

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF COUNCIL APPROVING ) RESOLUTION NO. 15-4651  
THE KILLIN WETLANDS )  
ACCESS MASTER PLAN ) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer,  
) Martha Bennett, in concurrence with  
) Council President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, in May 1995, area voters approved ballot Measure 26-26, authorizing Metro to issue \$135.6 million for bonds for Open Spaces, Parks, and Streams to purchase land in regional target areas; and

WHEREAS, in November 2006, area voters approved Metro's Natural Areas Bond Measure, authorizing Metro to issue \$227.4 million for bonds to purchase land in regional target areas; and

WHEREAS, using bond measure funds, Metro acquired approximately 600 acres of natural area in and around Killin Wetlands, which provides a rare example of a peat wetland in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, in May 2013, area voters approved a five-year local option levy for the purpose of preserving water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and maintaining Metro's parks and natural areas for the public; and

WHEREAS, as part of implementing the operating levy, Metro's Parks and Nature's five-year work plan includes projects for natural area restoration and maintenance, improvements for visitors, park maintenance, volunteer programs, conservation education and community grants; and

WHEREAS, Killin Wetlands was identified as one of the 2013 levy access improvement projects in the five-year work plan; and

WHEREAS, a stakeholder advisory committee was created and included staff from Metro Parks and Nature team, staff and citizens from the City of Banks, the Audubon Society of Portland, the Tualatin Watershed Council, the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and property neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in order to identify desired and appropriate visitor improvements, Metro and its partners conducted extensive stakeholder interviews and public outreach, including open houses; and


WHEREAS, in 2015, the Killin Wetlands Access Master Plan was developed by and with the oversight, input and review of the Metro Parks and Nature team, project stakeholders, members of the community, and Councilor Kathryn Harrington; and

WHEREAS, the Killin Wetlands Access Master Plan identifies improvements to protect and enhance the natural, scenic and cultural resources while providing safe access for visitors to experience the natural area; and

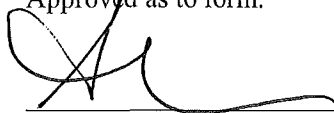
WHEREAS, the Metro Council's approval of the Killin Wetlands Access Master Plan does not establish final design improvements, is not a final land use decision, and is not binding on local governments, but rather provides recommendations to guide Metro staff and partner jurisdictions as they continue design work; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby approves the Killin Wetlands Access Master Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 10th day of December, 2015.

  
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Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to form:

  
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Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney