



July 15, 2021

Metro: JPACT

RE: Support for the I-205 STIP Amendment – Resolution No. 21-5192

Chair Craddick and JPACT Members,

Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) is pleased to offer its support for Resolution No. 21-5192, For the Purpose of Amending the 2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add ODOT'S Interstate 205- Abernethy Bridge Improvement Segment Which Includes \$375 Million of Construction Phase Funding.

WEA supports business needs across the region, especially their need for efficient movement of people and goods. The I-205 Improvements project will resolve congestion on a corridor of statewide significance for freight movement. The severe congestion in this corridor currently results in over 7 hours of congestion on a daily basis.

WEA supports this amendment which will upgrade the last remaining two-lane section of I-205 and will seismically strengthen the Abernethy Bridge to make it the first earthquake-ready interstate structure across the Willamette River and respectfully requests that you approve the amendment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Angelo, Chair
Transportation Committee
Westside Economic Alliance

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