

RESOLUTION No. 37369

Adopt the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan and endorse a list of Enhanced Transit candidate project locations for submittal to the Metro Regional Enhanced Transit Concept Pilot Program to help advance project development (Resolution)

WHEREAS, City of Portland and the region are at a critical point in the evolution of our transit network; and

WHEREAS, buses and streetcars, along with all the people on them, are increasingly stuck in traffic and getting slower. They are often delayed due to congestion while full of passengers and late to pick up new passengers. This leads to longer travel times by transit. It causes people to be delayed, miss transfers to other transit lines and ultimately arrive late to their destinations; and

WHEREAS, all of this delay and unreliability shrinks people's access to places by transit within a reasonable travel time and makes transit less competitive with driving; and

WHEREAS, each year resources for transit service hours are spent just trying to keep up schedules due to congestion, reducing the potential funding to increase transit service frequency. TriMet spends roughly \$1-2 million a year to add service just to keep up the same schedules; and

WHEREAS, demand for transit service is only expected to increase. The City is projected to gain approximately 140,000 new jobs and 260,000 new residents by 2035; and

WHEREAS, transit plays an important role in the transportation system and achieving City goals and policy as it grows; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Plan, Climate Action Plan and Transportation System 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 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.

WHEREAS, transit service will deteriorate over time, unless the City and TriMet do something significant to prioritize transit reliability and speed improvements in the Central City and along our key corridors and mains streets; and

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

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ordinance No. 188160 on December 21, 2016, accepting a grant in the amount of \$36,660 from Oregon Department of Transportation for the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan and authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Resolution No. 37304 on July 13, 2017 to recommend PBOT develop new and expanded strategies to improve transit service and increase transit ridership throughout the City by developing an Enhanced Transit Program; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) developed an Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan with opportunity for public involvement to help shape the plan; and

WHEREAS, the overarching goals of the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan include:

- Make transit the logical choice for a greater number of trips.
- Improve access to opportunity for people who rely on transit.
- Increase transit ridership and improve the experience for current riders by improving transit capacity, reliability, and travel time.
- Support planned growth in centers and along corridors consistent with the Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan identifies a new vision for frequent, reliable, high-ridership transit and how we can achieve it in Portland. It also provides an Enhanced Transit programmatic framework for on-going monitoring and investment to improve transit capacity, reliability and speed in partnership with TriMet; and

WHEREAS, PBOT staff coordinated with TriMet, Metro and ODOT in the development of the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan and selection of candidate locations to submit to the Metro Regional Enhanced Transit Concept Pilot Program to help advance project development; 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, increasing transit reliability, travel times and capacity are ways to increase transit ridership. Implementing the Enhanced Transit will help the City reach adopted policy goals and accommodate future growth.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs the Portland Bureau of Transportation to incorporate the recommendations of the Enhanced Transit Corridors 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 TSP Programs, as described in the Recommendations chapter of the Plan (Exhibit A); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff is directed to engage in activities to implement the improvements and recommendations described in the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan, including further growing an on-going Enhanced Transit Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council endorses a list of candidate Enhanced Transit locations for submittal to the Metro Regional Enhanced Transit Concept Pilot Program to help advance project development attached as Exhibit B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs the Portland Bureau of Transportation to participate in the Metro Regional Enhanced Transit Concept Pilot Program to develop Enhanced Transit projects and identify promising projects to advance to 30 percent design; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs the Portland Bureau of Transportation to develop and return to City Council with an Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet outlining Enhanced Transit projects to advance for full design and implementation through the Metro Regional Enhanced Transit Concept Pilot Program and commitments on project scope, timeline and funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council thanks our regional partners TriMet, Metro, ODOT, Portland Streetcar Inc. and the public for their efforts to develop the Enhanced Transit Corridors Plan and the Metro Regional Enhanced Transit Concept Pilot Program.

Adopted by the Council, JUN 20 2018

Mayor Ted Wheeler
Prepared by: April Bertelsen; SP
Date Prepared: May 29, 2018

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland
By


Deputy

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<p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance & Administration – Wheeler <i>KE</i></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman <i>Don Saltzman</i></p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Eudaly</p>	<p>Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mary Hull</i> Deputy</p>
<p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: PBOT Group: Policy, Planning & Projects Group Manager: Art Pearce <i>ML for Pearce</i> Director: Leah Treat <i>ML</i></p> <p>Prepared by: April Bertelsen; SP <i>SP</i> Supervisor: Mauricio Leclerc <i>ML</i> Date Prepared: May 22, 2018</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date June 20, 2018</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
Start time: 2 PM
Total amount of time needed: 1.5 Hours
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
Total amount of time needed: _____
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

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