BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING REVISED PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR THE PARKS AND NATURE BOND LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY VISIONS PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 24-5391

Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, the Metro Council referred to the Metro area voters a ballot measure authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$475,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding natural area and water quality protection and to connect people to nature close to home (the "Bond Measure"); and

WHEREAS, at the general election held on November 5, 2019, the Metro Area voters approved the Bond Measure, thereby creating a program under which a portion of the total Bond Measure proceeds would be allocated to funding large-scale projects that uplift communities by leveraging nature to achieve benefits such as job opportunities, affordable housing and safe, reliable transportation (referred to hereafter as the "Large-Scale Community Visions Program" or the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the Metro Council approved a Large-Scale Community Visions Program pilot handbook that identified a proposal and project review process for the initial cycle of funding, as well as the eligibility requirements and desired outcomes for Program investments; and

WHEREAS, in Spring of 2023, Council awarded Large-Scale Community Vision pilot funding to three projects: (1) the Trust for Public Land and Oregon State University for acquisition of private timber site in the Tualatin Mountains area, (2) Waterfront Education Park Development by Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission, Prosper Portland and (3) Albina Vision Trust for site acquisition adjacent to the Willamette River; and

WHEREAS, following the initial cycle of funding, staff has proposed revisions to the Program that refine certain investment criteria, the process for project review and selection, and desired outcomes for future investments made (the "Program Updates"); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council hereby (1) approves the Program updates attached hereto on <u>Exhibit A</u>, and (2) directs the Chief Operating Officer to incorporate the Program updates into subsequent cycles of funding for the Large-Scale Community Visions Program.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 7th day of March 2024

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

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