# 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Public Notification of Submitted New and Proposed Amended Existing Projects Public Notification and Opportunity to Comment Notice



## Metro is in receipt of the 2024-27 MTIP July #1 FFY 2024 Formal Amendment (Regular Bundle) for Resolution 24-5426

Amendment Purpose Statement for Resolution 24-5426 (Amendment Number JL24-10-JUL1)

# FOR THE PURPOSE ADDING, CANCELING, OR AMENDING A TOTAL OF EIGHT SEVEN PROJECTS TO MEET FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

### Public Notification Comment Opportunities for the July #1 FFY 2024 Formal MTIP Amendment for Resolution 24-5426

The public review period for this project amendment is 7/2/2024 and concludes on 7/30/2024, at 5:00 pm.

Requests to submit comments or concerns about this amendment should be submitted to Summer Blackhorse, via email at <a href="mailto:summer.blackhorse@oregonmetro.gov">summer.blackhorse@oregonmetro.gov</a>. Subject to revisions to address comments received during the public comment period, the 2021-24 MTIP as revised by the proposed amendment will be the final program unless amended, and a final notice will not be published.

#### **Added Notes**

There are two MTIP formal amendment bundles proceeding through the Metro/ODOT/FHWA/FTA approval process during July 2024. This amendment bundle represents the regular type of project changes (e.g. cost increases, scope changes, adding new projects, etc.) that require a formal/full amendment and overall FHWA approval to complete. The July #1 regular formal amendment bundle is under Amendment number JL24-10-JUL1. The amendment bundle contains eight projects either being amended, added, or canceled. The July #1 formal amendment bundle will proceed independently from the July #2 formal amendment bundle which is the Rose Quarter formal amendment bundle. TPAC, JPACT, and Metro Council will make separate approval actions for the regular July #1 amendment bundle and the Rose Quarter formal amendment bundle.

As stated above, the July 2024 MTIP formal amendment process contains a separate second formal/full amendment bundle for Rose Quarter. The two amendment bundles will be approved as separate individual amendments and will complete their required public notification process using different notification and comment periods. The July 2024 #2 Rose Quarter Formal Amendment bundle is under amendment number JL24-11-JUL2 and Resolution 24-5424.

Submission of public comments for either July 2024 formal amendment bundles may occur by attending one of the two Metro approval committees required for the formal amendment to complete:

- (1) Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC).
- (2) At the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).

Public comments can occur at the Metro Council where the formal amendment receives final Metro approval. Please check the Metro website for the specific committee to see if the amendment is included on that month's agenda. Finally, written comments may be emailed or submitted in letter form via email or mailed directly to Metro.

Staff suggests submitting any written comments using the email approach as noted on the previous page to ensure the submitted comment is received and documented.

## Final Note About MTIP Formal/Full Amendments

Formal MTIP amendments represent a significant change to a project from the original funding or scope of improvement activities. The various required Metro process and approval steps are intended to demonstrate that the required changes have no significant impact upon air conformity, plus fiscal constraint is still maintained, and/or the priorities, policies, and goals established in the approved Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) have not changed. Formal MTIP amendments normally fall into one or more of the following categories:

- 1. Significantly adds, revises, reduces, or changes the project scope of improvement activities.
- 2. Requires a significant change to the project limits (greater than 1 mile).
- 3. Involves a significant cost change (increase or decrease normally 20% or 30% greater).
- 4. Adds or cancels a project from the MTIP.

Additional guidance about the thresholds for completing administrative changes versus formal/full amendments is covered in the MTIP Amendment Matrix in Chapter 8, Administering the 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

# Exhibit A July #1 FFY 2024 Formal/Full MTIP Amendment Summary Formal Amendment #: JL24-10-JUL1

The July #1 Federal Fiscal Year 2024 MTIP Formal Amendment represents the regular bundle of projects being amended or added to the 2024-27 MTIP to meet various federal delivery process approval requirements. The amendment bundle contains eight projects. Several of the required project changes continue the ODOT STIP rebalancing effort which is examining ways to save on project costs and diminish the impact of an existing funding shortfall. A summary of the eight seven projects includes the following:

# 1. Projects Being Ccanceled from the 2024-27 MTIP and STIP:

• <u>Key 23410 - I-84: NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd - I-205 (ODOT)</u>: As part the STIP rebalancing actions to address an existing ODOT funding shortfall, Key 23419 is being canceled. The project current contains only the Preliminary Engineering phase programmed and is intended to design for pavement resurfacing to repair ruts and surface wear.

### 2. New Projects Being Added to the 2024-27 MTIP and STIP:

- New Project Key 23676 Metro Transportation Options FFY25 FFY27 (Metro): Metro is receiving its regular three-year funding allocation from ODOT supporting the Regional Travel Options (RTO) program. The funding supplements the existing RTO program funding approved in the Metro Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The RTO program creates safe, vibrant and livable communities by providing grants and supporting efforts that increase walking, biking, ride sharing, telecommuting and public transit use.
- New Project Key 23671 Portland Metro & Surrounding Areas Signing (ODOT): The formal amendment adds the new safety project to the MTIP which will provide various signing upgrades on Region 1 corridors for safety and maintenance improvements. Specific locations are to be determined.
- New Project Key 23658 Tualatin River Water Trail Access Enhancements (Tualatin Riverkeepers): The project was awarded Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funds from the Oregon Parks and Recreations Department and will provide various access improvements to the Tualatin Water Trail

- 3. Existing Projects Being Amended as Part of the July #1 Regular Formal Amendment Bundle:
  - <u>Project Key 22613 Portland Metro and Surrounding Areas Safety Reserve (ODOT):</u> Combining funds into Key 23671as noted previously enabling Key 23671 to be added to the MTIP with full required funding.
  - Project Key 21709 OR120: Columbia Slough Bridge (ODOT): The formal amendment updates the prior obligated Planning phase, decreases the PE phase, and primarily adds the required funding to the construction phase.

7/2/2024 Update: Per ODOT's request, Key 21709 has been removed from the amendment bundle. The construction phase will not be added to the project at this time. This decreases the July #1 202 MTIP Formal Amendment bundle from 8 to seven projects. The removal is considered part of the public notification process for the amendment.

- <u>Project Key 22431 OR141/OR217 Curb Ramps (ODOT):</u> The MTIP formal amendment corrects a programming discrepancy between the MTIP and STIP (corrects and updates the per phase obligations) and adds funding to the construction phase to address a funding shortfall.
- <u>Project Key 21178 US26 (Powell Blvd): SE 99th Ave East City Limits (ODOT):</u> The formal amendment updates the funding levels in PE and ROW, plus adds new funds to support the construction phase.

The Exhibit A Tables that follow on the next pages contain the specific project changes for the fives in the July #2 Formal MTIP Amendment Bundle., See the Exhibit A/MTIP Worksheets for the detailed changes and consistency review areas. Additionally, the Portland Broadway Main Street and Supporting Connections project is being included for information and processing consistency purposes.

#### 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program **Exhibit A to Resolution 24-5426** July #1 FFY 2024 (Regular) Formal Amendment Bundle Contents **Amendment Type: Formal/Full** Amendment #: JL24-10-JUL1 Total Number of Projects: § 7 Key Lead Number & **Project Name Project Description Amendment Action** Agency MTIP ID Category: Existing Projects Being Canceled in the 2024-27 MTIP **CANCEL PROJECT:** The MTIP formal amendment cancels the (#1)PE phase which effectively cancels the ODOT Key # Design for pavement resurfacing to project from the MTIP and STIP. The I-84: NE Martin Luther 23410 ODOT King Jr Blvd - I-205 repair ruts and surface wear. cancelation results per the recent STIP MTIP ID rebalancing review as a cost savings 71200 action to address ODOT's funding shortfall

Category: Adding New Projects to the 2024-2027 MTIP					
(#2) ODOT Key # 23676 MTIP ID TBD New Project	Metro	Metro Transportation Options FFY25 - FFY27	Metro funding to promote and encourage the use of alternative transportation options during federal fiscal years 2025, 2026 and 2027.	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal MTIP amendment adds the ODOT fund project grouping bucket (PGB) supporting Regional Travel Options (RTO) activities for Metro. The RTO program creates safe, vibrant and livable communities by providing grants and supporting efforts that increase walking, biking, ride sharing, telecommuting and public transit use	

Key Number & MTIP ID	Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Amendment Action
(#3) ODOT Key # 23671 MTIP ID TBD New Project	ODOT	Portland Metro & Surrounding Areas Signing	Complete various signing upgrades in Region 1 corridors for safety and maintenance improvements.  Locations to be determined as needed based on investigations. This will allow for quicker response to safety concerns.	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal MTIP amendment adds the new safety PGB providing safety signage upgrades by combining funds from Key 22613.
(#4) ODOT Key # 23658 MTIP ID TBD New Project	ODOT	Tualatin River Water Trail Access Enhancements	Access improvements to the Tualatin Water Trail including updated map and river information, signage, personal flotation device (PFD) kiosks, and a boat storage shelter.	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal MTIP amendment adds the new OPRD Tualatin Rive Trail RTP funded project to the MTIP. The project is located on the Metro Pedestrian and Bicycle networks resulting in its classification as a regionally significant project.
Category: Exis	sting MTIP Pr	ojects Being Amended		
(#5) ODOT Key # 22613 MTIP ID 71337	ODOT	Portland Metro and Surrounding Areas Safety Reserve	Funds available for projects to respond to urgent safety concerns throughout the ODOT Region 1 area located in Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah and Washington counties.	COMBINE FUNDS: The formal MTIP amendment commits and transfers the available funding to ODOT new safety signage PGB in Key 23671 as noted above. As a result, Key 22613 is left "zero programmed".
(#6) ODOT Key # 21709 MTIP ID 71195	<del>ODOT</del>	<del>OR120: Columbia Slough</del> <del>Bridge</del>	Bridge replacement of the existing timber structure that is obsolete, costly to continuously repair, and can no longer support heavier loads.	ADD PHASE: The formal MTIP amendment updates the prior obligated Planning phase, decreases the PE phase, and primarily adds the required funding to the construction phase. The project is now fully programmed based on an estimated total project cost of \$59,676,998.

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(#6) ODOT Key # <b>22431</b> MTIP ID 71247	ODOT	OR141/OR217 Curb Ramps	At various location on OR 141 (Hall Blvd) and SW 72nd Ave in the Tigard area, construct ADA compliant curbs and ramps.	COST INCREASE:  The MTIP formal amendment corrects a programming discrepancy between the MTIP and STIP (corrects and updates the per phase obligations) and adds funding to the construction phase to address a funding shortfall
(#7) ODOT Key # 21178 MTIP ID 71033	ODOT	US26 (Powell Blvd): SE 99th Ave - East City Limits	On US26 (Powell Blvd) in SE Portland, widen from three to four lanes (inclusive of a center turn lane) with sidewalks and buffered bike lanes or other enhanced bike facility. Add enhanced pedestrian and bike crossings.	COST INCREASE: The MTIP formal amendment updates the funding levels in PE and ROW, plus adds new funds to support the construction phase

# Proposed Amendment Review and Approval Steps:

Date	Action				
July #2 (JL24-11-JUL2) Rose Quarter Improvement Project Formal MTIP Amendment Required Approval Actions					
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Post amendment & begin 30+ day notification/comment period.				
Friday, July 12, 2024	July TPAC Meeting. Provide TPAC members will receive their official notification of the amendment bundle and be requested to provide an approval recommendation for the amendment resolution to JPACT.				
Thursday, July 18, 2024	July JPACT meeting. JPACT will be requested to approve the amendment resolution and provide an approval recommendation to Metro Council				
Friday, July 30, 2024 End the 30-day public comment period.					
Thursday, Auguust 1, 2024	Metro Council meeting. Request final Metro approval for the July #1 MTIP Formal Amendment bundle under amendment JL24-10-JUL1.				
Wednesday, August 7, 2024	Submit final Metro approved July #1 amendment bundle to ODOT and FHWA to complete final approval steps.				
Late August, 2024	Final approval from FHWA estimated should occur.				