

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AND	)	RESOLUTION NO. 21-5229
APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE TUALATIN	)	
VALLEY HIGHWAY STEERING COMMITTEE	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
	)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro's adopted long-range blueprint for the region, the 2040 Growth Concept, reflects a commitment to create prosperous and sustainable communities for present and future generations and guides the region's land use and transportation development in alignment with it; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a central tool for implementing the 2040 Growth Concept and emphasizes outcomes, system completeness and measurable performance in order to realize adopted land use plans, and hold the region accountable for making progress toward regional goals focused on climate, equity, safety and congestion; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP recommended, and the 2018 Regional Transit Strategy identified, the Tualatin Valley Highway Corridor from the City of Beaverton to the City of Forest Grove for future transit corridor refinement planning; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Strategy identifies the Tualatin Valley Highway as a Next Phase Regional Priority Corridor for both future High Capacity Transit (HCT) and as an Enhanced Transit Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Moving Forward Tualatin Valley Highway Enhanced Transit and Access Plan determined the need for HCT and proposed a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvements in the Tualatin Valley Corridor primarily between 160th and Cornelius Pass Rd.; and

WHEREAS, Metro's Transportation Funding Task Force also designated the Tualatin Valley Highway as a Tier 1 priority in their 2019 Recommendation for Corridor Investments and underscored the need to complete corridor planning to facilitate longer-term corridor investments; and

WHEREAS, this corridor has higher than average regional population of communities of color and people living below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, current transit service within the corridor experiences significant delay and travel time costs for transit dependent riders; and

WHEREAS, the Tualatin Valley Highway was identified as a High Injury Corridor in the 2017 High Injury Corridors and Intersections Report and there were 204 serious injuries and fatalities on this corridor between 2007 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration awarded \$850,000 to Metro through the Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) program to support work on transit and equitable development on the Tualatin Valley Highway; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Steering Committee will contribute valuable guidance toward completion and adoption of a preferred alternative for bus rapid transit in the Tualatin Valley Highway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, a Tualatin Valley Highway Equitable Development Strategy will be written and produced by the local community and the Steering Committee membership will review and support the Strategy's production and acknowledge the Equitable Development Strategy upon completion; and

WHEREAS, Steering Committee membership should include elected officials, representatives of project partner agencies and community members creating an Equitable Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Councilors from District 3 and District 4 will serve as the Steering Committee co-Chairs; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the Steering Committee will be needed for approximately 24 months; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby:

1. Establishes the Tualatin Valley Highway Steering Committee to fulfill the charge set forth in Exhibit A; and
2. Designates the represented positions listed in Exhibit B and directs those organizations to appoint their representative members to serve on the Tualatin Valley Highway Steering Committee; and
3. Directs the Tualatin Valley Highway Steering Committee to meet at project milestones, with administrative and technical support from Metro staff; and
4. Appoints Steering Committee members for a one-year term, which shall be automatically renewed for an additional term unless expressly terminated, but not to exceed three years; and
5. If a Steering Committee member steps down or can no longer serve as an appointed representative prior to the end of a term, the organization shall appoint a new member.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2022.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney