2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Public Notification of Submitted New and Proposed Amended Existing Projects Public Notification and Opportunity to Comment Notice



Metro is in receipt of the 2024-27 MTIP April FFY 2024 Formal Amendment Bundle for Resolution 24-5409

Amendment Purpose Statement for Resolution 24-5409 (Amendment Number AP24-07-APR)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING FIVE NEW PROJECTS TO THE 2024-27 MTIP TO MEET FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

Public Notification Comment Opportunities for the April FFY 2024 Formal MTIP Amendment for Resolution 24-5409

The public review period for this project amendment is 4/2/2024 and concludes on 5/1/2024, at 5:00 pm.

Requests to submit comments or concerns about this amendment should be submitted to Summer Blackhorse, via email at summer.blackhorse@oregonmetro.gov. Subject to revisions to address comments received during the public comment period, the 2021-24 MTIP as revised by the proposed amendment will be the final program unless amended, and a final notice will not be published.

Added Notes

Public comment also may occur by attending one of the two Metro approval committees required for the formal amendment to complete: (1)

Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), or (2) at the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). Public comment can also occur at the Metro Council where the formal amendment receives final Metro approval. Please check the Metro website for the specific committee to see if the amendment is included on that month's agenda.

About MTIP Formal/Full Amendments

Formal MTIP amendments represent a significant change to a project from the original funding or scope of improvement activities. The various required process steps are intended to demonstrate that the required changes have no significant impact upon air conformity, plus fiscal constraint is still maintained, and/or the priorities, policies, and goals established in the approved Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) have not changed. Formal MTIP amendments normally fall into one or more of the following categories: (1) Significantly adds, revises, reduces, or changes the project scope of improvement activities. (2) Requires a significant change to the project limits (greater than 1 mile). (3) Involves a significant cost change (increase or decrease normally 20% or 30% greater). (4) Adds or cancels a project from the MTIP.

Exhibit A

April FFY 2024 Formal/Full MTIP Amendment Summary Formal Amendment #: AP24-07-APR

The April Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Formal MTIP Amendment adds five new projects to the MTIP. MTIP and STIP programming is required to meet federal transportation delivery requirements. A summary of the changes includes the following:

- <u>Key 22728 Northwest Oregon Curve Warning Upgrades (2027) (ODOT):</u> The formal amendment adds the preliminary engineering phase for this new project grouping bucket.
- <u>Key 23612 Portland Metro Area 2024-2027 ADA Curb Ramps, Phase 1 (ODOT):</u> The formal amendment adds the Utility Relocation and Construction phases for this new ODOT ADA Curbs and Ramps upgrade project grouping bucket to the MTIP.
- <u>Key 23630 TriMet Battery Electric Buses Purchase (TriMet):</u> The formal amendment adds the new Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) funding award for TriMet to the MTIP to support the purchase of a new replacement full-sized Battery Electric Bus.
- <u>Key NEW TBD Gateway Transit Center Upgrades TriMet:</u> The formal amendment adds the new FFY 2024 Congressional approved Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) award to the MTIP for TriMet that provides supplemental funding in support of ongoing upgrades to the Gateway Transit Center as part of the Better red MAX Line Extension Project.
- <u>Key NEW Columbia Zero Emissions Bus Operations Facility TriMet:</u> The formal amendment adds the new FFY 2024 Congressional approved Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) award to the MTIP to support the design and construction of the new Columbia Zero Emissions Operations Facility for TriMet.

The Exhibit A Tables starting on the next provide a summary of the changes and programming actions for the included projects. See the Exhibit A MTIP Worksheets for the detailed changes and consistency review areas.

2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Exhibit A to Resolution 24-5409

April FFY 2024 Formal Transition Amendment Bundle Contents Amendment Type: Formal/Full Amendment #: AP24-07-APR

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Key Number & MTIP ID	Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Amendment Action			
Category: Project Cancelations: No cancelations or removals from the MTIP as part of the April 2024 Formal Amendment							
None							

Category: New Projects Being Added to the MTIP							
(#1) ODOT Key # 22728 MTIP ID TBD New Project	ODOT	Northwest Oregon Curve Warning Upgrades (2027)	Complete design to install warning signs at curves on various highway segments to aid in reducing vehicle collisions.	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal amendment adds the preliminary engineering phase for ODOT's Curve Warning Safety Upgrades project to the MTIP.			
(#2) ODOT Key # 23612 MTIP ID 71228 New Project	ODOT	Portland Metro Area 2024-2027 ADA Curb Ramps, Phase 1	Construct curb ramps to meet compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal amendment adds the new ADA Curbs and Ramps upgrade project which includes adding the Utility Relocation plus Construction phases. Preliminary Engineering is being completed as part of Key 22978.			
(#3) ODOT Key # 23630 MTIP ID New – TBD New Project	TriMet	TriMet Battery Electric Buses Purchase	This project will fund one new battery electric bus (BEB) purchase as part of a larger order of 17 vehicles (2026 BEB purchase) that will replace the 2900 series, diesel, 40-ft buses.	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal amendment adds the new DEQ CMAQ funded project to the MTIP for TriMet.			

(#4) ODOT Key # New - TBD MTIP ID New – TBD New Project	TriMet	Gateway Transit Center Upgrades - TriMet	Supplemental funding supporting the design and construction upgrades to Gateway Transit Center to add turnaround and layover space needed for service growth, accommodate new articulated, zero-emission buses and rehabilitate the operator facilities	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal amendment adds the new Congressional approved \$1 million dollars FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) project award to the MTIP in support of ongoing Gateway Transit Center upgrades as part of the larger Better Red MAX Line Extension project.
(#5) ODOT Key # New - TBD MTIP ID New – TBD New Project	TriMet	Columbia Zero Emissions Bus Operations Facility - TriMet	The Columbia ZEB Ops Facility, TriMet's fourth bus base, will be a hub for powering and maintaining zero emissions buses and training operators plus help fund the design and construction of the facility, which will also serve fuel cell electric buses.	ADD NEW PROJECT: The formal amendment adds new Congressional approved new \$5 million FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) awarded project for TriMet to support the construction of the Columbia Zero Emissions Bus Operations and Maintenance Facility in northern Portland on Columbia Blvd.

Proposed Amendment Review and Approval Steps:

- Tuesday, April 2, 2024: Post amendment & begin 30-day notification/comment period.
- Friday, April 5, 2024: TPAC meeting (Required Metro amendment notification)
- Thursday, April 18, 2024: JPACT meeting.
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024: End 30-day Public Comment period.
- Thursday, May 9, 2024: Final approval from Metro Council anticipated.
- Early to mid-June 2024: Estimated final USDOT amendment approvals occur.