

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 05-3604
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO)
INCLUDE THE I-205 NORTHBOUND ON-) Introduced by Deputy President Burkholder
RAMP/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE)
IMPROVEMENT)

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2005, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 05-3589A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO MOVE THE I-205 NORTHBOUND ONRAMP/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT FROM THE ILLUSTRATIVE LIST TO THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED LIST; and

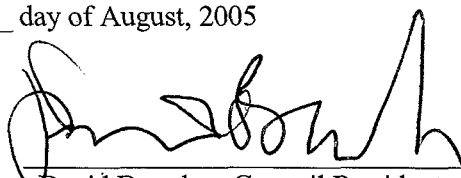
WHEREAS, amending the Regional Transportation Plan was contingent upon completion of an air quality conformity determination that included the I-205/Airport Way interchange project; and,

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has now approved Resolution No. 05-3599, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2006-2009 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE I-205/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

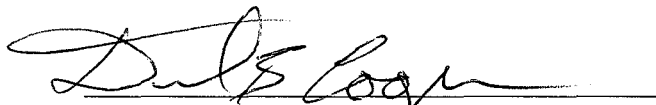
1. Approves the amendment of the Regional Transportation Plan's financially constrained system to include the I-205 northbound onramp/Airport Way interchange improvement project.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 18th day of August, 2005



David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-3604, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE THE I-205 NORTHBOUND ON-RAMP/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT

Date: July 19, 2005

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BACKGROUND

This amendment is intended to remove the contingency component of the June 2005 Metro Council Resolution No. 05-3589A FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO MOVE THE I-205 NORTHBOUND ONRAMP/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT FROM THE ILLUSTRATIVE LIST TO THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED LIST. The contingency was demonstration of air quality conformity.

Resolution No. 05-3589A was intended to support new development in Cascade Station and continued development in Portland International Center, and to improve mobility in the vicinity of Portland International Airport. The Port of Portland, on behalf of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is currently conducting an Environmental Assessment for the Cascade Station/Portland International Center (CS/PIC) development. In order to provide FAA a foundation upon which to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) (necessary to allow any further development in CS/PIC), that agency requires reasonable assurance that the I-205 Northbound On-Ramp/Airport Way project will be constructed by 2015.

Accordingly, the Port of Portland requested that the financially constrained system of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) be amended. Demonstrating to FAA the project's inclusion in the RTP was very time sensitive. However, the RTP may not be amended without demonstrating conformity with air quality regulations. Air quality conformity is an expensive and time-consuming effort, and an air quality conformity determination was scheduled to be completed for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) in July/August, 2005. As a result, the proposed conformity determination for the MTIP was revised to include the I-205/Airport Way interchange improvement.

Air quality conformity for the I-205/Airport Way interchange has now been demonstrated as noted in Resolution No. 05-3599, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2006-2009 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE I-205/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Accordingly, the financially constrained system of the RTP may be amended to include the I-205/Airport Way interchange improvement.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None.
2. **Legal Antecedents**

Federal: 40 CFR 93. (transportation air quality conformity)

State: OAR 340-252 (transportation air quality conformity)

Metro:

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3. Anticipated Effects FAA will have a foundation upon which to allow development in CS/PIC.

4. Budget Impacts None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution No. 05-3604, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE THE I-205 NORTHBOUND ON-RAMP/AIRPORT WAY INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT.