

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-4420
FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035	)	
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
TO CHANGE THE TERMINUS OF THE CITY	)	Bennett in concurrence with Council
OF BEAVERTON'S CRESCENT STREET	)	President Tom Hughes
MULTIMODAL PROJECT FROM CEDAR	)	
HILLS BOULEVARD TO WESTGATE DRIVE	)	

WHEREAS, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a central tool for implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept, and constitutes a policy component of the Metro Regional Framework Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council must approve the RTP and any subsequent amendments to add or remove projects from the RTP; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted the RTP and related elements by Ordinance No. 10-1241B on June 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton's Crescent Street Multimodal project was included in the 2035 financially constrained RTP (project # 10619); and

WHEREAS, the scope of the Crescent Street Multimodal project is to make multimodal improvements from Rose Biggi Avenue to Cedar Hills Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton has requested to amend the scope of the Crescent Street Multimodal project to extend the project from Cedar Hills Boulevard to Westgate Drive; and

WHEREAS, an air quality conformity analysis demonstrates that the project will not affect the conformity status of the RTP; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to:

1. Amend the financially constrained RTP project list as shown in Exhibit A attached and incorporated into this Resolution.
2. Adopt as findings the staff report dated April 10, 2013 and its Attachment 1, which are attached as Exhibit B and incorporated into this Resolution, and which explain how the amendments are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of May 2013.



Approved as to Form:

  
 Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney

**Exhibit A to Resolution No. 13-4420**

**2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment**

**Action:** Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project Crescent Street Multimodal project to end at Westgate Drive.

Metro Project ID	Facility Owner/Operator	Project/Program Name	Project Start Location	Project End Location	Local Functional Class	Description	Estimated Cost	Time Period	Federal FC Project	Primary Mode
10619	Beaverton	Crescent Street Multimodal Extension to Cedar Hills Boulevard	Rose Biggi Avenue	<del>Cedar Hills Boulevard</del> <u>Westgate Drive</u>	Major Arterial	Extend 2 lane Crescent from Cedar Hills to Rose Biggi Avenue.	\$3,500,000	2008-2017	X	Roads/Bridges

## **Exhibit B to Resolution No. 13-4420**

### **STAFF REPORT**

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO.13-4420, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) TO CHANGE THE TERMINUS OF THE CRESCENT STREET MULTIMODAL PROJECT FROM CEDAR HILLS ROAD TO WESTGATE DRIVE

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Date: April 10, 2013

Prepared by: Grace Cho & John Mermin

#### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Beaverton has requested amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together have the authority to approve amendments to the RTP.

The City of Beaverton has requested to amend project #10619, Crescent St multimodal extension from Rose Biggi Avenue to Cedar Hills Boulevard on the 2035 RTP financially constrained list. The amendment proposes extending the terminus to Westgate Drive, instead of Cedar Hills Boulevard. The new terminus supports redevelopment potential in the Beaverton Regional Center and has been included in the City's application for ODOT Enhance funding through its STIP process.

#### Consistency with RTP

These amendments are processed pursuant to Section 6.6.2 of the RTP, which provides that project list amendments must include a demonstration of consistency with the RTP. Beaverton staff has provided an analysis explaining why the proposed project amendment is consistent with the solutions hierarchy (Metro Code 3.08.220) of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan, which implements the policies, goals and objectives of the RTP. That analysis is provided in the memorandum included as Attachment 1, which staff concludes is sufficient to demonstrate that the project list amendment is consistent with the RTP as required under Section 6.6.2 of the RTP.

#### Air Quality Conformity

An air quality conformity analysis was completed on the proposed amendments. The results indicate that adding the projects to the 2035 financially constrained RTP will not exceed the permitted emissions "budget" and therefore conforms to air quality regulations. A copy of the air quality conformity report findings are included in Attachment 2.

#### Public Comments

Metro's Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning requires a 30-day public comment period for all major amendments to an RTP or MTIP. Major amendments are defined as those that "involve additions or deletions of projects or a significant change in scope of the project location or function." Staff determined that the amendment requested by the City of Beaverton meet the definition of major amendments.

Metro conducted a 30-day public comment period on the requested amendments from February 22, 2013 to April 8, 2013. The comment period was advertized with a legal notice in The Oregonian on February 21, 2013 and to several other community news papers. The advertisements directed the public to a web page that provided detailed information on the requested amendments. For environmental justice outreach purposes, translation of the proposed RTP amendments was conducted to provide information to limited English proficiency populations. The translated materials was tailored to the languages spoken in the areas the projects are located. Two comments were received relating to the Crescent St project. The comment in opposition felt that central Beaverton had already received enough transportation investment.

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### **ANALYSIS/INFORMATION**

1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Council Ordinance No. 10-1241B For the Purpose of Amending the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with Federal and State Law; to add the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; to Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; to Amend the Regional Framework Plan; and to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, adopted by the Metro Council June 10, 2010.

Metro Council Resolution No.10-4186 For the Purpose of Approving the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area adopted by the Metro Council September 16, 2010

3. **Anticipated Effects** None

4. **Budget Impacts** None

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Metro staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 13-4420

## MEMORANDUM

### Community & Economic Development

**To:** John Mermin, Metro  
Brenda Perez, FHWA

**From:** Luke Pelz, Associate Transportation Planner

**Date:** 2/26/13

**Subject:** Regional Transportation Functional Plan Solutions Hierarchy  
*RTP Amendment: Crescent Street Extension Realignment*

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The City of Beaverton has requested a minor amendment to the RTP in order to realign the end location of the Crescent Street Extension from Cedar Hills Boulevard to SW Westgate Drive. You have asked that we provide supplemental documentation that addresses the Regional Transportation Functional Plan Solutions Hierarchy. This memo serves as our response to your request.

#### **Response to Transportation Solutions Hierarchy**

*Metro Code Chapter 3.08 Regional Transportation Functional Plan, Section 3.08.220 Transportation Solutions*

*A. Each city and county shall consider the following strategies, in the order listed, to meet the transportation needs determined pursuant to section 3.08.210 and performance targets and standards pursuant to section 3.08.230. The city or county shall explain its choice of one or more of the strategies and why other strategies were not chosen:*

*1. TSMO strategies, including localized TDM, safety, operational and access management improvements;*

**Response:** The existing alignment of the Crescent Street Extension ends at Cedar Hills Boulevard near TriMet's MAX Blue Line, while the proposed realignment ends at SW Westgate Drive. The realignment improves safety by removing any potential conflicts with vehicle turn movements and the MAX Blue Line, and by using a local street design to reduce traffic speeds (Crescent Street is classified as a collector). Furthermore, the realignment reduces the number of access points along Cedar Hills Boulevard (classified as an arterial), which provides for improved traffic operation.

*2. Transit, bicycle and pedestrian system improvements;*

Response: The proposed realignment is located adjacent to the Round Transit Oriented Development within the Beaverton Regional Center. The realignment will improve mobility for people traveling between the Beaverton Central MAX Station and employment and shopping areas. Furthermore, the proposed street design includes pedestrian walkways and adequate right of way to accommodate bicycles in the shared travel lane.

*3. Traffic-calming designs and devices;*

Response: In order to reduce traffic speeds the proposed street design includes two twelve foot wide travel lanes; curb extensions located at the intersections of Crescent Street and Rose Biggi Avenue, and Crescent Street and Westgate Drive; an approximate ninety degree turn; and on-street parking in a few locations.

*4. Land use strategies in OAR 660-012-0035(2) to help achieve the thresholds and standards in Tables 3.08-1 and 3.08-2 or alternative thresholds and standards established pursuant to section 3.08.230;*

Response: The proposed realignment allows the undeveloped site located south of the project to achieve complete high-density development build out. The Crescent Street Extension realignment is located within the RC-TO (Regional Center – Transit Oriented) zone, which has a minimum required floor-to-area ratio of 0.60. To help achieve the non-drive alone modal target of 45-55% as shown in Table 3.08-1 of the Metro Code, the City of Beaverton has adopted parking minimum and maximum ratios for the RC-TO zone consistent with subsection 3.08.410A, which are included in Section 60.30 of the Beaverton Development Code.

*5. Connectivity improvements to provide parallel arterials, collectors or local streets that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, consistent with the connectivity standards in section 3.08.110 and design classifications in Table 2.6 of the RTP, in order to provide alternative routes and encourage walking, biking and access to transit; and*

Response: The proposed realignment is located adjacent to the Round Transit Oriented Development within the Beaverton Regional Center. The realignment will improve mobility for people traveling between the Beaverton Central MAX Station and employment and shopping areas. Additionally, the proposed street design includes pedestrian walkways and adequate right of way to accommodate bicycles in the shared travel lane.

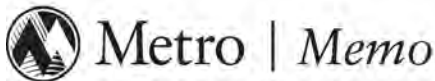
*6. Motor vehicle capacity improvements, consistent with the RTP Arterial and Throughway Design and Network Concepts in Table 2.6 and section 2.5.2 of the RTP, only upon a demonstration that other strategies in this subsection are not appropriate or cannot adequately address identified transportation needs.*

Response: The proposed Crescent Street Extension realignment does not change the existing classification of the street or add capacity to the transportation system.

**Public Process**

The Crescent Street Extension project is included in the City of Beaverton's Transportation System Plan, the Metro Regional Transportation Plan Financially Constrained Project List (Project#:10619), and the City of Beaverton's Capital Improvements Plan (Project#: 5080). The most recent update to the Beaverton TSP was adopted by ordinance in 2009, and included opportunities for written and oral testimony during public hearings.

The City of Beaverton is requesting a minor realignment to the end location of the Crescent Street Extension from Cedar Hills Boulevard (as shown in the TSP and RTP) to SW Westgate Drive. The local adoption process has been formally initiated for Planning Commission and City Council review however, as of the date of this memo the minor realignment has yet to be adopted within Beaverton's TSP.



Date: March 1, 2013  
 To: TPAC and Interested Parties  
 From: Tom Kloster, Transportation Planning Manager  
 Grace Cho, Assistant Transportation Planner  
 Subject: Pre-Conformity Plan and Draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination

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**Introduction**

To comply with federal mandates, Metro is required to conduct an air quality impact analysis with each update of Metro’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and development of a new Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). As part of the conducting the analysis, Metro consults and solicits feedback from our local and regional partners about the analysis. TPAC has been identified as the forum of local and regional partners for consultation and soliciting feedback. Metro staff seeks comments from TPAC regarding the Draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination.

**Background**

Prior to the scheduled update of Metro’s 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), several project sponsors requested RTP project amendments due to project delivery schedules and are unable to wait until the next scheduled update. As a result, Metro solicited RTP amendments at the end of 2012 where a total of 13 projects were submitted. In review of the proposed amendments, all but one were deemed regionally significant projects as defined federal transportation conformity rules (40 CFR 93.101). Therefore a new air quality conformity determination must be made on Metro’s 2035 RTP in complying with federal regulations.

In anticipation of conducting a new conformity determination, Metro staff consulted with federal partners (FHWA, FTA, EPA) as well as regional and state partners (DEQ, ODOT, TriMet) to about the approach and methodology to the air quality conformity analysis. The federal, state, and regional partners all came to agreement on the approach and methodology to the analysis. Metro conducted the analysis in February 2013. Metro staff developed and released a draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination on February 22, 2013 for public comment.

**Air Quality Analysis and Results**

To demonstrate conformity, the projected emissions must be less than or equal to the motor vehicle emissions budget(s) established for each analysis year (OAR 340-252-0190(b)(A)). In addition, the regional emissions analysis must be performed for the last year of the transportation plan's forecast period. The results for each analysis year can be found below.

2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) Regional Air Quality Assessment

Year	Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (Budgets are Maximum Allowed Emissions) (pounds/ winter day)	Forecast Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emissions (pounds/ winter day)
2010	1,033,578	877,841
2017	1,181,341	708,286
2025	1,181,341	830,714



2035	1,181,341	835,142
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Per the results, the projected emissions is less than the approved motor vehicle emissions budgets for each analysis year. Therefore the 2035 RTP with the proposed amendments conforms to air quality rules. The full report with details of the analysis can be found on Metro's website.

### **Request**

Metro staff requests the feedback of TPAC members on the draft 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination report prior to the end of the public comment period. The public comment period for the 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination is scheduled to close on April 8, 2013.

### **Next Steps**

Metro will summarize and incorporate any public comments on the draft 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination following the close of the public comment period. Metro will return to TPAC in April and ask for recommendation to forward the revised draft of the 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination to JPACT. Once recommended, Metro staff will ask for JPACT and Metro Council approval of the conformity determination at the May meetings.