

Oregon Transportation Commission

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TO: Oregon Transportation Commission

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Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item G – Amend the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement

Program (STIP) to 1) increase funding for the preliminary engineering, right of way, utility relocation, construction and other phases of the *I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project* (K19071); 2) increase funding and add scope to the *I-5 Rose Quarter*:

Broadway to Weidler Phase 1 (K23672) project; and 3) change the project name and mile points, and increase funding to the construction phase of the *I-405 and I-5*

Stormwater Facilities Project (K23682).

Requested Action:

Amend the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to increase funding for the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project from \$623,391,997 to \$873,391,997. This new funding of \$250,000,000 is from House Bill 2017 Urban Mobility Strategy funds, as directed by the Oregon Transportation Commission at its December 4, 2024, meeting, for the three projects related to the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project as follows:

- 1. Increase funding for *K19071 I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project* from \$236,141,997 to \$248,641,997. This funding will provide \$12,500,000 from HB2017 Urban Mobility Strategy funds to the preliminary engineering, right of way, utility relocation, and other phases.
- 2. Increase funding and add scope to *K23672 I-5 Rose Quarter: Broadway to Weidler Phase 1* from \$382,250,000 to \$559,750,000. This project will increase by \$177,500,000 in HB2017 Urban Mobility Strategy funds to the construction phase and the scope will be expanded to build an additional portion of the highway cover and provide initial investments in I-5 safety and operational improvements.
- 3. Increase funding, change the project name and mile points, and add scope to *K23682 I-405 and I-5 Stormwater Facilities* project from \$5,000,000 to \$65,000,000. This project will increase by \$60,000,000 in HB2017 Urban Mobility Strategy funds to the construction phase. The project name will change to I-5 Rose Quarter: Phase 1A, the project mile points will change to MP 301.2-303.4 (from MP 301.4 to 303.2), and the scope will expand to include bridge and seismic improvements in the project area in addition to already planned stormwater improvements.

STIP Amendment Funding Summary

I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project (K19071)					
PHASE	YEAR	COST			
		Current	Proposed		
Preliminary Engineering	2016	\$187,391,997	\$197,391,997		
Right of Way	2020	\$41,000,000	\$42,000,000		
Utility Relocation	2025	\$7,500,000	\$8,500,000		
Construction	NA	\$0	\$0		
Other	2025	\$250,000	\$750,000		
	TOTAL	\$236,141,997	\$248,641,997		

PHASE	YEAR —	COST	
		Current	Proposed
Preliminary Engineering	NA	\$0	\$0
Right of Way	NA	\$0	\$0
Utility Relocation	NA	\$0	\$0
Construction	2025	\$382,250,000	\$559,750,000
Other	NA	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL	\$382,250,000	\$559,750,000

I-405 and I-5 Stormwater Facilities Project (K23682) - to be known as I-5 Rose Quarter: Phase 1A					
PHASE	YEAR —	COST			
		Current	Proposed		
Preliminary Engineering	NA	\$0	\$0		
Right of Way	NA	\$0	\$0		
Utility Relocation	NA	\$0	\$0		
Construction	2025	\$5,000,000	\$65,000,000		
Other	NA	\$0	\$0		
	TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$65,000,000		

Background:

The purpose of the I-5 Rose Quarter Project is to improve the safety and operations on Interstate 5 (I-5) between Interstate 405 (I-405) and Interstate 84 (I-84), as well as the local streets in the I-5 Broadway/Wielder interchange within the city of Portland.

The I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project adds auxiliary lanes and shoulders to reduce congestion and improve safety on the main north-south freeway on the West Coast and redesigns the multimodal local street network. The project will smooth traffic flow on I-5 between I-84 and I-405 where three interstates intersect and currently feature the biggest traffic bottleneck in Oregon. The project will also

improve community connections with a highway cover, which includes reconnecting neighborhood streets, enhancing public spaces, and promoting economic development opportunities.

In March 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded ODOT's I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project with a \$450 million grant to build an initial portion of the highway cover. In August 2024, the Oregon Transportation Commission and Metro Council unanimously agreed to approve the spending of this grant award and respectively approved amendments to the State Improvement Transportation Program (STIP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to program these funds for the design activities and construction of the initial, central segment of the highway cover around Broadway and Weidler.

Building on this federal funding, the Oregon Transportation Commission, at their December 4, 2024, meeting, allocated an additional \$250 million to the I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project as part of the Urban Mobility Strategy Finance Plan update. Combined with existing funding and the recently secured U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant of \$450 million, this additional allocation provides sufficient funding to begin project construction in 2025 and deliver many of the project's most critical improvements.

Funding Summary

The increase of \$250,000,000 from HB2017 Urban Mobility Strategy funds will do the following:

- *K19071 I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project:* An increase of \$12,500,000 will advance design, right of way acquisition, utility relocation and other activities needed to ready K23672 and K23682, as articulated below, for construction.
- *K23672 I-5 Rose Quarter: Broadway to Weidler Phase 1:* With the increase of \$177,500,000 for the construction phase, the original scope of building the initial portion of the highway cover as funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant will be expanded. The added scope will be to construct an added portion of the highway cover to include the Broadway structure and to construct initial portions of the I-5 safety and operational improvements, including widening the Holladay/Hassalo bridge and build walls, building the full southbound auxiliary lane and shoulders, extending a portion of the existing northbound auxiliary lane and shoulders under the highway cover area, and constructing two sign bridges and associated Intelligent Transportation Systems. Construction will begin by 2027.
- *K23682 I-405 and I-5 Stormwater Facilities Project*: The project name will change to I-5 Rose Quarter: Phase 1A. With the increase of \$60,000,000 for the construction phase, the original scope of building stormwater improvements within the project area near I-405 will be expanded and the mile points will change to MP 301.4 to 303.2 from MP 301.2-303.4. The added scope will be to construct a structural deck overlay, make bridge rail upgrades and seismically retrofit two bridges (S8588E and N8588E) in the southern portion of the project area. Construction will begin in 2025.

Outcomes:

With approval, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will move forward with design and other activities for the *K19071 I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project*. With approval, ODOT also will advance construction for two other phases of the project: *K23672 I-5 Rose Quarter: Broadway to*

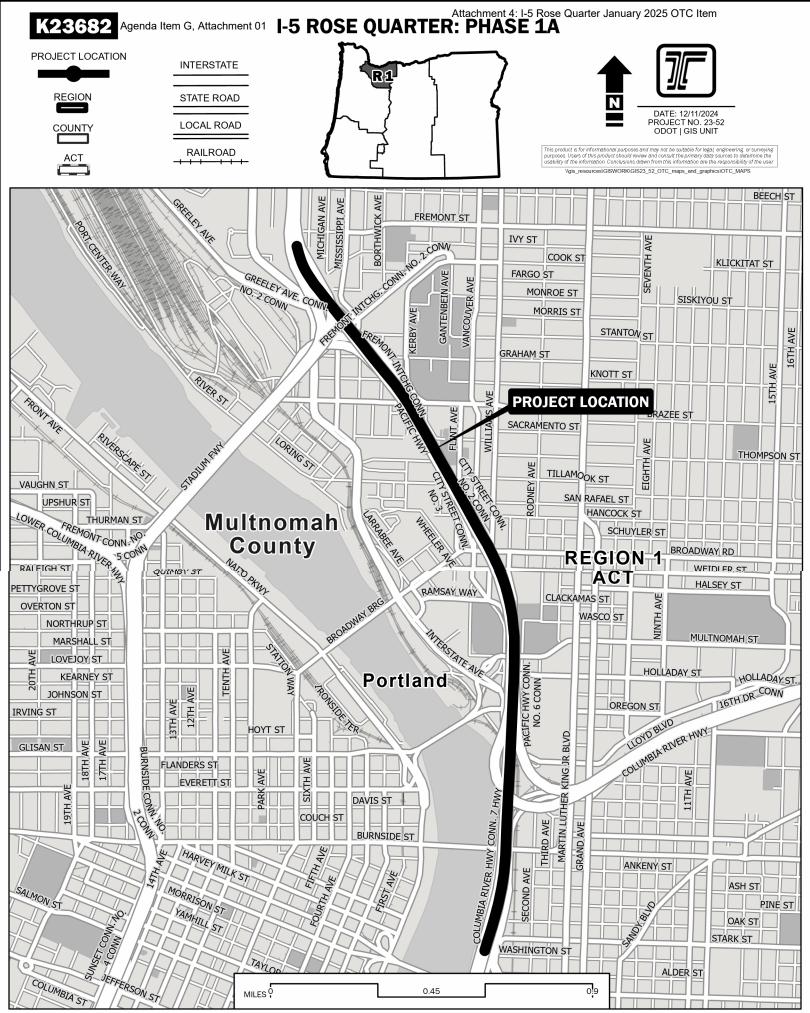
Weidler Phase 1 to build the initial portion of the highway cover from the southern portal to north of Broadway, build the full southbound auxiliary lane and shoulder from I-405 to the Morrison Bridge exit, extend an initial portion of the existing northbound auxiliary lane and shoulder under the highway cover, and build sign bridges and associated Intelligent Transportation Systems, with construction starting by 2027 and K23682 I-5 Rose Quarter: Phase 1A to build bridge work in the southern project area and construct stormwater facilities near I-405 with construction starting in 2025. This approval would be consistent with the Commission's approved December 2024 Urban Mobility Strategy Finance Plan update.

Without approval, ODOT would not begin construction in 2025 and would not construct any portions of the project beyond what is funded by the \$450 million Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant and \$5 million for stormwater improvements. Ultimately, without approval, this would delay timely project delivery and would be inconsistent with the Commission's approved December 2024 Urban Mobility Strategy Finance Plan update.

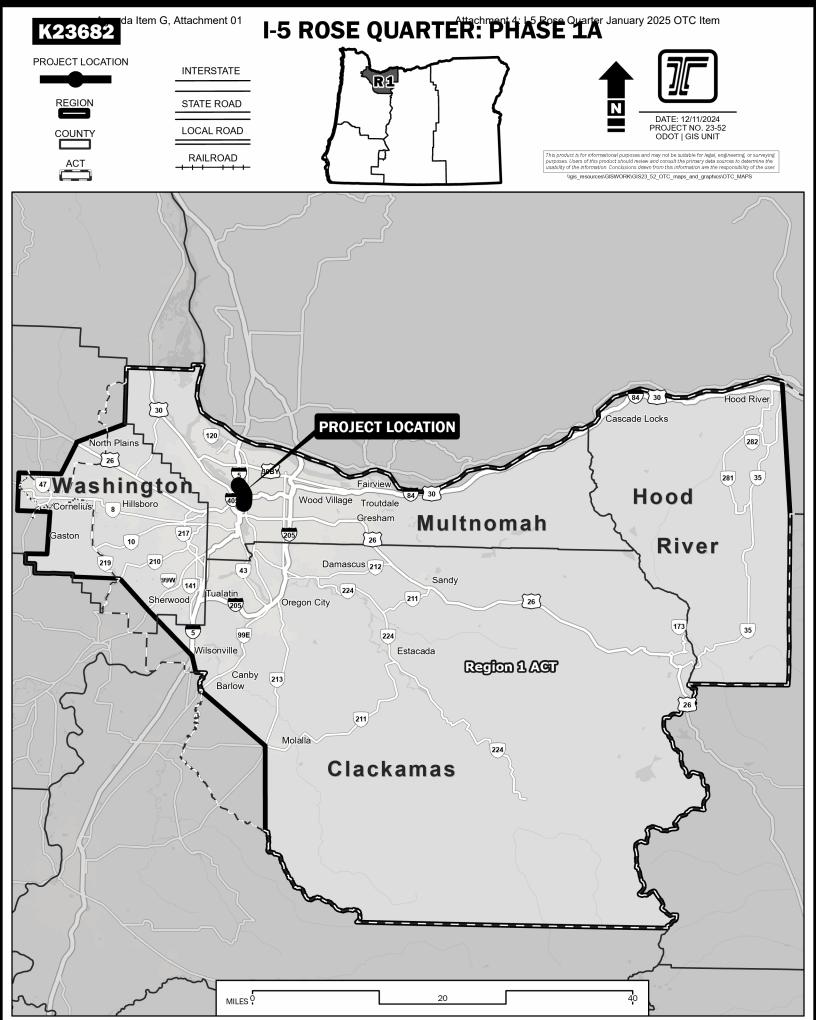
Attachments:

- Attachment 01 KEY 23682 Vicinity and Location Map
- Attachment 02 KEY 19071 Vicinity and Location Map

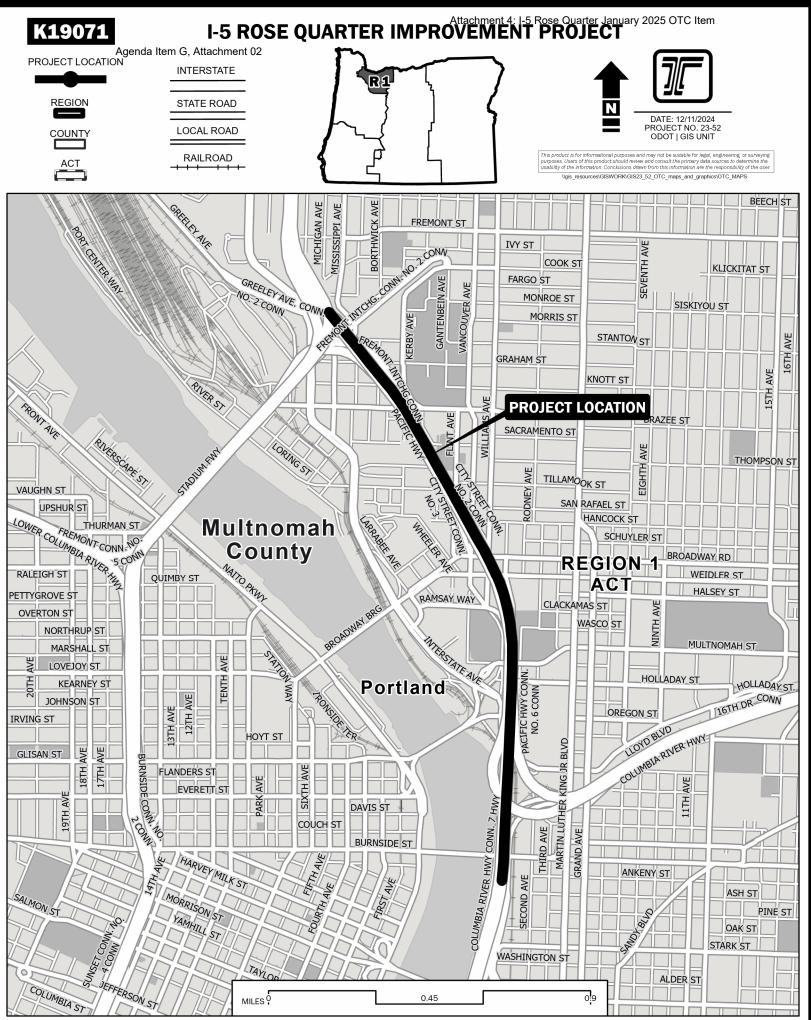
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