

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING SIX
PROJECTS, AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS
THROUGH CONGRESSIONALLY
DIRECTED SPENDING, TO THE 2021-24
MTIP AND ALLOWING THE START OF
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
ACTIVITIES**

) RESOLUTION NO. 23-5338
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) Introduced by: Chief Operating
) Officer Marissa Madrigal in
) concurrence with Council President
) Lynn Peterson
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WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) prioritizes projects from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to receive transportation-related funding; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires federal funding for transportation projects located in a metropolitan area to be programmed in an MTIP; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 20-5110 to adopt the 2021-24 MTIP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the U.S. Department of Transportation's MTIP amendment submission rules, JPACT and the Metro Council must approve any subsequent amendments to the MTIP to add new projects or substantially modify existing projects; and

WHEREAS, approval by Congress of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA2023) includes multiple Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) project authorizations for Oregon which six are now moving forward to complete MTIP and STIP programming requirements; and

WHEREAS, approved funding for two CDS projects originate from the Allocation of Highway Infrastructure Programs Projects designated in Division L of the CAA2023 Act with the remaining four originating from Table 20 of the Transit Infrastructure Grants-Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending section; and

WHEREAS, the six approved CDS funding awards include \$3,200,000 for the ODOT OR141- Hall Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Hemlock & Spruce, \$2,332,000 for the ODOT Jordan Road to Sandy River Delta Multi-use Path, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, \$3,000,000 for TriMet's 82nd Ave MAX Station Improvement Project, \$5,000,000 for TriMet's Merlo Bus Garage Zero Emission Retrofit, \$5,000,000 for TriMet's Oregon City Transit Center renovation project, and \$2,000,000 for TriMet's Willamette Shore Line Rail & Trestle Repair project; and

WHEREAS, ODOT, Metro, plus TriMet have been seeking and obtaining for over six months programming, obligation, and expenditure guidance from Federal Highways Administration and Federal Transit Administration and now believe the six CDS awards can move forward to be implemented and efficiently delivered; and

WHEREAS, the programming of the six CDS awards in the MTIP and STIP in FFY 2023 will help accelerate required obligations and overall project delivery ensuring awarded funds are obligated by the deadline of September 30, 2026 and expended by September 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the specific programming requirements to add the six projects to the 2021-24 MTIP are stated in Exhibit A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2023, Metro's Transportation Policy and Alternatives Committee recommended that JPACT approve this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2023, JPACT approved and recommended the Metro Council adopt this resolution; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council adopts this resolution to add the six Congressional Directed Spending approved projects in the May 2023 Formal MTIP Amendment to the 2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____ 2023.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney