

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR) RESOLUTION NO. 18-4933
AMENDING EXISTING PROJECTS TO THE)
2018-21 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION) Introduced by: Chief Operating Officer
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM INVOLVING FIVE) Martha Bennett in concurrence with
PROJECTS IMPACTING PORTLAND, ODOT,) Council President Tom Hughes
TIGARD, AND WESTERN FEDERAL LANDS)
HIGHWAY DIVISION (OC19-03-OCT)

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, Portland’s East Portland Active Transportation to Transit project requires the addition of a small Utility Relocation (UR) phase and will add \$1.12 million of local funding to address ADA compliance requirements which is being accomplished now to ensure the final MTIP and STIP project programming matches with the actual Construction and UR phase obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) requires MTIP programming of their new I-5 and I-205 Portland Metropolitan Value Pricing Program study with \$3 million total of annual Redistribution funds approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) that will analyze traffic, diversion and community benefits and impacts, provide concept refinement and include stakeholder engagement for value pricing on I-5 and I-205; and

WHEREAS, ODOT is adding \$17.1 million of Redistribution funds as approved by OTC to fully fund the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase to complete required NEPA and final design scope of work activities for the I-205 – Stafford Rd to OR99E project which will provide widening and seismic upgrades to the Abernethy Bridge and add a new northbound and southbound through-lane on I-205 from Stafford Rd to OR99E; and

WHEREAS, Tigard’s North Dakota Street – Fanno Creek Bridge project which will construct a new single span bridge on the same alignment and raise the vertical grade line to improve site distance approaching the railroad crossing requires a \$908,840 funding increase for the PE and Right-of-Way phases to address the use of external consultants, ADA compliance requirements, and additional railroad crossing improvement requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division is adding a new Vision Around the Mountain Planning Study to the MTIP funded with discretionary Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds to determine coordination opportunities between transit operators around Mt Hood, including the Mt. Hood Express, Columbia Gorge Express, Sandy Area Metro, and Columbia Area Transit Services; and

WHEREAS, all amended projects were evaluated against seven 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 October 2018 Formal MTIP Amendment; and

WHEREAS, all projects included in the October 2018 (for FFY 2019) 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 October 5, 2018 and approved the amendment recommendation to JPACT; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT on October 18, 2018 to formally amend the 2018-21 MTIP to include the October 2018 (FFY 2019) Formal Amendment bundle consisting of five projects.

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

Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Nathan A.S. Sykes, Metro Attorney