BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2021-26 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO AMEND OR ADD APPROXIMATELY 13 PROJECTS IMPACTING METRO, ODOT, PORTLAND, AND THPRD ENSURING REQUIRED FEDERAL APPROVALS AND PHASE OBLIGATIONS CAN MOVE FORWARD (OC22-01-OCT)

RESOLUTION NO. 21-5205

Introduced by: Chief Operating Officer Andrew Scott in concurrence with Council President Lynn Peterson

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 2021-26 MTIP via Resolution 20-5110 on July 23, 2020; 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, Metro is now under formal annual obligation targets resulting in additional accountability for Metro to commit, program, obligate, and expend allocated federal formula funds; and

WHEREAS, Portland has completed their required pre-scoping for two of their Metro awarded Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) projects allowing MTIP and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) programming to occur and initiate the required ODOT intergovernmental agreement development enabling the projects to be implemented ; and

WHEREAS, Metro has received a \$850,000 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) planning grant for the Tualatin Valley Hwy Transit & Development Project which will complete corridor planning including developing an equitable development strategy (EDS) and a locally preferred alternative (LPA) for a transit project, alternative analysis for a preferred alignment, plus evaluate street and pedestrian improvements for future construction projects; and

WHEREAS, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District received a \$572,477 Oregon Community Paths Program grant which will support completion of Westside Trail Project Refinement Study to identify the preferred alignment and master plan for segments 14-17 of the trail to lay the foundation for closing a critical 2.3 mile gap in Washington County; and WHEREAS, the formal amendment will add four new safety improvement projects for ODOT to construct new curbs and ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards at various locations on OR10, OR47, OR99E, US30, and US30BY to reduce mobility barriers and make state highways more accessible to disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, ODOT is combining two safety improvement projects into a single project for increased delivery efficiencies on OR8 which will install larger signal heads, reflective backboards, and pedestrian countdown signals between SW Short Ave - SW 110th, plus will include sidewalk infill and improvements, bus stop relocations, bus pads, and enhanced pedestrian crossing between SW 192nd Ave-SW 165th Ave; and

WHEREAS, ODOT is combining another two safety projects into a single project for increased delivery efficiencies on US30 between NW Hoge Ave and Watson Rd to repair culverts in poor condition along this corridor to prevent further damage and possible collapse; 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 October 2021 MTIP Formal Amendment; and

WHEREAS, 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 as a result of the October 2021 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 October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, JPACT approved Resolution 21-5205 consisting of the October 2021 Formal MTIP Amendment bundle on October 21, 2021 and provided their approval recommendation to Metro Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT on November 4, 2021 to formally amend the 2021-26 MTIP to include the required changes identified in the October 2021 Formal MTIP Amendment Bundle and Resolution 21-5205.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of _____ 2021.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney