

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 19-5048
WORK PLAN AND STAKEHOLDER	)	
ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR UPDATING THE	)	Introduced by Acting Chief Operating Officer
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)	)	Andrew Scott in concurrence with Council
MOBILITY POLICY	)	President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is the regional government responsible for regional land use and transportation planning under state law and the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Portland metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the federally recognized transportation policy for the Portland metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the RTP is a central tool for implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept and the region's Climate Smart Strategy, and constitutes a policy component of the Regional Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, mobility into and through the Portland region affects both residents across the region and users across the state, from freight and economic perspectives, as well as access to health care, universities, entertainment and other destinations of regional and statewide importance; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 RTP identified the need for this planning effort because the plan failed to meet state requirements for demonstrating consistency with the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) Highway Mobility Policy (Policy 1F) for state-owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) agreed to partner with Metro to update the 20-year old "interim" mobility policy that is used to define and measure mobility in regional and local transportation system plans (TSPs) and during the plan amendment process in the Portland area; and

WHEREAS, when the regional mobility policy update was defined and adopted unanimously in Chapter 8 of the 2018 RTP, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council recognized this work must holistically advance the RTP policy goals for addressing equity, climate, safety and congestion as well as support other state, regional and local policy objectives; and

WHEREAS, the update to Regional Mobility Policy is expected to recommend amendments to the RTP as part of its next scheduled update (due in 2023) and to Policy 1F (Highway Mobility Policy) of the OHP for state-owned facilities in the Portland metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council and JPACT are authorities for approval of proposed amendments to the RTP and will be consulted at key milestones in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) is the sole authority for approval of proposed amendments to the OHP and will be consulted at key milestones in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the update included a formal scoping period to build agreement on the overall approach for the Regional Mobility Policy update, including the project objectives to be addressed and ways to engage stakeholders and the public in the process; and

WHEREAS, from April to October 2019, the Metro Council, JPACT, Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC), Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), the Transport Subcommittee of TPAC, the OTC Chair and other public officials, city and county staff, land use and transportation practitioners and representatives from business, environmental, racial and social equity, climate, public health, housing, freight and transportation organizations across the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area provided input as to what outcomes should be addressed as part of the update; and

WHEREAS, the work plan seeks to increase regional and state collaboration and coordination through a combination of partnerships, focused technical and policy discussions, sound technical work, and strategic engagement to update the region's mobility policy to support ongoing efforts to link land use and transportation planning to implement the 2040 Growth Concept and the Climate Smart Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the stakeholder and public engagement plan seeks to be inclusive and strengthen existing partnerships, and build new partnerships with local, regional, state and federal governments, business and community leaders, freight shippers, transit providers, port districts and historically marginalized communities through a strategic engagement approach that helps build public trust in government and builds support for and momentum to adopt the updated regional mobility policy during the next update to the RTP; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2019, MPAC reviewed the draft work plan and draft stakeholder and public engagement plan, and on November 21, 2019, JPACT recommended Metro Council approval of the Regional Mobility Policy Update Work Plan, identified in Exhibit A, and the Regional Mobility Policy Update Stakeholder and Public Engagement Plan, identified in Exhibit B; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council approves the Regional Mobility Policy Update Work Plan, identified in Exhibit A, and the Regional Mobility Policy Update Stakeholder and Public Engagement Plan, identified in Exhibit B.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of December 2019.

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Sam Chase, Deputy Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney