

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THE )  
PORTLAND GATEWAY PROJECT IN THE )  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) )

RESOLUTION NO. 00-3014

Introduced by  
Councilor Jon Kvistad, Chair  
JPACT

WHEREAS, The Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 00-2994 to place the Portland Gateway Project in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP); and

WHEREAS, Metro maintains the MTIP and ODOT maintains the 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 RTP; 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 and MTIP include the project but no request was ever made by the statewide Transportation Enhancement coordinator to place the project in the RTP; and


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

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The 1995 Interim Federal RTP (adopted) and 2000 RTP (adopted and pending a federal air quality conformity determination) are amended to include the Portland Gateway Project in Linnton.

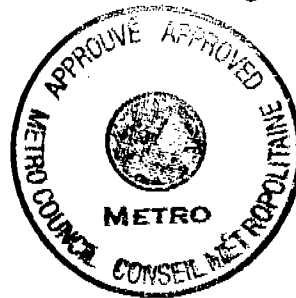
2. Metro Staff is authorized to coordinate programming of the funds with respect to work phase, obligation date, and air quality conformity.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 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. 00-3014, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THE PORTLAND GATEWAY PROJECT IN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)**

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Date: December, 7, 2000

Presented by: Councilor Kvistad

**Committee Recommendation:** At its December 5 meeting, the Committee considered Resolution No. 00-3014 and voted unanimously to send the resolution to the Council for adoption. Voting in favor: Councilors Kvistad and McLain and Chair Monroe.

**Background:** The Regional Transportation Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) must be amended to recognize the receipt of funds and programming for any new transportation projects. Resolution No. 00-2994, adopted by the Council in October, amended the MTIP to recognize the Linnton project but inadvertently did not amend the RTP. This resolution amends the RTP to place the proposed project in the financially constrained system portion of the plan.

**Committee Discussion:** Mike Hogle, Transportation Planning Manager, presented the staff report. He explained that the purpose of the proposed resolution was to amend the RTP 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 PLACING THE PORTLAND GATEWAY PROJECT IN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Date: November 8, 2000

Presented by: Andrew C. Cotugno

## PROPOSED ACTION

This resolution would amend the adopted 1995 Federal Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the pending 2000 Financially Constrained RTP to include a \$370,000 "Portland Gateway" project on US 30, through Linnton. This resolution also authorizes staff to coordinate programming of the funds as necessary with respect to phase of work, anticipated year of obligation, and air quality conformity in order to assist ODOT in moving the project forward.

## EXISTING LAW

23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450 specifies that the federally funded projects must be included in a conforming and financially constrained long-range plan. Unless this amendment of the RTP 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. The project's anticipated phasing is as follows:

## BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Metro Resolution No. 00-2994 amended the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to include \$450,000 for the Linnton Gateway Project. Federal planning regulations required that in order to expend the \$370,000 federal share of funds, the project must be included in a financially constrained long-range plan that conforms with Clean Air Act requirements.

The 1995 Interim Federal RTP is the currently recognized and conforming plan. A 2000 RTP was adopted by JPACT and the Metro Council in August 2000 and is pending an approved air quality conformity determination. This resolution incorporates the Linnton Gateway Project into both the adopted (1995) and pending (2000) financially constrained RTPs. Such action, and concurrence with DEQ will allow the project to proceed.

The actual 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.

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