

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 21-5217
2021- 24 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION)	
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ADD)	Introduced by: Chief Operating Officer
THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
AND PARTIAL FUNDING OF \$71 MILLION)	Council President Lynn Peterson
DOLLARS FOR ODOT AND WSDOT'S)	
INTERSTATE 5 – INTERSTATE BRIDGE)	
REPLACEMENT PROJECT (NV22-03-NOV2))	

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) prioritizes projects from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to receive transportation related funding; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council approved the 2021-24 MTIP via Resolution 20-5110 on July 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and the Metro Council must approve any subsequent amendments to add new projects or substantially modify existing projects in the MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation has issued clarified MTIP amendment submission rules and definitions for MTIP formal amendments and administrative modifications that both the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and all Oregon MPOs must adhere to which includes that all new projects added to the MTIP must complete the formal amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) previously approved \$9 million dollars in Federal Fiscal Year 2020 for pre-National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and design activities to determine the feasibility for the I-5 Interstate Bridge Replacement Project (IBRP); and

WHEREAS, the OTC now has approved a total of \$36 million dollars in support of required Preliminary Engineering (PE) activities in support of the IBRP, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has approved \$35 million dollars to support required PE work for the IBRP; and

WHEREAS, completion of the PE phase will be a combined bi-state effort between ODOT and WSDOT; and

WHEREAS, the key objectives of the PE phase are to complete the federal environmental review process, obtain necessary state and federal permits, finalize project design, develop a finance plan, secure adequate funding, address public questions and concerns, and prepare the project to move forward into right-of-way and construction phases; and

WHEREAS, a review of the proposed MTIP amendment has been completed against the current RTP to ensure the MTIP remains consistent with the goals and strategies identified in the RTP; and

WHEREAS, RTP consistency check areas included financial constraint verification, eligibility and proper use of committed funds, and confirming that the MTIP's financial constraint finding is maintained by the MTIP amendment; and

WHEREAS, staff for the IBRP prepared an analysis of the project describing how the proposed amendment is consistent with relevant provisions of the Oregon Highway Plan, the RTP, and the Regional Transportation Functional Plan, which analysis is included in Attachment 1 and Attachment 3 to the staff report dated November 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the IBRP staff analysis includes a performance evaluation against the RTP's four priority investment goals of congestion relief, climate, equity, and safety, which is also included in Attachment 1 and Attachment 3 to the staff report dated November 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Metro's Transportation Policy and Alternatives Committee received their notification plus amendment summary overview, and recommended approval to Metro's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) on November 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2021 JPACT voted to recommend approval of Resolution 21-5217 and adoption of the November #2 2021 Formal MTIP Amendment by the Metro Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to amend the 2021-24 MTIP to include the preliminary engineering phase of the I-5 Interstate Bridge Replacement Project as described in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 6th day of January 2022.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney