

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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| FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE |) | RESOLUTION NO. 00-2994 |
| METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION |) | |
| IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO |) | Introduced by |
| INCLUDE \$370,000 OF STATE |) | Councilor Jon Kvistad, Chair |
| TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS |) | JPACT |
| FOR THE PORTLAND GATEWAY PROJECT |) | |

WHEREAS, Metro maintains a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and ODOT maintains and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that tracks federal funding for significant transportation projects in the Portland urban area; and

WHEREAS, Federal planning regulations require that all revisions of the STIP that effect changes to the regional transportation system within Metro's jurisdiction must also be included in the MTIP; and

WHEREAS, The six-year federal transportation bill (TEA-21) authorized annual appropriations of Transportation Enhancement funds to the State of Oregon in federal fiscal years (FY) 1998 through 2003; and

WHEREAS, The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) suballocated the annual statewide sums for distribution to a Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program and a separate allocation of \$1.4 million annually to Region 1; and

WHEREAS, Metro, in agreement with ODOT Salem Headquarters staff and the Region 1 Manager, assigned the FY 1998-2003 Region 1 Transportation Enhancement funds to projects during the Priorities 2000 MTIP Update; and

WHEREAS, The Statewide program operated a separate project solicitation and selection process after conclusion of the Priorities 2000 Update; and

WHEREAS, The statewide process selected the "Portland Gateway" project in Linnton, consisting of constructing a landscaped center median on US 30 with street trees through the Linnton neighborhood, for allocation of \$370,000 of Enhancement funds for obligation in FY 2001; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2000-2003 STIP included the project but no request was ever made by the statewide Transportation Enhancement coordinator to authorize obligation of the funds in the MTIP; and

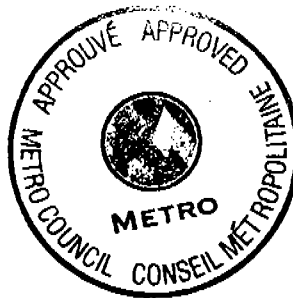
WHEREAS, Metro has allocated \$70,000 of Regional Environmental Management's Rehabilitation and Enhancement Grant funds for the project; and


WHEREAS, The statewide Enhancement funds do not reduce the Region 1 program and come with their own federal obligation limitation. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

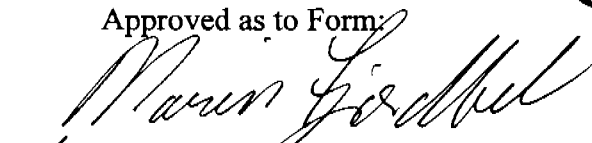
1. The MTIP is amended to authorize obligation of \$370,000 of federal Transportation Enhancement funds for design and construction of the Portland Gateway project in Linnton.
2. Metro Staff is authorized to coordinate programming of the funds with respect to work phase and obligation date.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 26th day of OCTOBER, 2000.




David Bragdon, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-2994, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO INCLUDE \$370,000 OF STATE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FOR THE PORTLAND GATEWAY PROJECT

Date: October 18, 2000

Presented by: Councilor McLain

Committee Recommendation: At its October 17 meeting, the Committee considered Resolution No. 00-2994 and voted unanimously to send the resolution to the Council for adoption. Voting in favor: Councilors Kvistad and McLain and Chair Monroe.

Background: The Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan must be amended to recognize the receipt of funds and programming for any new transportation projects.

Committee Discussion: Andy Cotugno, Transportation Planning Director, presented the staff report. He explained that the purpose of the proposed resolution was to recognize the receipt of \$370,000 in state transportation funds for a project to make improvements along Highway 30 in the Linnton area. The proposed project is a part of the Highway 30 corridor study. It would include a landscaped median and other improvements that would provide for enhanced traffic calming in the Linnton area. The project also will be supported by a \$70,000 grant of solid waste enhancement funds approved by the Metro Central Enhancement Committee.

The committee had no questions.

STAFF REPORT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO INCLUDE \$370,000 OF STATE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FOR THE PORTLAND GATEWAY PROJECT

Date: September 25, 2000

Presented by: Andrew C. Cotugno

PROPOSED ACTION

This resolution would amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to authorize programming \$370,000 of Transportation Enhancement funds to design and construct "Portland Gateway" street amenities on US 30, through Linnton, consistent with programming already approved in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This resolution also authorizes staff to coordinate programming of the funds as necessary with respect to phase of work and anticipated year of obligation.

EXISTING LAW

23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450 specifies that the STIP must incorporate the MTIP without change. Unless this amendment of the MTIP is approved by Metro, FHWA will not approve a request by ODOT to obligate funds for project design or construction.

BUDGET IMPACT

The Transportation Enhancement funds programmed by this action have no direct bearing on Metro finances. However, Metro's Regional Environmental Management Department's Rehabilitation and Enhancement Grant program has pledged \$70,000 toward construction of the project. Failure to program the funds would conceivably free the grant funds for other purposes.

The project budget is summarized below:

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| Transportation Enhancements | \$370,000 |
| Metro REM Rehab & Enhancement Grant | \$ 70,000 |
| Other ODOT funds | <u>\$ 10,000</u> |
| Total | <u>\$450,000</u> |

The project's anticipated phasing is as follows:

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| PE | \$ 90,000 |
| Construction | <u>\$360,000</u> |
| Total | <u>\$450,000</u> |

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Metro maintains a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and ODOT maintains and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Both documents track federal funding for significant transportation projects in the Portland urban area. Federal planning regulations require that all revisions of the STIP that effect changes to the regional transportation system within Metro's jurisdiction must also be included in the MTIP.

Since 1992, when Congress established the Transportation Enhancement program, Metro has cooperated with ODOT to allocate these funds in the Portland urban area. This process was continued during the last MTIP/STIP update (Priorities 2000). The update reaffirmed programming of \$5.6 million of funds approved in the FY 98 MTIP and allocated another increment of \$2.8 million anticipated in FY 02 and FY 03.

However, during the 2000 STIP update, ODOT established a Statewide Transportation Enhancement program. It was funded with the increment of funds authorized by TEA-21 that was higher than had been originally forecast and allocated in the FY 98 STIP cycle. During a project solicitation and ranking process managed by ODOT, the "Portland Gateway" project, on US 30 through Linnton, was selected, with input from Metro, and approved for funding by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

The Linnton neighborhood lies at the western limits of the City of Portland and within the boundaries that define communities eligible for grants from Metro's Central Enhancement account. The project, which is recommended in the US 30 Corridor Study, would construct a landscaped median in the highway and provide street trees through Linnton. Aside from making an attractive gateway, the amenities are expected to help passively moderate travel speeds through Linnton and thus mitigate effects of the state highway on the town. In order to receive federal approval for obligation of the funds, ODOT has requested that the project be authorized in the MTIP.

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