

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING 2019) RESOLUTION NO. 25-5470
PARKS AND NATURE BOND FUNDS TO)
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY TO ACQUIRE) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
PROPERTY IN THE MULTNOMAH CHANNEL) Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
HEADWATERS TARGET AREA) Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, at the general election held on November 5, 2019, the voters in the Metro area approved Measure 26-203, the 2019 Parks and Nature Measure that authorized Metro to issue general obligation bonds for the purposes of protecting natural areas, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat and connecting people to nature (the “Measure”); and

WHEREAS, the Measure directs Metro to use a portion of the total bond proceeds to continue to protect and connect greater Portland’s special places by purchasing land for restoration to support plants, animals and people in 24 identified regional target areas (the “Protect and Restore Land Program”); and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 19-5055, directing the Protect and Restore Land Program to acquire property in accordance with the Acquisition Parameters and Due Diligence Guidelines of the Amended and Restated Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan adopted pursuant to Metro Council Resolution No. 14-4536 (the “Natural Areas Work Plan”); and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2022, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 22-5250, “For the Purpose of Approving Acquisition Target Area Refinement Plans for the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure,” which included the Multnomah Channel Headwaters Target Area Refinement Plan and authorized the Chief Operating Officer to acquire specific properties identified on corresponding confidential tax-lot maps, provided such acquisitions comply with the applicable Natural Areas Work Plan requirements; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2024, the Metro Council approved Resolution 24-5389, amending the Natural Areas Work Plan to authorize the Chief Operating Officer to use Protect and Restore Land Program funds to support property acquisitions made by government partners when such acquisitions achieve the goals and objectives of the Measure and comply with certain conditions (the “Partner Acquisition Parameters”); and

WHEREAS, Oregon State University, a public university established by the laws of the State of Oregon (“OSU”), has a unique opportunity to purchase approximately 3,000 acres of contiguous forestland in the Multnomah Channel Headwaters Target Area (the “Property”) to use as a demonstration forest focused on restoring habitat, promoting biodiversity, and enhancing climate resilience through carbon sequestration, oak and hardwood species promotion, stream restoration, and wildlife habitat creation; and

WHEREAS, OSU’s acquisition of the Property aligns with the stated goals and objectives of Metro’s Multnomah Channel Headwaters Target Area Refinement plan, including improving biotic connectivity across Highway 30 and the Portland and Western Railroad, restoring Tualatin Mountains headwater forests, and enhancing water quality and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Metro desires to provide OSU with \$3,500,000 in Protect and Restore Land bond funds, which exceeds the funding limitations of the Partner Acquisition Parameters set forth in the Work Plan and therefore Council approval is required; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with OSU to provide \$3,500,000 of Protect and Restore Land funds to be used to acquire the Property, provided that said intergovernmental agreement complies with all other Partner Acquisition Parameters of the Work Plan and is in a form approved by the Office of the Metro Attorney.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 20th day of March, 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney