

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING AND)	RESOLUTION NO. 20-5088
ADVANCING THE ODOT ROSE QUARTER)	
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PRELIMINARY)	Introduced by: Chief Operating Officer
ENGINEERING AND RIGHT OF WAY PHASES)	Andrew Scott in concurrence with
INTO THE 2018-21 METROPOLITAN)	Council President Lynn Peterson
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)	
PROGRAM (MR20-10-MAR2))	

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, the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) review of the funding status of projects within the new draft 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) offers ODOT an opportunity to advance several projects in Region 1 into the current fiscal year 2020 allowing them to initiate preliminary engineering six months earlier than originally planned; and

WHEREAS, the STIP project phase acceleration includes ODOT's Rose Quarter Improvement Project which adds funding to fully fund the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase and fund plus advance the Right-of-Way (ROW) phase forward to FY 2020 allowing ODOT to implement ROW activities presently which will help mitigate future phase cost increases due to inflation, required staging, and/or implementation costs by waiting until FY 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Rose Quarter Improvement Project will fully fund the Preliminary Engineering phase increasing it to \$71.3 million, and advance plus add the full Right-of-Way phase funding of \$58 million phase; and

WHEREAS, the funding increases to the project have been vetted and approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission on January 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the a review of the proposed project changes has been completed against the current approved Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to ensure the projects remain consistent with the goals and

strategies identified in the RTP with the results confirming that no RTP inconsistencies exist as a result of the project changes from the March 2020 MTIP Formal Rose Quarter Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the RTP consistency check areas included financial/fiscal constraint verification, eligibility and proper use of committed funds, an assessment of possible air quality impacts, a deviation assessment from approved regional RTP goals and strategies, a validation that the required changes have little or no impact upon regionally significant projects, and a reconfirmation that the MTIP's financial constraint finding is maintained a result of the March 2020 Formal Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Metro's Transportation Policy and Alternatives Committee (TPAC) received their notification plus amendment summary overview on March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, JPACT received their notification and approved Resolution 20-5088 consisting of the March 2020 Formal MTIP Amendment on March 19, 2020 and provided their approval recommendation to Metro Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT on April 2, 2020 to formally amend the 2018-21 MTIP to include the required changes, advancements, or additions to twelve identified projects as part of Resolution 20-5088.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____ 2020.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney