

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE 2025-)	RESOLUTION NO. 21-5194
2027 REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUNDS PROGRAM)	
DIRECTION FOR THE PORTLAND)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
METROPOLITAN AREA)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
)	Council President Lynn Peterson
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WHEREAS, the Metro Council and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) are authorized per Code of Federal Regulations Title 23 Section 450.306 and 450.326 to develop and implement a long-range metropolitan transportation plan and four-year investment program in a cooperative manner with the regions stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan region periodically conducts a process to select projects and programs of regional significance in which to invest the region's allotment of federal surface transportation funds, known as the Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA); and

WHEREAS, the RFFA is one element of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), which reports on the performance and programming of all federal surface transportation funds to be spent in the Portland metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) are authorized per Code of Federal Regulations Title 23, Section 450.324 to allocate these funds to projects and programs in the metropolitan region and preceding the allocation, have developed a program direction statement defining how the region should consider investments for federal fiscal years 2025-2027 for the regional flexible funds; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council and JPACT adopted an updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in December 2018; and

WHEREAS, the three-year process to create the 2018 RTP engaged stakeholders throughout to the region to develop the goals, objectives, and policies for the long-range transportation plan and the associated transportation investment priorities; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2018 RTP specified four regional investment priorities to focus on in the near-term with the region's transportation funding: Equity, Safety, Climate and Congestion; and

WHEREAS, three public workshops were held in development of the 2025-2027 RFFA Program Direction to gather input from a broad range of perspectives on prioritizing the regional transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, input has been sought and received from the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee as well as JPACT on the updated Program Direction; and

WHEREAS, using input from the workshops, TPAC, in their June 4, 2021 meeting, recommended the draft 2025-2027 RFFA Program Direction to JPACT for approval, and JPACT, in their July 15, 2021 meeting approved TPAC's recommendation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council adopt the 2025-2027 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Program Direction.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 9th day of September 2021.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney