

RESOLUTION No. **37314**

Adopt the recommendations contained within the Growing Transit Communities Plan (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan includes goal 9.B, that Portland's transportation system is funded and maintained to achieve multiple goals and measurable 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, Portland is projected to add 140,000 new jobs and 260,000 new residents over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Growing Transit Communities Investment 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, under Ordinance No. 186634 on June 11, 2014, Council authorized application to the Oregon Department of Transportation and Department of Land Conservation and Development for four Transportation and Growth Management grants, including a Growing Transit Communities Plan; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance No. 187105 on May 6, 2015, City Council authorized an agreement to accept a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant in the amount of \$151,360 from the Oregon Department of Transportation and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Growing Transit Communities Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Growing Transit Communities Plan identifies and prioritizes the most beneficial improvements in corridor investment plans that will make getting to the bus and using the bus a safer and more convenient option for sections of bus line 87 along outer NE Airport Way, bus line 77 along middle NE Halsey, and bus line 20 along outer SE Stark-Burnside; and

WHEREAS, the Growing Transit Communities Plan focuses on these three corridors because they have the potential to become transit-oriented communities, though each has barriers. More specifically, these corridors have transit service that is not yet frequent and barriers in the walking and biking environment, yet the 2035 Portland Comprehensive Plan includes planned housing and job growth and planned bus service improvements in TriMet Service Enhancement Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Growing Transit Communities Plan focuses on these three corridors because they include areas with higher concentrations of poverty and historically underserved and under-represented communities; and

WHEREAS, the priority projects in the Growing Transit Communities Plan have been vetted by the community and filtered through a set of criteria and technical analysis. The three most important criteria based on community input were weighted more heavily when evaluating and prioritizing projects, including transportation safety, making it easier to get to bus stops, and equity; and

WHEREAS, community members throughout the Growing Transit Communities Plan study area contributed to the planning process through an inclusive outreach strategy that included two open houses, use of language interpreters, two online surveys, tabling at events in each corridor, presentations to various committees and community groups, and eight Community Advisory Group meetings between November 2015 and March 2017; and

WHEREAS, Portland Bureau of Transportation staff coordinated development of the plan with TriMet, ODOT and other relevant city Bureaus; and

WHEREAS, increasing transit service frequency and targeted investments in access to transit are ways to increase transit ridership. Implementing the Growing Transit Communities Plan will help the City reach the above policy goals and accommodate future growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland adopts the Growing Transit Communities Plan as Non-Binding City Policy attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Growing Transit Communities Plan will serve as a guiding strategy for improvements to the transportation system in the study area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs the Portland Bureau of Transportation to incorporate the recommendations of the Growing Transit Communities Plan as a part of the next update of the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP), including amendments to existing TSP major system improvement project descriptions and the addition of new projects as either major projects or smaller projects in the Citywide Programs, as described in the Recommendations chapter of the Plan, starting on page 18 (Exhibit A); and

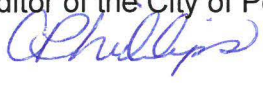
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff is directed to engage in activities to implement the improvements and recommendations described in the Growing Transit Communities Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in recognition of the City's investment in safe and attractive access to transit, the Council encourages TriMet to continue increasing bus service along bus lines 87, 77 and 20 in line with the TriMet Service Enhancement Plan vision, to help achieve the City's transit mode share goals, advance several of the City's broader Comprehensive Plan policies and grow more transit-oriented communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council gratefully acknowledges the excellent work and dedication of the members of the Growing Transit Communities Plan Community Advisory Group and other community members who helped shape the plan through participation in the planning process.

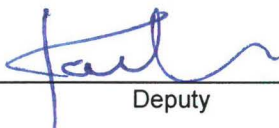
Adopted by the Council, SEP 06 2017

Commissioner DAN SALTZMAN
Prepared by: April Bertelsen; SP
Date Prepared: July 10, 2017

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland
By 
Deputy

Agenda No. **RESOLUTION NO. 37314**
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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: COMMISSIONER DAN SALTZMAN	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>AUG 01 2017</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By:  Deputy
Mayor—Finance and Administration - Wheeler	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman <i>DS</i>	
Position 4/Safety -Eudaly	ACTION TAKEN: AUG 10 2017 <i>Rescheduled to September 6 10:00 AM Time Certain</i>
BUREAU APPROVAL	
Bureau: Transportation <i>Anyo</i> Policy, Planning & Projects Group Manager: Art Pearce Director: Leah Treat <i>LT</i>	
Prepared by: April Bertelsen: <i>AB</i> Date Prepared: 7/11/17 Supervisor: Mauricio Leclerc <i>ML</i>	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter	
Council Meeting Date August 10, 2017	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: <u>3:30 PM</u>
Total amount of time needed: 1 hour (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
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REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	_____	
4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	✓	