

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING) RESOLUTION NO. 04-3498A
REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR A STATE)
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PACKAGE) Introduced by Councilor Rod Park

WHEREAS, an efficient and adequately funded transportation system is critical to ensuring a healthy economy and livable communities throughout the state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Oregon Legislature have effectively begun to address critical transportation needs with the passage of the Oregon Transportation Investment Acts; and

WHEREAS, the investments that have been made possible by OTIA I, II, and III will help Oregon respond to both population growth and important economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these acts have provided new transportation investment dollars for the Portland metropolitan region, both for new projects and for maintenance of the existing system; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these investments will have a positive impact on the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's highway funding per mile is among the lowest of all western states; and

WHEREAS, connecting Oregon's people and businesses with local, domestic and international markets is critical for a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's population growth continues to outpace the nation, and freight volumes in Oregon are expected to double in the next twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the distribution and logistics employment sector accounts for over 11.5% of the jobs in the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area, placing the region 3rd among all U.S. MSA's; and

WHEREAS, funding for non-highway transportation projects is an appropriate and wise use of state funds; and

WHEREAS, the region has identified multiple project and funding needs for all modes of transportation through its Regional Transportation Plan, which has been adopted by Ordinance No. 00-869A For the Purpose of Adopting the 2000 Regional Transportation Plan; Amending Ordinance No. 96-647C For the Purpose of Adopting a Functional Plan For Early Implementation of the 2040 Growth Concept and Ordinance No. 97-715B For the Purpose of Adopting the Regional Framework Plan and Resolution No. 00-2969B For the Purpose of Adopting the 2000 Regional Transportation Plan as the Federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan documents a need for \$7.8 billion in multi-modal transportation improvements to ensure a vibrant economy and the efficient movement of freight, automobiles and transit; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to build major new facilities to serve high growth areas in the Portland Metro region and throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-half of the needed transportation improvements called for in the Regional Transportation Plan remain unfunded; and

WHEREAS, there is also a funding shortfall to maintain, operate and improve the existing city, county and state road system; and

WHEREAS, additional funding to meet these transportation needs will create or sustain thousands of jobs and help stimulate the economy of the region and the state; and

WHEREAS, without additional investment in Oregon's transportation infrastructure, increasing congestion will cost Oregon businesses and motorists tens of millions of dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of local governments inside Metro to jointly seek additional transportation funding from the 2005 Oregon Legislature; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) endorse a state legislative funding proposal for a multi-modal transportation program as shown in Exhibit "A" including:

1. A funding package for road operations, maintenance and modernization.
2. A funding package for transit, freight and passenger rail, marine and aviation projects.
3. Funding through the ODOT budget for elderly and disabled transit service, bus replacement and transportation demand management.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of _____, 2004.

David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney