

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING AND APPOINTING) RESOLUTION NO. 09-4066
MEMBERS OF A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND)
THREE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PILOT) Introduced by Council
PROJECTS—ONE URBAN, ONE SUBURBAN, AND ONE) President David L. Bragdon
URBAN TO NATURE—FOR THE FEDERAL TIGER)
GRANT)

WHEREAS, the Metro Council is committed to the principle and practice of sustainability in the region; and

WHEREAS, sustainability can be expressed in terms of the triple bottom line of equity, environment, and economy; and

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking trails, bike boulevards, cycletracks, and other facilities add to the social equity of the region by providing mobility and reducing congestion; offering access for children, low income residents and other non-drivers; contributing to physical health and well being; offering opportunities for fun and recreation; and helping ensure safe travel for cyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking facilities contribute to the environment by reducing auto emissions and greenhouse gases; keeping oil and other pollutants out of the region's streams and waterways; and cultivating stewardship and appreciation for nature; and

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking trails contribute to the economy by increasing tourism; reducing congestion; increasing the speed of freight movement; providing transportation infrastructure at a lower cost to the public; and reinforcing the Portland Metropolitan Region's brand and image worldwide as the leader in sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has expressed continued support for the completion of the regional walking and biking network, including the 950-mile network of regional trails that includes all 25 cities and four counties within the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has supported this effort through the appointment of the Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails (RESOLUTION NO. 08-3936); and

WHEREAS, upon its conclusion the Blue Ribbon Committee for Trails recommended an active transportation strategy by which to complete the regional walking and biking network, including the development of demonstration projects; and

WHEREAS, Metro issued a call for active transportation demonstration projects in May 2008; and

WHEREAS, under the Recovery Act program, up to \$1.5 billion was made available through September 30, 2011, for the Secretary of Transportation to make TIGER Discretionary Grants (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) on a competitive basis for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region; and

WHEREAS, at its July 21, 2009 Council Work Session the Metro Council unanimously expressed support, including the dedication of financial resources, to take advantage of opportunities to further active transportation and build projects, including the TIGER Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council identified the need for an advisory Task Force to identify and recommend three Active Transportation Pilot Projects from among the proposals submitted through the call for active transportation projects for inclusion in the TIGER Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 2.19.060 provides for the creation of Task Forces, which are Advisory Committees of limited duration; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code, Section 2.19.030(b)(1) provides that the Metro Council President shall appoint all members of Advisory Committees and that these appointments are subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a grant program named the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grants Opportunity (the "TIGER grant"); and

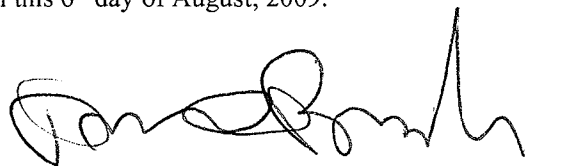
WHEREAS, during its July 21, 2009 Council Work Session the Metro Council expressed interest in creating a Task Force to identify and recommend three Active Transportation Pilot Projects to apply for the federal TIGER grant; and

WHEREAS, the 15-member Executive Council for Active Transportation was formed by the Metro Council to promote a regional transportation strategy that includes trails and other modes of encouraging residents to take a more active role in traveling across the region; and

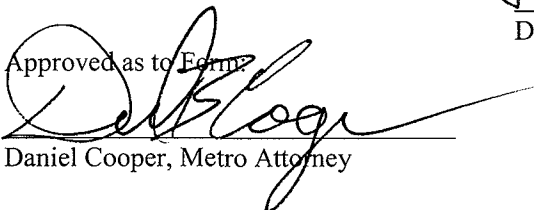
WHEREAS, the Metro Council finds that the current 15-member Executive Council is highly qualified to serve as a Task Force to consider regional active transportation projects; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council creates the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grants Opportunity (TIGER Grants) Task Force to recommend three active transportation pilot projects—one urban, one suburban, and one urban to nature, and confirms the appointments of: Jonathan Nicholas, Christopher Achterman, Eileen Brady, David Bragdon, Scott Bricker, Rex Burkholder, Chris Enlow, Nick Fish, Jay Graves, Richard Kidd, Randy Miller, Lynn Peterson, Rick Potestio, Dick Schouten, Philip Wu, and David Yaden, who together compose the current Executive Council for Active Transportation members, as set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B" attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 6th day of August, 2009.



David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form

Daniel Cooper, Metro Attorney

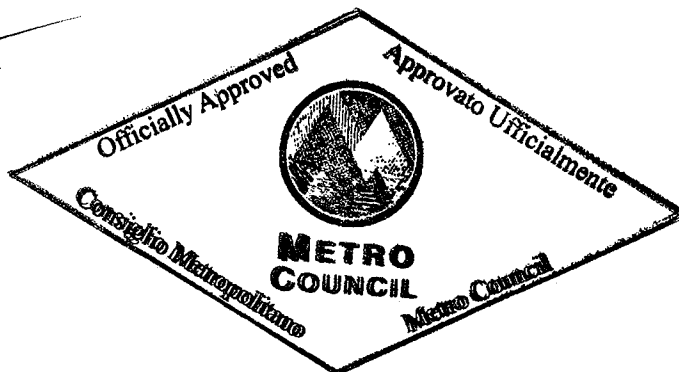


Exhibit A to Resolution No. 09-4066

Executive Council for Active Transportation Members

Following are current members of the Executive Council for Active Transportation, which is being appointed to identify and recommend the three pilot projects for inclusion in the TIGER Grant.

Member Information

Jonathan Nicholas
Chair
Vice President
Branding & Corporate Communications
ODS

Christopher Achterman, MD
Legacy Joint & Bone Clinic
Legacy Health System

Eileen Brady
Co-owner
New Seasons Market

David Bragdon
President
Metro Council

Scott Bricker
Executive Director
Bicycle Transportation Alliance

Rex Burkholder
Councilor
Metro Council

Chris Enlow
Foundation Manager
KEEN Footwear

Nick Fish
Commissioner
City of Portland

Jay Graves, CEO
The Bike Gallery

Richard Kidd
Mayor
City of Forest Grove

Randy Miller
Moore Co.

Lynn Peterson
Chair
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

Rick Potestio
Architect

Dick Schouten
Commissioner
Washington County Board of
Commissioners

Philip Wu, MD
Clinical Pediatric Lead, CMI Weight
Department of Pediatrics
Kaiser Permanente Northwest

David Yaden
past chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee for
Trails

Exhibit B to Resolution No. 09-4066

TIMELINE:

- Thurs. Aug. 6 The Metro Council will formally appoint the Executive Council for Active Transportation to serve as the Task Force to evaluate, prioritize and recommend three projects for the TIGER Grant.
- Week of Aug. 17 Identify projects: Task Force meets with Metro staff (meeting will be public) to evaluate project proposals and come to a recommendation. This will be a working meeting (minimum of 2 hours) and all members would be invited to participate. Staff will have surveyed the projects and sorted them. The Task Force will submit a letter recommending three of these projects to the Metro Council for development in the grant application.
- Aug. 17-Sept. 15 Staff will move forward to develop the application with recommended projects.
- Thurs. Sept. 10 The Metro Council will vote on a resolution to endorse the TIGER Grant application for submittal.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4066, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING MEMBERS OF A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND THREE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PILOT PROJECTS—ONE URBAN, ONE SUBURBAN, AND ONE URBAN TO NATURE—FOR THE FEDERAL TIGER GRANT

Date: August 6, 2009

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BACKGROUND

Under the federal Recovery Act program, up to \$1.5 billion was made available through September 30, 2011, for the Secretary of Transportation to make grants on a competitive basis for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

The Metro Senior Leadership Team has identified the Active Transportation t Project as a candidate for the TIGER Discretionary Grants Opportunity (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery). The Active Transportation Project would serve as a pilot project for the nation outlining a new strategy for investing in biking and walking in order to triple the biking and walking mode share in the Portland metropolitan region by 2035 and to make communities more livable. The proposed strategy for completing the region's biking and walking network would be modeled after the light rail investment strategy, which has worked well for the region. Using a focused and targeted investment strategy to complete entire biking and walking routes will enable users to complete seamless biking and walking trips comfortably, safely, and efficiently

Cities and counties in the Portland metropolitan region, in partnership with non-profit organizations and businesses, are currently developing proposed active transportation demonstration projects in response to a "call for demonstration projects" and Metro anticipates that over 25 project proposals will be submitted by August 14, 2008. From the pool of project submissions three projects – an urban, a suburban, and an urban to nature project – will be selected to be included in the TIGER Grant.

During its July 21, 2009 Council Work Session the Metro Council expressed interest in identifying and recommending three Active Transportation Pilot Projects to apply for the federal TIGER grant. The three categories that will be represented are:

1. A corridor operating within or adjacent to a single, urban "commute shed" with connections to housing and commerce.
2. A lower density area corridor, where biking and walking facilities are integrated with transit to become effective travel options.
3. An urban to nature corridor linking significant natural areas and attractions. All three projects would be developed with all supporting facilities, amenities, education and marketing.

Attachment A
Members of the Executive Council for Active Transportation

Following are current members of the Executive Council for Active Transportation, which is being appointed to identify and recommend the three pilot projects for inclusion in the TIGER Grant.

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Jay Graves, CEO
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Christopher Achterman, MD
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ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition

None

2. Legal Antecedents

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3. Anticipated Effects

Executive Council members will be appointed to the Task Force and go through a five week process of recommending three active transportation grants. The Task Force recommendation will come forward for approval by the Metro Council at its meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2009.

4. Budget Impacts

\$10,000 plus staff time and resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council President David Bragdon recommends approval of resolution 09-4066 for the purpose of appointing members of the Executive Council to compose a Task Force to participate in identifying and recommending three active transportation pilot projects—one urban, one suburban, and one urban to nature—for the federal TIGER grant.