

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-4937, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING HEARING PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF LAND USE FINAL ORDERS

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BACKGROUND

In 2017, the State created a single process for the Metro Council to use in adopting a land use final order (“LUFO”) for the Southwest Corridor MAX Light Rail Project (the “Southwest Corridor Project”). Rather than TriMet seeking land use permits from each city and county for just that portion of the new light rail line that is within each jurisdiction, a LUFO is a single permit for the entire project granted by one entity (Metro).

The Metro Council is scheduled to consider adopting a LUFO for the Southwest Corridor Project on November 15, 2018, and its decision whether to grant the LUFO must be supported by substantial evidence in the record.

Rather than submitting bulky and readily available documents into the LUFO record, the state legislation allows the Metro Council to take “official notice” of certain matters identified in state law (such as local comprehensive plans), as well as any matters authorized by a resolution of the Metro Council that establishes hearing procedures for the adoption of LUFOs. This Resolution No. 18-4937 would establish those hearing procedures and expressly authorize the Metro Council to take official notice of (a) any ordinance, resolution, or enactment of Metro or any local jurisdiction, (b) any comprehensive, functional, or regional framework plan of Metro, or (c) any local, regional, state, or federal policy, plan or order issued or adopted by the applicable jurisdiction.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:** None
2. **Legal Antecedents:** Oregon Laws 2017, Chapter 714, effective August 15, 2017, Section 6(9).
3. **Anticipated Effects:** Will help ensure the LUFO record is complete.
4. **Budget Impacts:** None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 18-4937