

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE)
2006-09 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO)
REALLOCATE \$1 MILLION OF REGIONAL)
FLEXIBLE FUNDS FROM THE)
CONSTRUCTION PHASE TO THE)
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE OF THE)
EASTSIDE STREETCAR LOOP PROJECT)

RESOLUTION NO. 07-3826

Introduced by Councilor Rex Burkholder

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) prioritizes projects from the Regional Transportation Plan to receive transportation related funding; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council must approve the MTIP and any subsequent amendments to add new projects to the MTIP or any significant changes in scope to existing projects; and

WHEREAS, the JPACT and the Metro Council approved the 2006-09 MTIP on August 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has requested a change in scope from a funding authority award to the Eastside Streetcar Loop project as defined in the 2006-09 MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for this request were submitted as required by the MTIP amendment procedures and summarized in the staff report to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the program has been determined in conformity with the State Implementation Plan for air quality per federal regulations; and

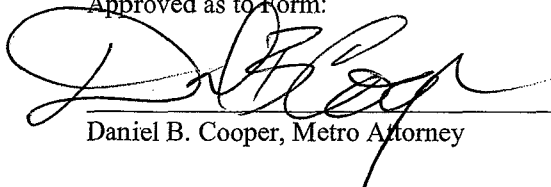
WHEREAS, the program is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to amend the 2006-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to reallocate \$1 million of funding authority from the construction phase to the preliminary engineering phase of the Eastside Streetcar Loop project.

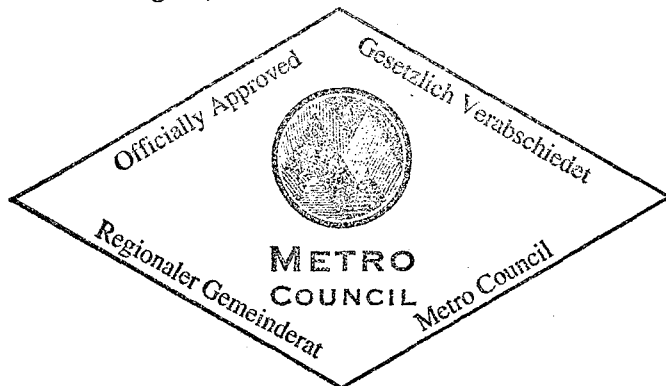
ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of August 2007.



David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-3826, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2006-09 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO REALLOCATE \$1 MILLION OF REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUNDS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE TO THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE OF THE EASTSIDE STREETCAR LOOP PROJECT

Date: July 18, 2007

Prepared by: Ted Leybold

BACKGROUND

During the 2005 Transportation Priorities funding allocation process, the City of Portland applied for and was awarded funding authority of \$1 million for the construction of the Eastside Streetcar project. During the application process, the City anticipated project development costs to be adequately funded by local and federal earmark funds.

This was based on the anticipation that adoption of a new federal funding program for smaller transit capital projects (i.e. the Small Starts Program) would be adopted in the upcoming surface transportation authorization bill and that FTA would develop review and approval criteria that were significantly more streamlined than those for New Starts Program that fund larger transit capital projects such as light rail.

However, the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in January 2006 did not reflect that expectation. Final rules will not be ready until sometime next year. Consequently, the planning and preliminary engineering efforts for the Portland Streetcar Loop Project have proven to be more extensive than anticipated. Therefore, the city is requesting that the \$1.0 million MTIP allocation be made available for preliminary engineering.

While construction costs and funding strategy have not yet been finalized, project staff at this time does not anticipate seeking future allocations of regional flexible funds to “backfill” these funds for construction of the project.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** Amends the 2006-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program adopted by Metro Council Resolution 05-3606 on August 18, 2005 (For the Purpose of Approving the 2006-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area).
3. **Anticipated Effects** Adoption of this resolution will make available \$1 million in transportation funding to the City of Portland for preliminary engineering and design of the Eastside Streetcar Loop project from funds originally programmed for construction of that project.
4. **Budget Impacts** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Metro Resolution No. 07-3826.