

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING CITY PROJECTS TO INCLUDE IN THE  
METRO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, Metro is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Portland region and Metro is responsible for preparing and updating the federally required Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

**WHEREAS**, the RTP guides investments for all forms of travel including driving, transit, biking and walking on the regional transportation network; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro issued a call for local transportation projects to include in the 2023 RTP update; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to include in the RTP certain City transportation projects identified in the Forest Grove Transportation System Plan as shown on Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro requests that the local jurisdiction's governing body endorse the list of local projects to include in the RTP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:**

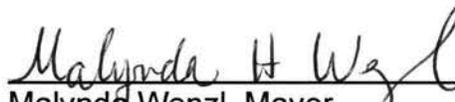
**Section 1.** The Forest Grove City Council hereby endorses the list of City projects to include in the 2023 RTP update as shown on Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

**PRESENTED AND PASSED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
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Anna D. Ruggles, City Recorder

**APPROVED** by the Mayor this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
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Malynda Wenzl, Mayor

## EXHIBIT A

### Near-Term Projects (2023-2030)

- Bike lanes and sidewalk infill throughout the City
- OR 47 / Fernhill Road / Maple Street intersection improvements
- OR 47 / Martin Road intersection improvement
- OR 8 / Pacific Avenue corridor project
- Yew Street / Adair Street intersection improvements

### Late-Term Projects (2031-2045)

- David Hill Road improvement (west of Thatcher Road)
- Gales Creek Road improvement
- Heather Industrial Connector
- OR 47 / David Hill Road roundabout improvement
- OR 47 / Purdin Road / Verboort Road roundabout improvement
- Thatcher Road improvement (Phase 1): Gales Creek Road to David Hill Road

### Strategic Projects (2031- 2045)

- Council Creek Regional Trail
- High-capacity transit extension planning and design
- OR 47 / B Street intersection improvement
- Thatcher Road improvement (Phase 2): David Hill Road to Purdin Road



<i>CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:</i>	
AGENDA ITEM #:	<u>F. 3.</u>
MEETING DATE:	<u>04.24.2023</u>
FINAL ACTION:	<u>RESO 2023-12</u>

**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** *City Council*

**FROM:** *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

**MEETING DATE:** *April 24, 2023*

**PROJECT TEAM:** *Dan Riordan, Senior Planner; and Bryan Pohl, Director of Community Development*

**SUBJECT TITLE:** *Resolution Endorsing City Transportation Projects to Include in the Metro Regional Transportation System Plan Update*

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

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*X all that apply*

**ISSUE STATEMENT:** Metro is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Portland urban area. In this role, Metro is responsible for preparing and adopting a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for federal acceptance.

The current RTP was adopted in 2018 and is being updated by Metro. As part of the update process, the City Council may nominate projects to include in the RTP update. Eligible projects must be listed in the local Transportation System Plan and be on the regional transportation network or improve the pedestrian or bicycle network.

For this RTP update, Metro requests that the city’s governing body endorse the project nomination list. A resolution endorsing the City’s proposed project list is attached for City Council consideration (Attachment A).

**BACKGROUND:** The RTP guides investments for all forms of transportation in the regional especially projects on the regional transportation network and projects using federal funding allocated by Metro. Metro updates the RTP every five years. Since the current RTP was adopted in 2018 the process to update the RTP is underway.

As part of the RTP update process Metro issued a call for projects. Local transportation agencies, including cities, can nominate local projects in the RTP. Eligible projects are those listed in the local Transportation System Plan that are on the regional transportation network or improve the pedestrian or bicycle networks. Including projects in the RTP makes them eligible for federal funding allocated by Metro.

Staff presented an overview of the RTP update process and projects eligible for listing in the RTP to City Council on April 10th. During the presentation, Councilor Rippe asked why improving Watercrest Road is not included on the City's list of projects to include in the RTP. Councilor Rippe noted Watercrest Road is a collector street so it should be RTP eligible.

Watercrest Road is designated as a collector street in the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP). The road is a Washington County facility. Although Watercrest Road is a collector street the City's Transportation System Plan and could be included in the RTP the current TSP does not include improvement to Watercrest Road as a project which makes it ineligible for listing in the RTP. The next update to the TSP is expected to begin in 2025 and will include a community involvement process to identify projects and establish investment priorities. Consideration of adding Watercrest Road to the TSP as part of the next TSP update allows evaluation in the context of other project priorities and available funding.

Although Watercrest Road is not included in the TSP partial improvement is expected when adjacent property is developed. Land use approval has been granted for a planned development on the north side of Watercrest Road. Improvement to Watercrest Road including additional pavement and sidewalk will occur as part of that project.

Finally, one change was made to the project list. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue/26<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension to the Martin Road roundabout was removed. This is because the project would cause the near-term project list to exceed the revenue projections prepared for the RTP. Also, the project is on the Transportation Development Tax (TDT) project list and is eligible for TDT funding. Staff expects that the road extension will be constructed as the Oak Street industrial area develops. As such, it is not necessary to include the project on the RTP project list.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Including City transportation projects in the RTP makes the projects eligible for funding allocated by Metro. This reduces local revenue necessary to construct the projects.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached resolution endorsing the City projects to include in the RTP update.

**ATTACHMENT(s):**

A. Resolution 2023-12