

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOCATING \$18.8	)	RESOLUTION NO. 23-5337
MILLION OF CARBON REDUCTION	)	
PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE YEARS 2022-	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
2026, PENDING INCLUSION IN THE 2024-2027	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
MTIP	)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is the regional government responsible for regional land use and transportation planning under state law and the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Portland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) created a new federal transportation funding program called the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) with the explicit purpose to reduce transportation emissions through the development of carbon reduction strategies and fund projects designed to reduce transportation emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allocates Carbon Reduction Program funds to states and metropolitan planning organizations through formulas which factor in aspects such as population; and

WHEREAS, based on the formula allocation approximately \$18.8 million is forecast to be appropriated to the metropolitan region through the federal Carbon Reduction Program transportation funding program for federal fiscal years 2022 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) are authorized per federal regulation 23 CFR 450.324 to allocate Carbon Reduction Program funds to eligible projects and programs in the metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan region worked collaboratively to develop the Climate Smart Strategy to define actions for the region to meet state mandated greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Metro Council adopted the Climate Smart Strategy by Ordinance No. 14-1346B, For the Purpose of Adopting a Preferred Climate Smart Communities Strategy and Amending the Regional Framework Plan to Comply with State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Strategy was foundational to inform and define the criteria used to select projects for the Carbon Reduction Program; and

WHEREAS, the nomination and selection of projects and programs to receive Carbon Reduction Program funds also considered other factors such as federal eligibility requirements, project delivery, complimentary investments by state agency partners, and stakeholder feedback collected; and

WHEREAS, TPAC considered the list of projects and programs recommended for funding by Metro staff, and recommended JPACT forward that list to the Metro Council for adoption; and

WHEREAS, JPACT considered the list of transportation projects and programs recommended by TPAC and voted to recommend the list attached as Exhibit A to the staff report of this resolution to the Metro Council for adoption; and

WHEREAS, receipt of these funds is conditioned on completion of requirements listed in Exhibit C to the staff report of this resolution; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT on the programs and projects to be funded through the Carbon Reduction Program as shown in Exhibit A to the staff report of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney