## BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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## FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW ODOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AWARDED PROJECT INTO THE 2024-27 MTIP FOR TRIMET SUPPORTING ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS TRANSIT NEEDS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-5473

Introduced by: Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with Council President Lynn Peterson

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires federal funding for transportation projects located in a metropolitan area to be programmed in an MTIP; and

WHEREAS, in July 2023, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 23-5335 to adopt the 2024-27 MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-27 MTIP includes Metro approved RTP and federal performance-based programming requirements and demonstrates compliance and further progress towards achieving the RTP and federal performance targets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the USDOT MTIP amendment submission rules, JPACT and the Metro Council must approve any subsequent amendments to the MTIP to add new projects or substantially modify existing projects; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Public Transportation Division has awarded TriMet \$2,134,621 of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds in support of TriMet's Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5310 Program supports the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, TriMet will provide the minimum match requirement and use the funding to procure eligible replacement paratransit buses and/or vehicles, and:

WHEREAS, ODOT will initiate and complete the required flex transfer of the FHWA based funding to FTA which will allow TriMet to then access, obligate, and expend the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the programming updates to the new project is stated in Exhibit A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2025, Metro's Transportation Policy and Alternatives Committee recommended that JPACT approve this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2025, JPACT approved and recommended the Metro Council adopt this resolution; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council adopts this resolution to add the new project as stated within Exhibit A to the 2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to meet federal project delivery requirements.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 8th day of May 2025.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie Maclaren

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

## Exhibit A March 2025, Formal/Full MTIP Amendment Summary Formal Amendment #: MR25-08-MAR

The March 2025 MTIP Formal Amendment contains one new project being added to the 2024-27 MTIP from the ODOT Public Transportation Division (PTD). A summary of the project is shown below:

Key 23838 (New Project) - Transit Vehicle Replacement Tri-Met FFY25 (ODOT PTD): Key 23838 was awarded \$2.13 million of federal State Surface Transportation Block Grant funds supporting the procurement of FTA Section 5310 replacement paratransit buses/vehicles that support the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable or insufficient, or inappropriate. ODOT will transfer the funds to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) via a process called "flex transfer". Once this is complete, TriMet will be able to access, obligate, expend the funds through the FTA oversight process.

	2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Exhibit A to Resolution 25-5473 March 2025 Formal Amendment Bundle Contents Amendment Type: Formal/Full Amendment #: MR25-08-MAR Total Number of Projects: 1							
Key Number & MTIP ID	Key     Lead       Number &     Agency   Project Name Project Description Amendment Action							
Category: Ac	ding New Proje	ects to the 2024-2027 MT	TP:					
(#1) ODOT Key # <b>23838</b> MTIP ID TBD <i>New Project</i>	ODOT PTD	Transit Vehicle Replacement Tri-Met FFY25	ODOT PTD funding to TriMet supporting FTA 5310 paratransit replacement bus/vehicle procurements to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable or insufficient.	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal amendment adds the new award for TriMet supporting FTA 5310 program area needs to procure replacement buses/vehicles.				

Exhibit A Table (MTIP Worksheets) follow on the next pages and contain the specific project changes for the FFY 2025 March Formal MTIP Amendment.

	Proposed Amendment Review and Approval Steps						
March 2025 (MR25-08-MAR) Formal Amendment estimated processing and approval timing							
Date	Action						
Tuesday, March 4, 2025	Post amendment & begin 30-day notification/comment period. (Comment period is March 4, 2025 to April 2, 2025.)						
Friday, March 7, 2025	Metro Transportation Policy Alternative Committee (TPAC) – Amendment overview, and approval recommendation provided to JPACT						
Thursday, March 20, 2025	JPACT Meeting – Amendment approval consideration.						
Thursday, April 10, 2025	Metro Council Meeting – Final Metro amendment approval request.						
May, 2025?	Estimated final FHWA MTIP amendment approval and inclusion in the approved STIP completed.						

Added Notes:

- 1. Approval by FTA will be required for this amendment along with final approval from FHWA.
- 2. The FTA approval assumes FTA lifts their formal/full MTIP/STIP amendments pause by April 2025 allowing the formal amendment to receive the required FTA approval.

#### 2024-2027 Constrained MTIP Formal Amendment: Exhibit A



Metro 2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) PROJECT AMENDMENT DETAIL WORKSHEET Federal Fiscal Year 2025 MTIP Formal Amendment **ADD NEW PROJECT** Add the ODOT PTD awarded 5310 vehicle replacement project

Proje	ect #1						
Project Details Summary							
ODOT Key #	23838	RFFA ID:	N/A	RTP ID:	RTP Approval Date:	11/30/2023	
MTIP ID:	TBD	CDS ID:	N/A	Bridge #:	N/A	FTA Flex & Conversion Code	Yes, 5310
M	TIP Amendment ID:	MR25-08-MAR		STIP Amei	ndment ID:	24-27-2324	

#### Summary of Amendment Changes Occurring:

The formal amendment adds the new 5310 paratransit vehicle replacement project award to the MTIP. Funding is awarded from the ODOT Public Transportation Division (PTD) to TriMet in support of FTA Section 5310 program areas. The funding will support 5310 program area replacement vehicle procurements,

Project Name:	Transit Vehicle Replacement Tri-Met FFY25							
Lead Agency:	Lead Agency:         ODOT PTD         Applicant:         ODOT         Administrator:         ODOT							
Certified Agency Delivery:         No         Non-Certified Agency Delivery:         No         Delivery as Direct Recipient:         Yes							Yes	

#### Short Description:

ODOT PTD funding to TriMet supporting FTA 5310 paratransit replacement bus/vehicle procurements to meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable or insufficient.

#### MTIP Detailed Description (Internal Metro use only):

ODOT PTD FFY 2025 award to TriMet supporting the procurement of FTA Section 5310 replacement paratransit buses/vehicles that support the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable or insufficient, or inappropriate. State STBG will be flex transferred to FTA for TriMet.

#### STIP Description:

Funding for replacement or right sizing of category A or B transit vehicles in urban areas. This project will be delivered through FTA.

				Project C	assification De	tails					
Project Type		Categ	ory		Feat	ures		System Inv	estment Type		
Transit		Transit - V	/ehicles		Vehicles - Replacement				Capital Improvement		
ODOT Work Type:		TRAN	SIT								
				Phase Fundi	ng and Progra	mming					
Fund Type	Fund Code	Year	Planning	Preliminary Engineering (PE)	Right of Way (ROW)	Utility Relocation (UR)	Construction (Cons)	Other	Total		
Federa	al Funds										
State STBG	Y240	2025						\$ 2,134,621	\$ 2,134,621		
									\$-		
	Feder	al Totals:	\$-		\$-	\$-		\$ 2,134,621	\$ 2,134,621		
State	Funds										
Fund Type	Fund Code	Year	Planning	Preliminary Engineering (PE)	Right of Way (ROW)	Utility Relocation	Construction	Other	Total		
									\$-		
									\$-		
	Stat	te Totals:	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		
Local	Funds										
Fund Type	Fund Code	Year	Planning	Preliminary Engineering (PE)	Right of Way (ROW)	Utility Relocation	Construction	Other	Total		
Local	Match	2025						\$ 244,317	\$ 244,317		
									\$-		
	Loc	al Totals:	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		\$ 244,317	\$ 244,317		
Phase	e Totals		Planning	PE	ROW	UR	Cons	Other	Total		
Existing Progr	amming To	otals:	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	<u> </u>		
Amended Prog	gramming <sup>-</sup>	Totals	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 2,378,938	\$ 2,378,938		
							Total Estima	ated Project Cost	\$ 2,378,938		
							Total Cost in Yea	r of Expenditure:	\$ 2,378,938		

Programming Summary	Yes/No			Reason if sho	ort Programmed				
Is the project short programmed?	No	The project is no	The project is not short programmed.						
Programming Adjustments Details	Planning	PE	ROW	UR	Cons	Other	Totals		
Phase Programming Change:	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 2,378,938	\$ 2,378,938		
Phase Change Percent:	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Amended Phase Matching Funds:	\$-		\$-	\$-		\$ 244,317	\$ 244,317		
Amended Phase Matching Percent:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.27%	10.27%		
		Phase Program	nming Summar	y Totals					
Fund Category	Planning	Preliminary Engineering (PE)	Right of Way (ROW)	Utility Relocation	Construction	Other	Total		
Federal	\$-		\$-	\$-		\$ 2,134,621	\$ 2,134,621		
State	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		
Local	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-		\$ 244,317	\$ 244,317		
Total	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 2,378,938	\$ 2,378,938		
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Fund Type	Planning	PE	ROW	UR	Cons	Other	Total		
Federal	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	89.73%	89.73%		
State	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Local	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.27% 100.0%	10.27% 100.0%		
Total	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
		Phase Prog	ramming Perce	ntage					
Fund Category	Planning	Preliminary Engineering (PE)	Right of Way	Utility Relocation	Construction	Other	Total		
Federal	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	89.7%	89.73%		
State	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Local	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.3%	10.27%		
Total	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%		

Project Phase Obligation History								
Item	Planning	PE	ROW	UR	Cons	Other	Federal	
Total Funds Obligated							Aid ID	
Federal Funds Obligated:							TrAMS grant ID	
EA Number:							FHWA or FTA	
Initial Obligation Date:							FTA	
EA End Date:							FMIS or TRAMS	
Known Expenditures:							TrAMS	
				Estimate	ed Project Comple	etion Date:	12/31/2028	
Completion Date Notes:							·	
Are federal funds being flex transfe	rred to FTA?	Yes	If yes, expe	ected FTA conv	version code:	5310		

**Fiscal Constraint Consistency Review** 

1. What is the source of funding? **ODOT Public Transportation Division award to TriMet** 

2. Does the amendment include changes or updates to the project funding? Yes. New State STBG (to be flex transferred to FTA and for TriMet is being added to the MTIP

3. Was proof-of-funding documentation provided to verify the funding change? Yes, via STIP Impacts Worksheet and confirmation from the ODOT Statewide Investments Management Section Manager

4. Level of funding approval? ODOT Public Transportation manager level and the ODOT Statewide Investments Management Section Manager

5. Has the fiscal constraint requirement been properly demonstrated and satisfied as part of the MTIP amendment? Adequate for now.

	Project Location References									
On State Highway	Yes/No	Route	MP Begin	MP End		Length				
	No	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	lot Applicable Not Applicable						
Cross Streets Route or Arterial Cross Street Cross Street										
	Not Applicable         Not Applicable         Not Applicable					Not Applicable				

	Summary of MTIP Programming and Last Formal/Full Amendment or Administrative Modification									
1st Year	2025	Years Active	0	Project Status	T21	Identified in Transit Plan and approved by Board.				
Programmed	2025	reals Active		Project Status	121	Moving forward to program in MTIP				
Total Prior	0	Last	Not Applicable	Date of Last	Not Applicable	Last MTIP	Not Applicable			
Amendments	0	Amendment	Amendment Not Applicable		Not Applicable	Amend Num				
Last Amendment Action	Not Applicable		· ·		·					

	formity and Transportation Modeling Designations
Is this a capacity enhancing or non-capacity enhancing	
Is the project exempt from a conformity det	Vec the project is exempting $\Delta(1)$ (FR 93.176 Table 7
per 40 CFR 93.126, Table 2 or 40 CFR 93.12	7, Table 3?
Exemption	Reference: Mass Transit - Purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or
	for minor expansions of the fleet
Was an air analysis required as part of RTP	
If capacity enhancing, was transportation modeling analysis	completed No. Not applicable. The project is not capacity enhancing
as part of RTP	inclusion?
RTP Constrained Project ID	and Name: RTP ID - 10928: Operating Capital: Fleet Vehicles: Phase 1
	Replacement, refurbishment and/or service expansion of zero emission buses,
RTP Project D	articulated buses, light rail and LIFT vehicles.
Add	itional RTP Consistency Check Areas
. Is the project designated as a Transportation Control Mea	sure? <b>No</b> .
. Is the project identified on the Congestion Management P	Process (CMP) plan? No.
. Is the project included as part of the approved: UPWP? No.	o. Not applicable.
a. If yes, is an amendment required to the UPWP? <b>No</b> .	
b. Can the project MTIP amendment proceed before the UP\	VP amendment? Yes.
c. What is the UPWP category (Master Agreement, Metro fu	nded stand-alone, Non-Metro funded Regionally Significant)? Not applicable
. Applicable RTP Goals:	
Goal # 1 - Mobility Options:	
Objective 1.3 - Access to Transit: Increase household and j	ob access to current and planned frequent transit service.
Goal #3 - Equitable Transportation:	
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other marginalized communities face to meeting their trav	
etter marginalized commandes face to meeting their the	
. Does the project require a special performance assessmen	t evaluation as part of the MTIP amendment? No. The project is not capacity enhancing
nor does it exceed \$100 million in total project cost.	

Public Notification/Opportunity to Comment Consistency Requirement

1. Is a 30-day/opportunity to comment period required as part of the amendment? **Yes.** 

2. What are the start and end dates for the comment period? Estimated to be Tuesday, Match 4, 2025 to Wednesday, April 2, 2025

3. Was the comment period completed consistent with the Metro Public Participation Plan? Yes.

4. Was the comment period included on the Metro website allowing email submissions as comments? Yes.

5. Did the project amendment result in a significant number of comments? Comments are not expected other than a possible description revision request from TriMet as part of the public comments period

6. Did the comments require a comment log and submission plus review by Metro Communications staff and to Council Office? No comments expected. If comments are received, they will be logged, reviewed, and sent on to Metro Council and Council staff for their assessment.

	Fund Codes References							
Local	General Local funds committed by the lead agency that normally cover the minimum match requirement to the federal funds							
STBG	Surface Transportation Block Grant funds. A federal funding source (FHWA based) appropriated to the State DOT. The Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) promotes flexibility in State and local transportation decisions and provides flexible funding to best address State and local transportation needs.							
State STBG	Appropriated STBG that remains under ODOT's management and commitment to eligible projects.							
5310	FTA Section 5310 funding are federal funds intended to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas							

# Financial Plan -- Estimate / Actual Amounts

Phase	Funding Resp	STIP	Year	Total Est/Act Amt	Fed Est/Act Amt	State Est/Act Amt	Local Est/Act Amt	Comment
OT	SW TRANSIT	2024-2027 STIP	2025	2,378,938.00	2,134,621.00	0.00	244,317.00	1/14/25: Create new project per 24- 27-2324.
ΟΤ	OT Totals			2,378,938.00	2,134,621.00	0.00	244,317.00	
	Grand Totals			2,378,938.00	2,134,621.00	0.00	244,317.00	

Fund Codes											
	Phase	Fund Code	Description	Percent of Phase	Total Amount	Federal Percent	Federal Amount	State Percent	State Amount	Local Percent	Local Amount
от	TC		Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) - Flex IIJA	100.00%	2,378,938.00	89.73%	2,134,621.00	0.00%	0.00	10.27%	244,317.00
		OT Totals		100.00%	2,378,938.00		2,134,621.00		0.00		244,317.00
		Grand Totals			2,378,938.00		2,134,621.00		0.00		244,317.00

#### Modeling Network , NHS, and Performance Measure Designations

	National Highway System and Functional Classification Designations							
System	Y/N	Route		Designation				
NHS Project	N/A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					
Functional	N/A	Not Applicable	Not Applicable					
Classification		Not Applicable						
Federal Aid	NI / A	N/A Not Applicable	Not Applicable					
Eligible Facility	IN/A							

Anticipated Required Performance Measurements Monitoring									
Metro RTP Performance	Provides Congestion Mitigation	Provides Climate Change Reduction	Provides Economic Prosperity	Located in an Equity Focus Area (EFA)	Provides Mobility Improvement	Safety Upgrade Type Project	Safety High Injury Corridor	Notes	
Measurements				Х	Х			-	
Added notes:									





Date:	April 22, 2025
То:	Metro Council and Interested Parties
From:	Ken Lobeck, Funding Programs Lead
Subject:	March 2025 MTIP Formal Amendment & Resolution 25-5473 Approval Request – MR25-08-MAR

# FORMAL MTIP AMENDMENT STAFF REPORT

## **Amendment Purpose Statement**

# FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW ODOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AWARDED PROJECT INTO THE 2024-27 MTIP FOR TRIMET SUPPORTING ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS TRANSIT NEEDS

## BACKROUND

## What This Is - Amendment Summary:

The March 2025 Formal Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Formal/Full Amendment contains one project. The project involves a new ODOT Public Transportation Division (PTD) award to TriMet supporting TriMet's elderly and disabled persons transportation needs program.

#### What is the requested action?

# JPACT approved Resolution 25-5473 that adds the new paratransit vehicle replacement project into the MTIP and now requests Metro Council provide the final approval as well.

#### TPAC March 7, 2025, Meeting Summary:

TPAC members received their official notification and overview of the amendment bundle. There was no significant discussion. TPAC unanimously provided their approval recommendation for JPACT to approve Resolution 25-5473 containing the new paratransit replacement vehicle replacement project.

#### JPACT March 20, 2025, Meeting Summary:

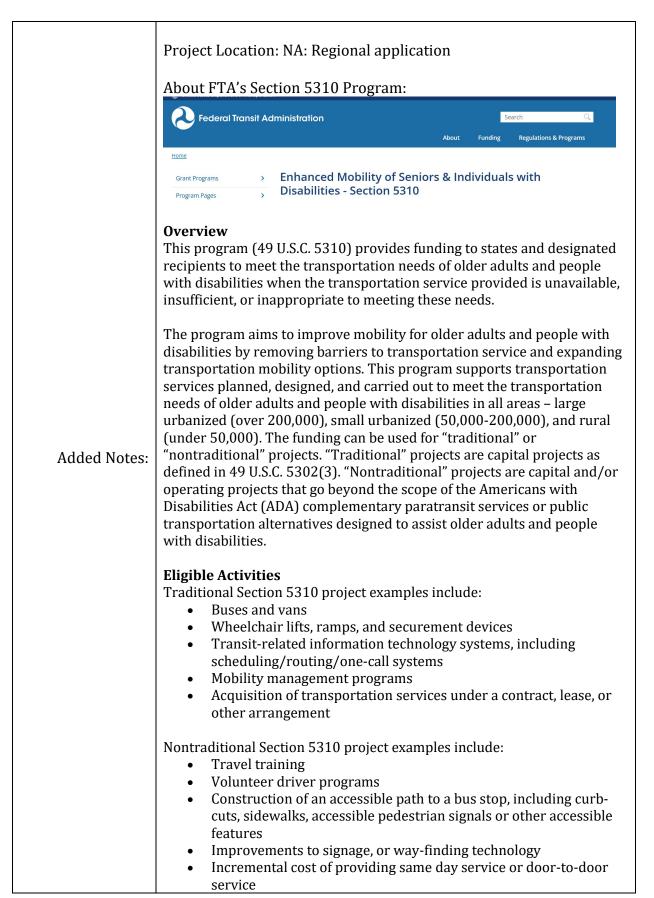
Resolution 25-5473 was included on the Consent Calendar for the March 20, 2025 JPACT meeting. JPACT passed the Consent Calendar agenda without discussion.

The following page provides a more detailed summary of the required changes for the new project.

Project Number: 1	Key Number: 23838	Status: Add New Project
Project Name:	Transit Vehicle Replaceme	ent Tri-Met FFY25
Lead Agency:	ODOT PTD	
Description:	of FTA Section 5310 replacer support the transportation disabilities when the transpo	to TriMet supporting the procurement ment paratransit buses/vehicles that meeds of older adults and people with ortation service provided is unavailable ate. State STBG will be flex transferred
Funding Summary:	\$2,134,621 to TriMet to support of the support o	10.27% minimum match is required cogramming total of \$2,378,938. Ingency to complete MTIP and STIP initiate the funding flex transfer to Surface Transportation Block Grant on FHWA to FTA. The funds will then 5310 funding. TriMet will then be able d the funds in support of the ment through FTA's Transit Award 5).
Amendment Action:	to support their elderly and o	the new ODOT STBG award for TriMet disabled persons transit needs (5310) funds as part of a replacement vehicle 5310 Program.

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FROM: KEN LOBECK



	<ul> <li>Purchase of vehicles to support new accessible taxi, rides sharing and/or vanpooling programs</li> <li>Mobility management programs</li> </ul>
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# METRO REQUIRED PROJECT AMENDMENT REVIEWS

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.316-328, Metro is responsible for reviewing and ensuring MTIP amendments comply with all federal programming requirements. Each project and their requested changes are evaluated against multiple MTIP programming review factors that originate from 23 CFR 450.316-328. They primarily are designed to ensure the MTIP is fiscally constrained, consistent with the approved RTP, and provides transparency in their updates, changes, and/or implementation. The programming factors include ensuring that the project amendments:

# **APPROVAL STEPS AND TIMING**

Metro's approval process for formal amendment includes multiple steps. The required approvals for the March 2025 Formal MTIP amendment (MR25-08-MAR) will include the following actions:

- Are eligible and required to be programmed in the MTIP.
- Properly demonstrate fiscal constraint.
- Pass the RTP consistency review which requires a confirmation that the project(s) are identified in the current approved constrained RTP either as a stand- alone project or in an approved project grouping bucket.
- Are consistent with RTP project costs when compared with programming amounts in the MTIP.
- If a capacity enhancing project, the project is identified in the approved Metro modeling network and included in transportation demand modeling for performance analysis.
- Supports RTP goals and strategies.
- Contains applicable project scope elements that can be applied to Metro's performance requirements.
- Verified to be part of the Metro's annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for planning projects that may not be specifically identified in the RTP.
- Verified that the project location is part of the Metro regional transportation network, and is considered regionally significant, or required to be programmed in the MTIP per USDOT direction.
- Verified that the project and lead agency are eligible to receive, obligate, and expend federal funds.
- Does not violate supplemental directive guidance from FHWA/FTA's approved Amendment Matrix.
- Reviewed and evaluated to determine if Performance Measurements will or will not apply.
- Successfully complete the required 30-day Public Notification/Opportunity to Comment period.

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• Meets other MPO responsibility actions including project monitoring, fund obligations, and expenditure of allocated funds in a timely fashion.

## **Proposed Processing and Approval Actions:**

Action

## Target Date

	Completion of public notification/comment process Metro Council approval	*
•	JPACT approval and recommendation to Council	March 20, 2025
٠	TPAC approval recommendation to JPACT	March 7, 2025
•	Initiate the required public notification/comment process	March 4, 2025
٠	TPAC agenda mail-out	February 28, 2025

#### Notes:

- \* The above dates are estimates. JPACT and Council meeting dates could change.
- \*\* If any notable comments are received during the public comment period requiring follow-on discussions, they will be addressed by JPACT.

USDOT Approval Steps. The below timeline is an estimation only and assume no changes to the proposed JPACT or Council meeting dates occur:

## <u>Action</u>

#### Target Date

- Final amendment package submission to ODOT & USDOT...... May 15, 2025
- USDOT clarification and final amendment approval...... Mid-June 2025 Notes:
  - This amendment includes transit scope elements with eventual oversight from FTA. As a result, FTA is required to provide amendment approval with the final amendment approval from FHWA.
  - Presently, FTA has issued a formal amendment approval "pause" due to the Executive Order. We are assuming that FTA will lift the amendment approval pause by May and allow the March 2025 Formal Amendment to proceed and receive final approval.
  - As of February 21, 2025, FHWA now requires a two-step approval requirement for all formal MTIP/STIP amendments: FHWA approval is required by the State FHWA Division Office with final approval from Headquarters FHWA in Washington DC.
  - As of March 7, 2025, FHWA has reversed their two-step approval process. Formal/Full MTIP/STIP amendments only require approval from the FHWA state field office. They will not require a second approval from FHWA Headquarters in Washington DC.

# ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition: None known at this time.
- 2. Legal Antecedents:
  - a. Amends the 2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program adopted by Metro Council Resolution 23-5335 on July 20, 2023 (FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE 2024-2027 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA)
  - b. Oregon Governor approval of the 2024-27 MTIP on September 13, 2023.

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- c. 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Approval and 2024 Federal Planning Finding on September 25, 2023.
- 3. **Anticipated Effects:** Enables the new and amended projects to be added and updated into the MTIP and STIP. Follow-on fund obligation and expenditure actions can then occur to meet required federal delivery requirements.
- 4. **Metro Budget Impacts:** There is no impact to the Metro budget. The approved funding for the project originates from ODOT.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

JPACT approved Resolution 25-5473 that adds the new paratransit vehicle replacement project into the MTIP and now requests Metro Council provide the final approval as well.

No Attachments.