BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR AMENDING EXISTING PROJECTS TO THE 2018-21 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM INVOLVING FIVE PROJECTS REQUIRING PROGRAMMING ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR CANCELLATIONS IMPACTING METRO, ODOT, AND PORTLAND (NV18-04-NOV)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4856

Introduced by: "Chief Operating Officer Martha Bennett in concurrence with Council President Tom Hughes"

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) prioritizes projects from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to receive transportation related funding; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council approved the 2018-21 MTIP via Resolution 17-4817 on July 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and the Metro Council must approve any subsequent amendments to add new projects or substantially modify existing projects in the MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued clarified MTIP amendment submission rules and definitions for MTIP formal amendments and administrative modifications that both ODOT and all Oregon MPOs must adhere to which includes that all new projects added to the MTIP must complete the formal amendment process; and

WHEREAS, complications in building and delivering two proposed Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Centers resulted in Metro and Portland declining the awarded ODOT Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement funds thereby ending both projects; and

WHEREAS, ODOT will initiate the Preliminary Engineering phase for the I-5 Boone (Willamette River) Bridge project to develop required shelf-ready plans to future deck overlay, joint repairs and seismic retrofit; and

WHEREAS, ODOT will implement two US30BY projects, allowing for improved and needed safety/preservation projects planned for US30BY (Lombard Safety Extension) at milepost 3.50 to North Wilbur that will include signal upgrades, installation of a pedestrian island, and complete identified American Disability Act (ADA) requirements with a second planned project at US30BY/Fenwick; and

WHEREAS, all amended projects were evaluated against six revised MTIP review factors to ensure all requested changes and additions can be accomplished legally through the MTIP amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the MTIP review factors included project eligibility/proof of funding, RTP consistency with the financially constrained element, consistency with RTP goals and strategies, determination of amendment type, inclusion in the Metro transportation regional models, determination of Regional Significance, fiscal constraint verification, and compliance with MPO MTIP federal management responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the MTIP's financial constraint finding is maintained as all projects proof of funding has been verified; and

WHEREAS, no negative impacts to air conformity will exist as a result of the changes completed through the November 2017 Formal MTIP Amendment; and

WHEREAS, all projects included in the November 2017 Formal MTIP Amendment successfully completed a required 30-day public notification/opportunity to comment period without any significant issues raised; and

WHEREAS, TPAC received their notification and recommended approval on November 17, 2017 and approved the amendment recommendation to JPACT; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT on December 21, 2017 to formally amend the 2018-21 MTIP to include the November 2017 Formal Amendment bundle consisting of five projects.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____ 2018.

Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney