

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR)	RESOLUTION NO. 19-5037
AMENDING EXISTING PROJECTS TO THE)	
2018-21 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION)	Introduced by: Chief Operating Officer
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM INVOLVING FOUR)	Andrew Scott in concurrence with
PROJECTS IMPACTING PORTLAND,)	Council President Lynn Peterson
TUALATIN, TRIMET, AND WASHINGTON)	
COUNTY (OC20-02-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, MTIP amendments now must also include assessments for required performance measure compliance, expanded RTP consistency, and strive to meet annual Metro and statewide obligation targets resulting in additional MTIP amendment processing practices and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Metro, Portland, and TriMet have agreed upon a fund exchange to swap out the unobligated federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality improvement program funding with local funds to allow the Central City In Motion active transportation and transit improvement project to be delivered faster and more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the October 2019 Formal MTIP amendment is replacing the CMAQ funds with local funds for the Central City In Motion project in Key 19299 now that required local Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) among Metro, Portland, and TriMet is close to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has confirmed TriMet's approved Section 5309 Small Starts discretionary funding at approximately \$87.5 million dollars for their Division Transit Project which will implement bus rapid transit (BRT) from Portland's Central Business District east to Gresham; and

WHEREAS, to ensure TriMet can complete and is awarded their FTA Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) grant for the 5309 funds by December 2019, MTIP programming adjustments are being made to cancel TriMet's FY 2019 allocation and advance their FY 2021 5309 allocation to 2020 via a separate administrative modification in the MTIP to meet FTA's 5309 Small Starts grant approval deadline for the Division Transit project; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tualatin received a 2019-21 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) of \$625,000 of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds in support of project development activities for their SW Herman Rd to support the construction of bike lanes and sidewalks along a half-mile stretch of Herman Road from SW 124th Ave to SE Cheyenne Way and now wish to complete the project development activities with local funds; and

WHEREAS, Metro, Tualatin, and Washington County have agreed to a fund exchange where the SW Herman Rd STBG will be transferred to Washington County's Basalt Creek Parkway Extension project and committed to the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase with Washington County providing Metro with \$625,000 of local funds from the project to then be used by Tualatin to support project development activities for their SW Herman Rd project; and

WHEREAS, the October 2019 Formal MTIP Amendment was subject to MTIP review factors that 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, completing a performance measurements assessment, and compliance with MPO MTIP federal management responsibilities to ensure the changes were in compliance with 23 CFR 450.300-338 and accomplished legally; 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 2019 Formal MTIP Amendment; and

WHEREAS, all projects included in the October 2019 Formal MTIP Amendment successfully completed a required 30-day public notification/opportunity to comment period without any significant issues raised; and

WHEREAS, Metro's Transportation Policy and Alternatives Committee (TPAC) received their notification, amendment summary overview, and recommended approval to Metro Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) on October 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, JPACT received their notification on October 17, 2019 and provided an approval recommendation to Metro Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT on October 31, 2019 to formally amend the 2018-21 MTIP to include the October 2019 Formal Amendment bundle consisting of four projects.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____ 2019.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney