



Metro is in receipt of the 2024-27 MTIP February #1 (Rose Quarter) 2025 Formal Amendment for Resolution 25-5463

Amendment Purpose Statement for Resolution 25-5463 (Amendment Number FB25-05-FEB1)

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THREE RELATED I-5 ROSE QUARTER PROJECTS TO THE 2024-27 MTIP
TO ADD \$250 MILLION DOLLARS OF APPROVED FUNDING TO THE PROJECTS**

Public Notification Comment Opportunities for the February #1 (Rose Quarter) 2025 Formal MTIP Amendment for Resolution 25-5463

The public review period for this project amendment is [2/4/2025](#) and concludes on [3/7/2025](#), 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the 2021-24 MTIP as revised by the proposed amendment will be the final program unless amended, and a final notice will not be published.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 February #1 2025 MTIP Formal Amendment contains three related Rose Quarter Improvement projects that are adding a total of \$250 million of Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) funding in support of the project activities. The formal amendment is under FB25-05-FEB1. The assigned Metro resolution number is 25-5463. The amendment includes Keys 19071, 23672, and 23782. A summary of the changes to the three projects is included in Exhibit A that follows after the MTIP formal amendment matrix.

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
February #1, 2025, Rose Quarter Formal/Full MTIP Amendment Summary
Formal Amendment #: FB25-05-FEB1

The February 2025 Rose Quarter MTIP Formal Amendment represents a stand-alone formal amendment involving three Rose Quarter improvement projects. The three amended ODOT projects include the following:

- Key 19071: I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project (Adds \$12.5 million to the Preliminary Engineering (PE), right-of-way, Utility Relocation (UR), and Other phases).
- Key 23672: I-5 Rose Quarter: Broadway to Weidler Phase 1 (Adds \$177.5 million to the construction phase).
- Key 23682: ~~I-405 and I-5 Stormwater Facilities~~ **I-5 Rose Quarter: Phase 1A** (Adds \$60 million to the construction phase, updates, the project name and description as a result of a scope adjustment).

Note: There is a fourth project that supports various Rose Quarter proposed improvements. This is Key 23646. The project name is Broadway Mainstreet and Supporting Connections. The lead agency is the city of Portland. This project is a separately funded project and not part of the February #1, 2025, MTIP Formal Amendment. There is no amendment action occurring to this project.

On December 4, 2024, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) provided their initial approval of the \$250 million for the Rose Quarter Improvement project. During their January 16, 2025 meeting, OTC received an updated and more detailed summary describing how the \$250 million will be applied. OTC approved this item as well. See Attachments 3 and 4 to the amendment staff report for additional details.

There are no projects being canceled from the MTIP and STIP through this amendment. A summary of the three projects includes the following:

- **Key 19071 - I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project (ODOT):** Key 19071 contains the non-construction phase programming to the Rose Quarter Improvement Project. The overall proposed improvements are on I-5 in Portland and will complete multi-modal improvements that include ramp-to-ramp (auxiliary) lanes, highway shoulders and cover, new over crossing, I-5 southbound ramp relocation, new bike & pedestrian crossing, and improved bike and pedestrian facilities. The MTIP formal amendment adds \$12.5 million the PE, ROW, UR, and Other phases. . The net change increases the total programming amount by 4.9%.
- **Key 23672 - I-5 Rose Quarter: Broadway to Weidler Phase 1 (ODOT):** The MTIP formal amendment adds \$177.5 million of the OTC approved \$250 million to the construction phase. The project will replace 3 of the 5 aging bridges over I-5 by constructing the central portion of the highway cover from Broadway to the southern end and beyond Weidler and supporting facilities and complete compatibility construction for follow-on packages.

- **Key 23682 - ~~I-405 and I-5 Stormwater Facilities~~ I-5 Rose Quarter: Phase 1A (ODOT):** The formal amendment adds \$60 million of approved OTC funding to the construction phase. The project will construct stormwater facilities for the east end of Fremont Bridge and ramps. Construct structural deck overlay, bridge rail upgrades and seismic retrofit on two bridges in the southern portion of the project area. The project scope is updated which results in a modification to the project name and description.

Exhibit A Tables (MTIP Worksheets) follow on the next pages and contain the specific project changes for the FFY 2025 February #1 Formal MTIP Amendment bundle of projects.

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Exhibit A to Resolution 25-5463

February #1 2025 Rose Quarter Formal Amendment Bundle Contents

Amendment Type: Formal/Full

Amendment #: FB25-05-FEB1

Total Number of Projects: 3

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

Category: Amending Existing Projects to the 2024-2027 MTIP:

(#1) ODOT Key # 19071 MTIP ID 70784	ODOT	I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project	Key 19071 includes the non-construction required phases (e.g. PE, ROW, UR, and Cons). The overall project is on I-5 in Portland. It will complete multimodal improvements that include ramp-to-ramp (auxiliary) lanes, highway shoulders and cover, new overcrossing, I-5 southbound ramp relocation, new bike & pedestrian crossing, and improved bike and pedestrian facilities.	<u>ADD FUNDS:</u> The formal amendment adds \$12.5 million of Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved funds to PE, UR, ROW and Other phases. The Other phase slips to 2026. The net programming change increases the project by 5.3%.
(#2) ODOT Key # 23672 MTIP ID 71444	ODOT	I-5 Rose Quarter: Broadway to Weidler Phase 1	Replace 3 of the 5 aging bridges over I-5 by constructing the central portion of the highway cover from Broadway to the southern end and beyond Weidler, and supporting facilities and complete compatibility construction for follow-on packages	<u>ADD FUNDS:</u> The formal amendment adds a total of \$250 million of OTC approved to the three existing Rose Quarter projects including Keys 19071, 23672, and 23682. For Key 23672, \$177,500,000 is being added to support the construction phase activities. The new funding was approved by OTC during their December 2024 and January 2025 meetings.

Key Number & MTIP ID	Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Amendment Action
(#3) ODOT Key # 23682 MTIP ID 71443	ODOT	I-405 and I-5 Stormwater Facilities I-5 Rose Quarter: Phase 1A	Construct stormwater facilities for the east end of Fremont Bridge and ramps to comply with the Portland Harbor Settlement Agreement. Preliminary design activities have been completed under project Key 19071 I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project. Construct stormwater facilities for the east end of Fremont Bridge and ramps. Construct structural deck overlay, bridge rail upgrades and seismic retrofit on two bridges in the southern portion of the project area. PE completed in Key 19071	<u>ADD FUNDS/SCOPE:</u> The formal amendment updates the project segment name and adds \$60 million of the \$250 million OTC award to the construction phase. The project scope is adjusted and requires updates to the project name and description.