

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING, AMENDING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 20-5082
EXISTING, OR ADVANCING FUTURE	)	
PROJECTS TO THE 2018-21 METROPOLITAN	)	Introduced by: Chief Operating Officer
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT	)	Andrew Scott in concurrence with
PROGRAM WHICH INVOLVES THE	)	Council President Lynn Peterson
ADVANCEMENT OR ADDED FUNDING TO	)	
SPECIFIC PROJECT PHASES FOR NINE ODOT	)	
2021-2024 DRAFT STIP PROJECTS, ADDING A	)	
NEW TRIMET PROJECT AND COMPLETING A	)	
MAJOR SCOPE CHANGE TO WEST LINN'S	)	
OR43 PROJECT (MR20-09-MAR)	)	

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 seven of the nine projects in Region 1 into the current fiscal year 2020 allowing them to initiate preliminary engineering six months earlier than originally planned; and

WHEREAS, accelerating primarily the preliminary engineering phase for seven of the nine STIP projects will help ensure the projects are delivered on time and possibly mitigate some cost increases due to inflation or other factors; and

WHEREAS, six of the nine advancing STIP projects are bridge related improvement projects which now will be able to start preliminary engineering before the end of fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, two of the nine advancing STIP projects are regional studies that include a Rockfall Mitigation Study to address, mitigate, and help minimize future rock slide episodes, and the Portland Metro Area Bus-on-Shoulder Pilot Study to identify and evaluate the feasibility of allowing buses to operate on roadway shoulders; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved advancing the nine STIP projects along with required funding adjustments during their January 10, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the planned OR43 Arbor Dr to Hidden Springs Rd West Linn and ODOT combined project has experienced significant cost increase projections that a scope of work evaluation and down-scoping adjustment to the project is now required to keep the project within its authorized budget; and

WHEREAS, with CMAQ funds supporting the OR 43 improvement project as part of the overall funding plan, the scope change required review and approval by the ODOT State CMAQ Manager which occurred during January 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 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, and recommended approval to Metro's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) on March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, JPACT received their notification and approved Resolution 20-5082 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 eleven identified projects as part of Resolution 20-5082.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney