

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING SUPPORT ) RESOLUTION NO. 05-3605  
FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC )  
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) AND )  
TAKING ACTION TO HELP ACHIEVE THE )  
CEDS' OBJECTIVE TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC ) Introduced by Council President  
OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS OF THE ) David Bragdon  
PORTLAND METROPOLITAN REGION )

WHEREAS, the unit of economic competition in the modern economy is the metropolitan region;  
and

WHEREAS, the Portland Metropolitan Region economy competes with regional economies  
throughout the world for income, jobs, trade, capital, commerce and industry; and

WHEREAS, from Central Florida to the North Carolina Triangle to Greater Chicago to the Salt  
Lake Valley, the most effective strategies have been those which have been developed regionally and  
collaboratively; and,

WHEREAS, the economic competitiveness of the Portland Metropolitan Region is of central  
importance to the quality of life and well being of the region's residents; and

WHEREAS, a regional economic development strategy must have solid support from public and  
private sector leadership in order to achieve improved economic opportunity for our region's citizens; and

WHEREAS, public and private sector leaders in the region have undertaken the Comprehensive  
Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and Regional Business Planning projects to strengthen the  
region's economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, public and private sector leaders have completed the CEDS; and

WHEREAS, several areas of responsibility of the Metro Council, such as transportation  
investment, freight mobility, tourism facilities, and planning, have a direct impact on our economic  
competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Regional Framework Plan (RFP) contains Policies 1.4 and 1.5 that call  
upon Metro to collaborate with others to encourage economic opportunity and vitality throughout the  
region; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS contains many initiatives consistent with the policies in Metro's RFP and  
to which Metro can contribute substantially; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Metro Council endorses the collaborative approach taken by the Regional Partners in  
developing the CEDS and supports the goals and actions that comprise the strategy.

2. The Metro Council directs the Chief Operating Officer to take the following actions within 90 days following adoption of this resolution:

a. Immediately initiate a Brownfields Program to identify demonstration projects for site cleanup, site assessment and mapping of contaminated sites.

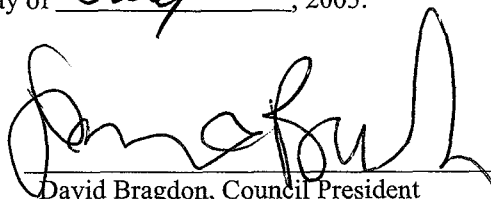
b. Capitalize on the Data Resource Center's strengths to provide additional services for the Oregon Prospector website system and to speed up the local permitting processes by offering a permit mapping service to the public.

c. Convene a Tax Study group to seek a funding solution for concept planning to prepare new urban areas for development.

d. Provide support for a speakers forum that responds to finance and capital formation issues for emerging businesses.

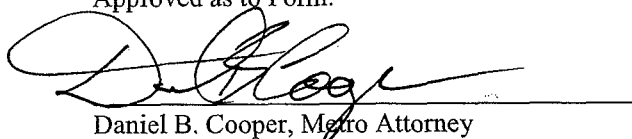
3. The Metro Council further directs the Chief Operating Officer to develop a program of longer-term actions to be taken by Metro to support the objectives of the CEDS and improve the economy of the region, and to submit the program to the Council by December 31, 2005.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.



David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

