 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council, JPACT, MPAC, MTAC, TPAC, TriMet, the South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART), local government elected officials and staff, small and large businesses and economic development interests, business and community leaders, and the public, particularly underrepresented communities including Black, Indigenous and people of color communities, people with low income, people who speak limited English, people experiencing a disability, youth and older adults, assisted in the development of the 2023 RTP and provided comment throughout the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 RTP sets the foundation for local transportation plan updates, future region-wide planning efforts, regional efforts to seek transportation infrastructure funding, and defines specific activities for Metro and regional partners to take over the next few years to support the outcomes identified through the RTP update; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and MPAC have made recommendations to the Metro Council on adoption of the 2023 RTP and Appendices; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council held two additional public hearings on the 2023 RTP and its components identified in Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, and Exhibit D on September 28 and November 30, 2023; now therefore,

**THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan is hereby amended to become the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan, as indicated in attached Exhibit A and Appendices, and the addendum to Exhibit A, which are all attached and incorporated into this ordinance.

2. Chapter 2 (Transportation) of Metro's Regional Framework Plan is hereby amended, as indicated in Exhibit B, attached and incorporated into this ordinance, to reflect the updated Transportation policies in the 2023 RTP in Exhibit A.
3. The "Summary of Comments Received and Recommended Actions," attached as Exhibit C, is incorporated by reference and any amendments reflected in the recommended actions are incorporated in Exhibit A.
4. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, attached as Exhibit D, explain how these amendments comply with the Regional Framework Plan, statewide planning laws and the Oregon Transportation Plan and its applicable components.
5. Staff is directed to submit this ordinance and exhibits to the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) for acknowledgment.
6. The 2023 RTP is hereby adopted as the federally recognized metropolitan transportation plan and shall be transmitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 30th day of November 2023.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

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Connor Ayers, Recording Secretary

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney