



Metro is in receipt of the 2024-27 MTIP April 2025 Formal Amendment for Resolution 25-5481

Amendment Purpose Statement for Resolution 25-5481 (Amendment Number AP25-09-APR)

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING, AMENDING, OR CANCELING THREE PROJECTS TO THE 2024-27 MTIP
TO MEET FEDERAL PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS**

Public Notification Comment Opportunities for the April 2025 Formal MTIP Amendment for Resolution 25-5481

The public review period for this project amendment is [4/1/2025](#) and concludes on [4/30/2025](#), 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the 2021-24 MTIP as revised by the proposed amendment will be the final program unless amended, and a final notice will not be published.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 April 2025 MTIP Formal Amendment bundle contains three projects. Key 23673 is a new ODOT Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) construction phase project being added to the MTIP. The other two are corrections to previously programmed ODOT Public Transportation Division awarded projects to TriMet. Project Key 23042 increases the authorized funding from ODOT to TriMet. Key 23015 has been determined to be a duplicate project to an earlier programmed project using STBG funds. Key 23015 is being canceled as a result. A summary of the changes is included in the Exhibit A MTIP worksheet that follows after the formal amendment matrix summary.

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 Approved 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. If the change to the project falls below the category threshold, then normally, the change can occur administratively.
- 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
April 2025, Formal/Full MTIP Amendment Summary
Formal Amendment #: AP25-09-APR

The April 2025 MTIP Formal Amendment contains three projects. One is a new ODOT Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) construction phase project and the other two are corrections to ODOT Public Transportation Division (PTD) prior programmed projects. A summary of the projects is shown below:

Key 23763 (New Project) - Portland Metro area 2024-2027 ADA Curb Ramps, Phase 6 (ODOT): Key 23763 represents the latest quarterly ODOT ADA construction phase project that will construct curb and ramps upgrades region-wide at various locations to meet compliance with ADA standards for added pedestrian safety needs.

Key 23042 (Existing Project) - Oregon Transportation Network - TriMet FFY27 (ODOT PTD): Key 23042 receives an additional \$945,307 of approved State STBG funds for TriMet for their FTA Section 5310 program that provides capital funding to improve transit services to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-dependent populations. This is an update to earlier programmed ODOT PTD projects where STBG is now being committed to replace the prior use of FTA 531- funds.

Key 23015 (Existing Project) - Enhanced Mobility E&D (5310) - (ODOT PTD): Key 23015 was originally programmed with FTA Section 5310 funds. Subsequent to this, ODOT PTD changed the programming process to use State STBG funds awarded for Transit awards. Since last November, ODOT PTD has been working to convert the awarded programming and clean-up the awarded programmed funds. Ongoing reviews revealed the 5310 funded project version is a duplicate against other ODOT PTD State STBG funded projects. As a result, Key 23015 is being removed from the MTIP and STIP.

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

2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
Exhibit A to Resolution 25-5481

April 2025 Formal Amendment Bundle Contents
Amendment Type: Formal/Full
Amendment #: AP25-09-APR
Total Number of Projects: 3

Key Number & MTIP ID	Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Amendment Action
Category: Adding New Projects to the 2024-2027 MTIP:				
(#1) ODOT Key # 23763 MTIP ID TBD <i>New Project</i>	ODOT	Portland Metro area 2024-2027 ADA Curb Ramps, Phase 6	Throughout the Metro MPA area at multiple locations including Portland, Lake Oswego, West Linn, Oregon City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, and outside of the MPA in Molalla, construct curb and ramps upgrades to meet compliance with the America Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and provide added safety for pedestrians	<u>ADD NEW PROJECT:</u> The formal amendment adds the construction funding to complete various ADA curb and ramp required upgrades. The preliminary engineering/design was completed as part of project Key 22978. Only the construction phase needs to be programmed. GARVEE bonds are identified as the source funding for the construction phase. The GARVEE bonds are being transferred from an ODOT non-MPO statewide project grouping bucket (PGB) in Key 23043. Attachment 1 to the staff report contains the Portland area approved site location list. Attachment 2 includes the OTC Staff Report providing additional project details.

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

(#2) ODOT Key # 23042 MTIP ID 71383	ODOT PTD	Oregon Transportation Network - TriMet FFY27	ODOT PTD authorized State STBG supporting 5310 program areas that will upgrade transit services to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-dependent populations. Funds will be allocated to TriMet and flex transferred to FTA with an expected 5310 conversion code.	<p><u>ADD FUNDS:</u></p> The formal amendment increases the authorized federal funding for the project. The action is the direction by the ODOT PTD and approved by OTC during their March 2025 meeting. Reference Attachment 3 to the staff report for additional details. The awarded funding is intended for TriMet and will support their FTA Section 5310 program which supports transportation needs to elderly and disabled persons.
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Category: Amending Existing Projects in the 2024-2027 MTIP:

(#3) ODOT Key # 23015 MTIP ID 71381	ODOT PTD	Enhanced Mobility E&D (5310) - Tri County Area FY25	Urbanized area public transit capital funding to improve transit services to the special needs, seniors, and other transit-dependent populations.	<p><u>CANCEL PROJECT:</u></p> The formal amendment cancels the project from the MTIP and STIP. The action is the direction by the ODOT Public Transportation Division and approved by OTC during their March 2025 meeting.
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Proposed Amendment Review and Approval Steps	
April 2025 (AP25-09-APR) Formal Amendment estimated processing and approval timing	
Date	Action
Tuesday, April, 2025	Post amendment & begin 30-day notification/comment period. (Comment period is April 1, 2025, to April 30, 2025.)
Friday, April 4, 2025	Metro Transportation Policy Alternative Committee (TPAC) – Amendment overview, and approval recommendation provided to JPACT
Thursday, April 17, 2025	JPACT Meeting – Amendment approval consideration.
Thursday, May 8, 2025	Metro Council Meeting – Final Metro amendment approval request.
June, 2025	Estimated final FHWA MTIP amendment approval and inclusion in the approved STIP completed.