

RESOLUTION No.

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WHEREAS, buses are a work horse of our transit system and some bus lines and streetcar lines carry as many riders as the region's MAX light rail lines; and

WHEREAS, MAX light rail ridership has increased, but bus ridership has not, and as a result transit ridership has not increased enough to change mode split and meet our policy goals. Citywide transit mode split remains at twelve percent since the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, buses and streetcars are increasingly getting stuck in traffic. Increased congestion has led to longer travel times and less reliability; and

WHEREAS, TriMet spends roughly \$1-2 million a year to add service just to keep up the same schedules; and

WHEREAS, Portland is projected to add 140,000 new jobs and 260,000 new residents over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, transit service will deteriorate over time, unless the City and TriMet do something significant to prioritize and carve out more space for transit on our key corridors and mains streets; and

WHEREAS, other cities across the country have proven strategies to address transit travel times and improve reliability that Portland could use more across our city; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 update of the Regional Transportation Plan offers an opportunity to reshape the regional transit strategy and priority investments; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is developing an Enhanced Transit Corridors plan with opportunity for public involvement to help shape the plan through a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant authorized by City Council on December 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Enhanced Transit involves moderate, context-sensitive capital and operational investments to increase capacity, reliability and transit travel time for buses and streetcar; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Enhanced Transit Corridors plan include:

- Support planned growth in centers and along corridors consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan update.
- Define and identify "Enhanced Transit Corridors" in Portland.
- Establish clear and objective operational performance measures and thresholds to define what success looks like for the most heavily used Frequent Service lines.
- Guide the prioritization of capital and operational investments in Enhanced Transit Corridors; and

WHEREAS, through the Enhanced Transit Corridors planning process, PBOT has initial evaluation finding that help suggest where it is most important to focus for improving transit reliability, speed and capacity on the bus lines in the TriMet Frequent Service Network; and

WHEREAS, Portland Bureau of Transportation staff is coordinating development of the plan with TriMet; and

WHEREAS, PBOT strives to combine transit improvements with safety and access to transit improvements, especially along High Crash Corridors to help meet our Vision Zero goal; and

WHEREAS, the Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan includes goal 9.B, that Portland's transportation system is funded and maintained to achieve multiple goals and measureable outcomes for people and the environment. The transportation system is safe, complete, interconnected, multimodal, and fulfills daily needs for people and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan includes policy 9.22, regarding public transportation, to coordinate with public transit agencies to create conditions that make transit the preferred mode of travel for trips that are not made by walking or bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan includes policy 9.24, regarding transit service, in partnership with TriMet, to develop a public transportation system that conveniently, safely, comfortably, and equitably serves residents and workers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, the Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan includes policy 9.25, regarding transit equity, in partnership with TriMet, to maintain and expand high-quality frequent transit service to all Town Centers, Civic Corridors, Neighborhood Centers, Neighborhood Corridors, and other major concentrations of employment, and improve service to areas with high concentrations of poverty and historically under-served and under-represented communities; and

WHEREAS, the Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan includes policy 9.5, to increase the share of trips made using active and low-carbon transportation modes. Reduce Vehicle

Miles Traveled (VMT) to achieve targets set in the most current Climate Action Plan and Transportation System Plan, and meet or exceed Metro's mode share and VMT targets; and

WHEREAS, the Portland 2035 Transportation System Plan update adopted by City Council in December 2016 includes Objective 9.26.h; by 2035, to reduce the number of miles Portlanders travel by car to 11 miles per day on average and 70 percent of commuters walk, bike, take transit, carpool, or work from home; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Plan and the Climate Action Plan have established a mode split goal of 25% of all trips on transit by 2035, and the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan includes a goal of tripling transit mode share over 2005 levels; and

WHEREAS, the need for the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan was identified as a part of the Comprehensive Plan process and included in the Portland 2035 Transportation System Plan Section 12 Refinement Plans and Studies, in the update adopted by City Council in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, increasing transit reliability, travel times and capacity are ways to increase transit ridership. Implementing the Enhanced Transit will help the City reach the above policy goals and accommodate future growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland endorses the list of candidate transit projects for the Regional Transportation Plan 2018 Update, attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs the Portland Bureau of Transportation to return to City Council with a completed Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan that provides aggressive strategies, treatments; recommended Transportation System Plan projects as well as performance measures and guidelines for on-going implementation to better accommodate transit and improve transit travel time and reliability within the City of Portland's public rights-of-way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs the Portland Bureau of Transportation to coordinate with TriMet and Portland Streetcar Inc. in the development of programs and list of improvements in the near and long terms that improve transit reliability, speed and capacity over time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs the Portland Bureau of Transportation to coordinate with TriMet and Metro in advancing a strong transit vision that includes Enhanced Transit as a centerpiece in the update of the upcoming 2040 Regional Transit Vision and 2018-2040 Project list elements of Metro's Regional Transportation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council thanks our regional partners TriMet, Metro, ODOT, Portland Streetcar Inc. and the public for their efforts on this important matter.

Adopted by the Council, JUL 13 2017

Commissioner DAN SALTZMAN
Prepared by: April Bertelsen; SP
Date Prepared: July 13, 2017

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

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<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>1 GF 2</i></p> <p>Start time: 2 PM</p> <p><i>90</i></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 1 hour (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p> <p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

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3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Eudaly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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