

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 January 2025 Formal Amendment for Resolution 25-5456

Amendment Purpose Statement for Resolution 25-5456 (Amendment Number JA25-04-JAN1)

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING OR AMENDING NINE PROJECTS TO THE 2024-27 MTIP INCLUDING
SIX NEW AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT UPGRADE PROJECTS TO MEET FEDERAL PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS**

Public Notification Comment Opportunities for the January 2025 Formal MTIP Amendment for Resolution 25-5456

The public review period for this project amendment is [1/6/2025](#) and concludes on [2/4/2025](#), at 5:00 pm.

Requests to submit comments or concerns about this amendment should be submitted to Summer Blackhorse, via email at summer.blackhorse@oregonmetro.gov. 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the 2021-24 MTIP as revised by the proposed amendment will be the final program unless amended, and a final notice will not be published.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

The January 2025 MTIP Formal Amendment contains nine projects and is under amendment number JA25-04-JAN. The assigned Metro resolution number is 25-5456 (Placeholder assignment at this time). The specific resolution number will be assigned by the JPACT meeting.) The amendment includes six new Americans with Disabilities (ADA) projects for ODOT and scope and/or funding updates to three existing projects.

Submission of public comments for the January 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.

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 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). A summary of the project change thresholds that trigger the need to complete a MTIP formal amendment is listed below, A summary of the project changes follows on the next pages.

Metro Formal Amendment Matrix for the MTIP As of November, 2024	
Number	Item
1	JPACT & METRO Council Authorized Discretion: JPACT or Council may require any project amendment to complete a formal amendment
2	Adding or Canceling Projects: Adding new projects or canceling projects from the TIP. Includes canceling the construction phase and adding planning projects
3	Project Locations and /or Milepost Limits Changes: Limit changes that exceed 1 mile. Consideration required for 0.5 miles up to a mile as well where NEPA, air quality, and/or transportation modeling impacts may be involved.
4	Major Project Scope or Work Element Adjustments: Changes including scope, work element changes that impact the NEPA environmental document, air quality analysis, transportation modeling network, or result in the project no longer being consistent with the approved RTP. A completed Performance Assessment Evaluation also may be required as part of the formal amendment for capacity enhancing projects that exceed \$100 million dollars.

5	<p>Changes in Fiscal Constraint due to Cost Changes by the Following Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects under \$1M – cost increases over 50% • Projects between \$1 million to \$5 million – cost increases over 30% • Projects over \$5 million – cost increases over 20% <p>JPACT/Metro Council also authorizes MTIP staff with discretionary authority to exceed the above threshold limits under certain circumstances by up to another 10% when the cost increase is primarily due to an inflationary cost update where no scope or limit changes are also occurring enabling the cost change to occur as an administrative modification.</p>
6	<p>Adding Permanent Emergency Relief Projects: For ER funded projects completing permanent upgrades as part of a disaster mitigation effort. Temporary ER projects are not added to the MTIP.</p>
7	<p>Adding a Federally Funded Planning Project: Adding a federally funded planning project where only funding is added to the planning phase requires the completion of a formal amendment to the MTIP.</p>
8	<p>Adding a Non-Regionally Significant New Project Regardless of Funding Type to the MTIP: Applies to other federally funded project (e.g. RTP, OCP, etc.) projects not located on of the Metro modeling networks where FHWA requires an approval step verification from the MTIP.</p>

Notes:

- The above items represent the project change “thresholds” that trigger a formal/full amendment to the MTIP.
- In addition to the above change thresholds, the Metro approval process requires:
 - An amendment approval recommendation from Metro’s Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) to Metro’s Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).
 - Approval by JPACT and an approval recommendation to Metro Council.
 - Approval by Metro Council.
- A final review and corresponding approvals also are required by:
 - The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
 - Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).
- Projects with changes that are considered less than the stated thresholds for formal amendment normally can occur through an administrative modification. This does not require TPAC, JPACT, or Council approval steps. The changes also do not require ODOT, FTA, or FHWA approvals.
- Project changes that complete an administrative modification are normally reported to TPAC through a monthly Submitted Amendments Report in the TPAC Comments from the Chair agenda section.

Exhibit A
January 2025 Formal/Full MTIP Amendment Summary
Formal Amendment #: JA25-04-JAN1

The January Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 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 nine projects. This amendment adds six new American with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects and completes required scope and/or funding changes to three existing projects. There are no projects being canceled from the MTIP and STIP through this amendment. A summary of the nine projects includes the following:

- **Projects Being Canceled from the 2024-27 MTIP and STIP: None.**
- **New and Existing Projects Being Amended to the 2024-27 MTIP and STIP:**
 - **Key 23814 (New Project) - East Forest Grove Safety Improvement Project (Forest Grove):** The MTIP formal amendment adds the preliminary engineering phase (PE) for this new project on OR8/N Adair St at Yew St intersection which will install a new traffic signal to reduce crashes and provide better protection for pedestrians to connect a low-income and historically disadvantaged community to transit and commercial options. PE funding originates from a \$850,000 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) award.
 - **Key 21709 - OR120: Columbia Slough Bridge (Portland) (ODOT):** The MTIP formal amendment amends ODOT's OR120 Columbia Slough Bridge project by canceling the PE and ROW phases. Project funding will be reprogrammed to the Abernethy and Center Street bridge projects. The Planning phase will be left programmed in the MTIP and STIP.
 - **New ADA curb and ramp upgrade projects:**

The next six ODOT projects represent new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb and ramp upgrade projects being amended into the MTIP. Oregon Transportation (OTC) approval was required for six projects. OTC approval was required and occurred during their December 4, 2024, meeting. The new ADA curb and ramp upgrade project include the following:

 - **Key 23734 - Portland Metro Area 2024-2027 Curb Ramps, Phase 3:** The project will construct curb ramps to meet compliance with ADA standards on OR99E and US26.
 - **Key 23762 - Portland Metro Area 2024-2027 Curb Ramps, Phase 5:** The formal amendment adds the construction and utility relocation phases to implement various ADA curb and ramp upgrades along OR219 and OR8.
 - **Key 23770 - OR8 Curb Ramps (Beaverton & Hillsboro):** The formal amendment adds PE, ROW, UR, and construction phases to construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the ADA standards on OR8.

- **Key 23771 - OR224 & OR213 Curb Ramps (Happy Valley & Mulino)**: The formal amendment adds PE, ROW, UR, and Cons phases to complete ADA upgrades on OR224 and OR213.
- **Key 23772 - OR141 Curb Ramps (Durham)**: The formal amendment adds PE, ROW, UR, and Cons phases to complete ADA upgrades on OR141.
- **Key 23748 - Portland Metro Area 2024-2027 Curb Ramps, Phase 4**: The formal amendment adds the right-of-way, construction and utility relocation phases to implement various ADA curb and ramp upgrades along I-84, US26, OR99E, US30, OR211, OR281, and OR282.
- **Key 20304 - City of Portland Safety Project (Portland)**: The formal amendment adds available Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) award to the ROW and Construction phases to support updated phase costs to meet project scope requirements

Exhibit A Tables (MTIP Worksheets) follow on the next pages and contain the specific project changes for the FFY 2025 January Formal MTIP Amendment bundle of projects. See the Exhibit A/MTIP Worksheets for the detailed changes and consistency review compliance areas.

2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
Exhibit A to Resolution 25-5456

January 2025 Regular Formal Amendment Bundle Contents
Amendment Type: Formal/Full
Amendment #: JA25-04-JAN1
Total Number of Projects: 9

Key Number & MTIP ID	Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Amendment Action
Category: Existing Projects Being Canceled in the 2024-27 MTIP: None				

Category: Adding New and Amending Existing Projects to the 2024-2027 MTIP:				
(#1) ODOT Key # 23814 MTIP ID TBD	Forest Grove	East Forest Grove Safety Improvement Project	On OR8/N Adair St in eastern Forest Grove at MP 17.35 at the Yew St intersection, install a new traffic signal to reduce crashes and provide better protection for pedestrians to connect a low-income and historically disadvantaged community to transit and commercial options. (CDS 2024 award #225)	<u>ADD NEW PROJECT:</u> The formal MTIP amendment adds the new 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) award to the MTIP.
(#2) ODOT Key # 21709 MTIP ID TBD 71195	ODOT	OR120: Columbia Slough Bridge (Portland)	Bridge replacement of the existing timber structure that is obsolete, costly to continuously repair, and can no longer support heavier loads	<u>CANCEL PHASES:</u> The formal amendment cancels the PE and ROW phases leaving only the Planning phase programmed. OTC approval is required and is scheduled to occur during their January 16, 2025, meeting.
Projects 3 to 8	ODOT	The following six projects represent new ADA curb and ramp upgrade projects being added to the MTIP. OTC approval was required and occurred during the December. The impacted projects include Keys 23734, 23762, 23770, 23771, 23772, and 23748		

Key Number & MTIP ID	Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Amendment Action
(#3) ODOT Key # 23734 MTIP ID TBD <i>New Project</i>	ODOT	Portland Metro Area 2024-2027 Curb Ramps, Phase 3	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards on OR99E and US26.	<u>ADD NEW PROJECT:</u> Utility Relocation and Construction phases are being added through the amendment. PE was completed previously through project Key 22798. Specific planned project site locations are included as an attachment to the TPAC, JPACT, and Council agenda staff reports.
(4) ODOT Key # 23762 MTIP ID TBD <i>New Project</i>	ODOT	Portland Metro Area 2024-2027 Curb Ramps, Phase 5	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards on OR219 and OR8.	<u>ADD NEW PROJECT:</u> Right-of-Way, Utility Relocation and Construction phases are being added through the amendment. PE was completed previously through project Key 22798. Specific planned project site locations are included as an attachment to the TPAC, JPACT, and Council agenda staff reports.
(#5) ODOT Key # 23770 MTIP ID TBD <i>New Project</i>	ODOT	OR8 Curb Ramps (Beaverton & Hillsboro)	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards on OR8.	<u>ADD NEW Project:</u> Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, Utility Relocation and Construction phases are being added through the amendment. At this time, the final site locations are not yet defined.
(#6) ODOT Key # 23771 MTIP ID TBD <i>New Project</i>	ODOT	OR224 & OR213 Curb Ramps (Happy Valley & Mulino)	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards on OR224 and OR213	<u>ADD NEW Project:</u> Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, Utility Relocation and Construction phases are being added through the amendment. At this time, the final site locations are not yet defined.

(#7) ODOT Key # 23772 MTIP ID TBD <i>New Project</i>	ODOT	OR141 Curb Ramps (Durham)	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards on OR141	<u>ADD NEW Project:</u> Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-Way, Utility Relocation and Construction phases are being added through the amendment. At this time, the final site locations are not yet defined.
(#8) ODOT Key # 23748 MTIP ID TBD <i>New Project</i>	ODOT	Portland Metro Area 2024-2027 Curb Ramps, Phase 4	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards along I-84, US26, US30, OR99E, OR211, OR281, and OR282.	<u>ADD NEW PROJECT:</u> Right-of-Way, Utility Relocation and Construction phases are being added through the amendment. PE was completed previously through project Key 22798. Specific planned project site locations are included as an attachment to the TPAC, JPACT, and Council agenda staff reports.
(#9) ODOT Key # 20304 MTIP ID	ODOT	City of Portland Safety Project	Portland wide safety upgrades including intersection improvements, upgrade curb ramps, utility relocation, signal work, medians, traffic separators, striping and signing to improve safety.	<u>COST INCREASE:</u> The formal amendment adds available Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) award to the ROW and Construction phases to support updated phase costs to meet project scope requirements.

Proposed Amendment Review and Approval Steps	
Date	Action
January 2025 (JA25-04-JAN1) Formal Amendment estimated processing and approval timing	
Monday, January 6, 2025	Post amendment & begin 30+ day notification/comment period.
Friday, January 10, 2025	January 2024 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, January 16, 2025	January 2024 JPACT meeting. JPACT will be requested to approve the amendment resolution and provide an approval recommendation to Metro Council. (Proposed to be a Consent Calendar item.)
Tuesday, February 4, 2025	End the 30-day public comment period.
Thursday, February 6, 2025	Metro Council meeting. Request final Metro approval for the January FFY 2025 MTIP Formal Amendment bundle under amendment JA25-04-JAN1. (Proposed to be a Consent Calendar item.)

Wednesday, February 12, 2025	Submit final Metro approved FFY 2025 January Formal amendment bundle to ODOT and FHWA to complete final approval steps.
Early to mid-March, 2025	Final approval from FHWA estimated will occur.