

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-4964, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE
PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TASK FORCE

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The Metro Council is asked to confirm the Metro Council President's appointment an advisory task force of community leaders to advise and make recommendations to the Metro Council for a potential regional transportation investment measure.

ACTION REQUESTED

Confirm the Metro Council President's appointment of the advisory Regional Transportation Funding Task Force. Upon the Metro Council's confirmation, the Task Force will begin meeting in February to develop recommendations for the Metro Council to consider. After a series of frequent initial meetings in the spring, the Task Force is expected to continue meeting monthly until spring 2020, when the Metro Council will consider referring a regional investment measure to voters.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The Metro Council discussed and agreed on principles and a charge to guide the Task Force's work at work sessions on Jan. 24 and 31, 2019. The Metro Council also seeks for the regional transportation investment measure to support and advance the policies in Metro's Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (2016); the Climate Smart Strategy (2014); and the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan.

POLICY QUESTION

Does the Metro Council confirm the appointment of the Regional Transportation Funding Task Force, including its membership and co-chairs, according to the provisions of Metro Code Chapter 2.19.060 and as described in the resolution?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

The Metro Council may choose to adopt the resolution and confirm the appointment of the Task Force. The Task Force would then begin meeting with the understanding that the

Metro Council has provided a charge and identified principles for a regional transportation investment measure to guide the task force's work.

The Metro Council may also choose to amend the resolution or discuss additional or alternative members for the Task Force. This would likely delay the beginning of the Task Force's work and affect the timeline for developing and referring a potential regional transportation investment measure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the Metro Council adopt Resolution No. 19-4964.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Everybody in greater Portland deserves safe and reliable ways to get to work, school, and other destinations, and back home again. However and wherever we travel, we need roads, buses, trains and streets that work for everyone and every trip – from commuting and moving goods to running errands and visiting friends.

Metro has been working since late 2017 to lay the foundation of a collaborative, comprehensive investment plan that makes getting around safer, faster and more affordable for everyone. The Metro Council has directed that this plan include investments throughout the region, supporting the many ways residents travel today and in the future. The council has been clear that this work must place advancing racial equity and addressing climate change at its core. The council also seeks to engage a wide range of community members, partners and leaders to identify smart solutions supported by a broad coalition.

The passage of the regional affordable housing bond in November demonstrates greater Portland voters' eagerness to work together to address the critical issues we face. The Metro Council is considering a parks and nature bond in 2019 to carry Metro's work protecting and connecting nature and people into a new decade. As greater Portland faces the future, a regional transportation investment measure in 2020 could represent another significant opportunity to connect priorities and make meaningful, strategic investments that improve lives and increase opportunities throughout the region.

The appointment of task forces is provided by Metro Code Chapter 2.19.060. The Metro Council President is responsible for appointing task forces, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council. The Metro Council President has identified a Task Force to help advance the Metro Council's policy direction and provide recommendations and advice to create a successful regional transportation investment measure that truly improves lives and keeps greater Portland moving. The proposed Task Force membership includes representatives of a diverse array of communities and stakeholders, including people of color and advocates for other historically marginalized communities.

The Task Force will begin its work by reviewing existing Metro Council policy and the principles and charge approved by the Metro Council at work sessions in January 2019,

including clear directives about advancing Metro's climate action and racial equity goals, as well as direction on the structure, priorities, process, risk management and outcomes for the potential measure.

Metro has engaged a number of jurisdictional and community partners in the work to develop potential principles and a charge for the Task Force. These include policy and planning staff from the region's local governments, transit agencies and the Port of Portland. Metro has also held frequent check-ins with community advocates, including the Getting There Together coalition steering committee and leaders of culturally-specific organizations, to help shape the process and future plans for engagement. Staff feel confident that the Task Force membership well reflects the balance of priorities and interests of these diverse partners.

As the Task Force begins its work this spring, Metro will also undertake a coordinated community partnership and engagement strategy to ensure that community voices have a meaningful role in decision-making by the task force and the Metro Council. The Task Force's progress and recommendations will be discussed at future Metro Council work sessions this spring, continuing through the course of the Task Force's work and the Metro Council's decision-making about a potential regional transportation investment measure.

Funding for the Task Force's work, including meeting facilitation and logistics, is budgeted in the Council Opportunity Fund for fiscal year's 2018-19 and 2019-20.

BACKGROUND

Stakeholder advisory committees and task forces, whether appointed by the chief operating officer or the Metro Council President, have played a key role in the development of past Metro funding measures, including Parks and Nature bonds and the 2018 regional affordable housing bond.

Metro councilors were consulted during the identification of Task Force members and development of its charge. The Metro Council reviewed a draft charge for the task force at its Jan. 31, 2019 work session. The charge is attached to this work sheet along with the resolution. The membership list will be attached to the resolution as Exhibit A.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution No. 19-4964
- *[pending confirmation]* Exhibit A: List of Task Force members and co-chairs
- *[pending]* Task force charge reviewed by the Metro Council on Jan. 31, 2019