

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2008-) RESOLUTION NO. 07-3864
11 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ADD) Introduced by Councilor Rex Burkholder
FUNDING AUTHORITY TO THE SE)
CLEVELAND AVENUE (GRESHAM) PROJECT)
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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; and

WHEREAS, the JPACT and the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 07-3825 "For the Purpose of Approving the 2008-2011 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program For the Portland Metropolitan Area," on August 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gresham applied for funding to retrofit SE Cleveland Avenue between Stark Street and Powell Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gresham was awarded \$1 million of regional flexible funds to retrofit Cleveland Avenue between Burnside Street and Powell Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gresham completed the Division Boulevard project under budget, returning unspent regional flexible fund authority to the regional fund balance; and

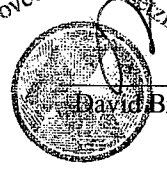
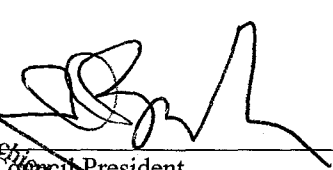
WHEREAS, the City of Gresham has requested the unspent funding authority be re-allocated to the SE Cleveland Avenue project; and

WHEREAS, these funds will allow the city to complete additional design elements within the original scope of the application; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to amend the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to add the unspent authority from the Division Street boulevard project to the SE Cleveland Avenue: Stark Street to Powell Boulevard project.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 25th day of October 2007.

Officially Approved
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RE: Division St. Blvd Remaining Balance

Dear Ted,

In 2005, The City of Gresham's Transportation Division completed the Division Street Boulevard Project (NW Wallowa Ave – NE Kelly Ave). The goal of this project was to provide efficient use of existing right-of-way to serve vehicular, transit, bicycle and pedestrian modes of travel while unifying the Gresham Regional Center. The project was conducted as part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program under Title 23, United States Code and the Oregon Action Plan.

As of January 5, 2007, the Division Street Boulevard Project (Key # 11425) had a remaining balance of \$145,109.12 in unspent federal funds. The cost savings were a result of good fiscal management practices that accomplished The Division Street Project with significant cost savings. The City of Gresham recognizes that unspent funds are not guaranteed to remain within our jurisdiction. However, we would like to petition to have those unspent funds transferred to the Cleveland Avenue project which also serves the Gresham Regional Center, provides for efficient use of existing right-of-way and serves vehicular, transit, bicycle and pedestrian modes of travel.

Originally, Cleveland Avenue project was from Powell Blvd to Stark Street. Because of limited regional federal funding, the City was not awarded the full amount of its request. The project was then divided into two phases: Phase one received funding and is located within the Gresham Regional Center from Powell Blvd to Burnside Blvd; Phase II is located on the outskirts of the Gresham Regional Center from Burnside Blvd to Stark Street and did not receive funding.

The City pursued the Cleveland project based on the success of the Division Street Boulevard Project. The Cleveland Avenue Reconstruction project has long been identified as a priority. It is included in the Regional Transportation Plan, the Gresham Transportation System Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Downtown Plan District.

If the unspent funds were transferred from the Division Street Boulevard Project to Cleveland Phase I, the additional monies would provide for the correction of deficient ADA access at Burnside and Cleveland as well as improve the overall project which would enhance ADA improvements from Powell Blvd to Burnside Blvd, provide green street improvements for storm water management which mimic the natural environment, and further enhance vehicular, transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel within the Gresham Regional Center. The same sound management practices that accomplished the Division Street Project with cost savings would also be employed with Cleveland Phase I.

The City of Gresham would like to thank you for your time and consideration in evaluating this important decision to allow us to transfer the remaining balance of funds from the Division Street Boulevard Project to improve the Cleveland Ave Phase I Project. Please contact me if you have further questions at 503.618.2806.

Sincerely


Ron Papsdorf
Transportation Planner Manager

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-3864, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AMENDING THE 2008-11 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ADD FUNDING AUTHORITY TO THE CLEVELAND AVENUE
(GRESHAM) PROJECT

Date: October 10, 2007

Prepared by: Ted Leybold

BACKGROUND

The City of Gresham recently completed the Division Street boulevard project in the Gresham regional center under the original budget. Approximately \$98,500 of regional flexible fund authority that was obligated to construction of the project was not spent. The Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program rules state the unspent project funds revert back to the program for re-allocation.

The City has also received funding authority to reconstruct Cleveland Avenue in the Gresham regional center between Burnside Road and Powell Boulevard. Regional flexible funding is eligible for project development of the Stark Street to Burnside Road portion of Cleveland Avenue as long as the Burnside Road to Powell Boulevard section is constructed.

City staff is beginning the design and engineering for the Cleveland Avenue project and have requested the use of the remaining Division Street funds (see Exhibit A). The additional funds would be used to address deficient design of sidewalk curb ramps at the Burnside and Cleveland intersection as well as supplementing design elements along the length of the construction project.

This resolution would approve amending the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to make available the unspent funds from the Division Boulevard project to the SE Cleveland Avenue: Stark Street to Powell Boulevard project.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** Amends the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program adopted by Metro Council Resolution 07-3825 on August 16, 2007 (For the Purpose of Approving the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area).
3. **Anticipated Effects** Adoption of this resolution will make available additional transportation funding to the City of Gresham for the Cleveland Avenue: Stark Street to Powell Boulevard project.
4. **Budget Impacts** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Metro Resolution No. 07-3864.