

# MPAC Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title:** Consideration of 2023 RTP Amendments to include LPAs for Three Transit Projects

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## Purpose/Objective

Metro and regional partners have made significant progress on the 82nd Avenue Transit Project, Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project and Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension, and are ready to take the next step in project development. To be eligible, the endorsed transit projects must have their Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPAs) adopted in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The next RTP update will not be completed until closer to November 30, 2028.

The amendments under consideration would include the LPAs as part of the 2023 RTP for these transit projects to become eligible to compete for federal and state funding opportunities now to support project development sooner. Both Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and MPAC, as well as Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), received introductions to the proposed amendments in February.

## Action Requested/Outcome

MPAC is being asked to consider and make a recommendation to Metro Council on the following RTP amendments:

- Ordinance No. 26-1536 For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the 82nd Avenue Transit Project (**Attachments 1 and 2**)
- Ordinance No. 26-1537 For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project (**Attachments 3 and 4**)
- Ordinance No. 26-1538 For the Purpose of Amending the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan to Include the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension (**Attachments 5 and 6**)

On March 18, MTAC voted to recommend MPAC adopt Ordinance Nos. 26-1536, 26-1537 and 26-1538 (with three abstentions on the latter from the Department of Land Conservation and Development, Portland Public Schools and Multnomah County Community representatives).

## What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?

Last year, local partners, TPAC, MTAC, MPAC, JPACT and Metro Council endorsed the LPAs for all three transit projects which are identified as regional priorities in the 2023 RTP (and its element the High Capacity Transit Strategy) to improve transit speed, reliability, capacity, safety, comfort and access aligned with the vision established in the regional transit strategy. There are no changes proposed to the LPAs as part of these amendments. Rather the proposed amendments will incorporate the endorsed LPAs in the 2023 RTP to reflect:

- the LPA route alignment on the regional transit network map,
- LPA project description, cost and anticipated revenues, and

- the project timeline and status and related future corridor-refinement activities in appendices of the 2023 RTP.

Amendments to the RTP require a legislative process under State land use law. On November 3, 2025, Metro kicked off this process by releasing the proposed amendments for all three transit projects for public review and comment, providing a 45-day public comment period through December 19, 2025. Metro Council held a public hearing on December 4, 2025 to accept public testimony and comments. On March 5, 2026 Metro Council held an additional public hearing and first reading.

Only one comment has been received, on December 4, which opposed the transit priority lanes proposed for construction as part of the 82nd Avenue Transit Project. It is important to note that neither the Locally Preferred Alternative nor the proposed RTP amendments include this level of detail and instead identify the route and station locations. Design details, like transit priority lanes, is part of project development that will occur in the next phase.

### **Next Steps**

TPAC unanimously voted to recommend JPACT adopt Ordinance Nos. 26-1536, 26-1537 and 26-1538 on April 3. JPACT will consider their recommendations at the April 16 meeting.

Metro Council will consider MPAC's recommendations, as well as JPACT's actions, when taking action on Ordinance Nos. 26-1536, 26-1537 and 26-1538 on April 23, 2026.

### **What packet material do you plan to include?**

#### 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Project

1. Ordinance No. 26-1536
  - a. Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 26-1536 (Proposed 2023 RTP Amendments)
2. Staff Report to Ordinance No. 26-1536

#### Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project

3. Ordinance No. 26-1537
  - a. Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 26-1537 (Proposed 2023 RTP Amendments)
4. Staff Report to Ordinance No. 26-1537

#### Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension

5. Ordinance No. 26-1538
  - a. Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 26-1538 (Proposed 2023 RTP Amendments)
6. Staff Report to Ordinance No. 26-1538