

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING GUIDING) RESOLUTION NO. 23-5331
PRINCIPLES OF MEANINGFUL PUBLIC)
ENGAGEMENT) Introduced by Operating Officer Marissa
) Madrigal in concurrence with Council
) President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is committed to promoting and sustaining effective public engagement, which is an essential component of good government; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted Metro’s current Principles of Citizen Involvement in 1997 via Resolution No. 97-2433; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted an updated Public Engagement Guide in 2013 via Resolution No. 13-4476, which relied in part on the Principles of Citizen Involvement that were adopted in 1997; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Metro Chief Operating Officer adopted a COVID 19 Policy on Community Engagement, which applied modern best practices for community engagement during a period of a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has identified a need to update both the Principles of Citizen Involvement and the Public Engagement Guide to bring them into alignment with Metro’s Strategic Framework, Metro’s Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, current best practices for meaningful public engagement, and modern Metro values; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year the Metro project team and engagement specialists prepared an initial draft of 13 updated guiding principles, which were then reviewed, revised and shortened to eight guiding principles by the Metro Public Engagement Review Committee, Metro staff and the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, after two meetings of the Metro Public Engagement Review Committee in April and May of this year, the committee voted to approve the updated guiding principles and forward them to the Metro Council for final review; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council reviewed the proposed guiding principles at a work session on May 30, 2023 and endorsed the eight proposed guiding principles with minor revisions; and

WHEREAS, the new guiding principles will provide an important foundation for updating Metro’s Public Engagement Guide later this year; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Metro Council hereby adopts the new Guiding Principles for Meaningful Public Engagement attached as Exhibit A to this resolution, replacing the previously adopted Principles of Citizen Involvement.

2. The Metro Council directs Metro staff to proceed with updating Metro's Public Engagement Guide, consistent with the new guiding principles adopted by this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 15th day of June 2023.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney