

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE 2018)	RESOLUTION NO. 18-4892
REGIONAL TRANSIT STRATEGY AND)	
REPLACING THE 2009 REGIONAL HIGH)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
CAPACITY TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN)	Bennett in concurrence with Council
)	President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, in 2009 the Metro Council adopted the Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan via Resolution No. 09-4025, which identified the location of potential future investments in light rail, bus rapid transit and rapid streetcar in the greater Portland region; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Metro Council adopted the Climate Smart Strategy via Ordinance No. 14-1346B, which calls for increased investment in our regional transit system in order to help meet state-required targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from light-duty vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Metro created a Regional Transit Work Group consisting of city and county representatives, community partners and transit providers, which was tasked with providing technical input and recommendations to Metro staff regarding development of a new coordinated vision and strategy for transit in the greater Portland region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Work Group met 19 times from 2016 through 2017 and provided input to Metro staff regarding the development of a new Regional Transit Strategy (RTS) to be adopted concurrently with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTS includes a regional transit vision to make transit more frequent, convenient, accessible and affordable for everyone, and adopts new and updated transit-related policies aimed at creating an efficient and seamless regional transit system in the greater Portland region; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTS includes updates to the Regional Transit Network map to include the 2009 high capacity transit lines, new enhanced transit concept corridors, streetcar and future transit service identified by TriMet's Service Enhancement Plans and Wilsonville's South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTS updates existing transit-related policies, performance measures and actions that are described in the 2014 RTP and Climate Smart Strategy; and

WHEREAS, Metro released the initial draft of the 2018 RTS for public review and comment on June 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Metro provided a 45-day public comment period on the draft 2018 RTS from June 29 to August 13, 2018, and received comments through September 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council held a public hearing on August 2, 2018 to accept public testimony and comments regarding the draft RTS; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff invited four Native American Tribes, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and other federal, state and local resource, wildlife, land management and regulatory agencies to consult on the public review draft RTS in accordance with

23 CFR 450.316, and convened four separate consultation meetings on August 6, 14 and 21 and September 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC), the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, TriMet, SMART, local government elected officials and staff, business and community leaders, public agencies, private and non-profit organizations and the public, assisted in the development of the 2018 RTS and provided comment on the RTS throughout the planning process conducted for the 2018 RTP update; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and MPAC have recommended approval of the 2018 RTS by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council held two additional public hearings on the 2018 RTS identified in Exhibit A on November 8 and December 6, 2018; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the 2018 Regional Transit Strategy attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, as amended by the “Summary of Comments Received and Recommended Actions” in Exhibit B, as a component of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), replacing the 2009 Regional High Capacity System Plan.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of December, 2018.

Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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