

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-5124 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TO ADD AN ODOT PROJECT TO STUDY A NEW WILLAMETTE RIVER BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE BETWEEN OREGON CITY AND WEST LINN IN THE VICINITY OF I-205

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The UPWP is developed annually and documents metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with federal transportation funds. The UPWP is a living document, and may be amended periodically over the course of the year to reflect new projects or changes in project scope or budget.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 1 is initiating a planning effort with agency partners to assess the need for a pedestrian / bicycle bridge over the Willamette River connecting Oregon City and West Linn, and to identify a preferred bridge alignment.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the requested amendment to the 2020-21 UPWP.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The near-term investment strategy contained in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) focuses on key priorities for the purpose of identifying transportation needs, including projects and the planning activities contained in the UPWP. These investment priorities include a specific focus on four key outcomes:

- Equity
- Safety
- Managing Congestion
- Climate

The planning activities within the ODOT – Region 1 Planning for Operations are consistent with 2018 RTP policies and intend to help the region achieve these outcomes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve Resolution No. 20-5124 and amend the FY 2020-21 UPWP.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Known Opposition

None

Legal Antecedents

Metro Council Resolution No. 20-5086 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Anticipated Effects

Approval will allow to begin spending federal funding on this study.

BACKGROUND

This planning effort supports community desires to connect the regional active transportation network in this area. The work will rely on ODOT's *I-205: Stafford Road to OR 99E (Abernethy Bridge) Bicycle and Pedestrian Assessment (2016)* and existing local and regional plans, to the greatest extent possible.

The project's scope includes intergovernmental coordination and a project management team. There will include three workshops with technical experts and presentations to City Councils and County Commissions. The project team will analyze Willamette river bridge alignments and identify the preferred alignment amongst three options:

- New bicycle and pedestrian bridge south of the OR 43 Oregon City Arch Bridge
- New bicycle and pedestrian bridge north of the OR 43 Oregon City Arch Bridge and south of the Abernethy Bridge
- Restricting OR 43 Oregon City Arch Bridge to only active transportation use

The scoping and design for the preferred bridge location will include:

- Concept up to 5% design – focusing on a fatal flaws analysis
- Scoping for NEPA and technical analysis
- Scoping level cost estimate
- Develop plan implementation plan

Public outreach and engagement for the project will include developing strategies to engage community based organizations and community leaders as well as virtual engagement strategies.