

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CANCELING AN) RESOLUTION NO. 25-5465
ODOT RAIL HAZARDS SAFETY PROJECT)
AND ADDING THREE NEW METRO) Introduced by: Chief Operating
PLANNING STUDIES TO THE 2024-27) Officer Marissa Madrigal in
MTIP) concurrence with Council President
) Lynn Peterson

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 (USDOT) requires federal funding for transportation projects located in a metropolitan area to be programmed in an MTIP; and

WHEREAS, in July 2023, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 23-5335 to adopt the 2024-27 MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-27 MTIP includes Metro approved RTP and federal performance-based programming requirements and demonstrates compliance and further progress towards achieving the RTP and federal performance targets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the USDOT 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, SB 5701, Section 503, awarded \$500,000 for Metro to complete a planning study that evaluates the use of existing heavy freight rail assets in the Portland metropolitan area for passenger rail alternatives to augment existing transportation modes which is now being added to the MTIP for historical accounting purposes; and

WHEREAS, Metro also received two \$2,000,000 planning awards from the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) program that also are being added to the MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the Reconnecting 82nd Ave Community and the Tualatin Valley Highway Community Connections planning studies will develop and deliver equitable outcomes through zero-emission, bus-rapid transit that connects disadvantaged communities to jobs, education, economic opportunity, public space, and parks, while further advancing the community's vision; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has assessed that their US30B - (NE Lombard St) NE Lombard Pl - NE 11th rail crossing hazards safety improvement project does not possess an adequate construction funding plan or sufficient available funding to be completed and is now canceling the preliminary engineering phase and will return the \$1,882,000 of committed Rail Crossing Hazards federal funds back to the Rail program; and

WHEREAS, the programming updates to the four projects are stated in Exhibit A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2025, Metro's Transportation Policy and Alternatives Committee recommended that JPACT approve this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2025, JPACT approved and recommended the Metro Council adopt this resolution; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council adopt this resolution to add or cancel the four projects as stated within Exhibit A to the 2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to meet federal project delivery requirements.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 13th day of March 2025.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney