

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Endorsing The East Metro Connections Plan Recommendation and Action Plan

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. The County adopted Resolution 09-108 endorsing the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee's letter requesting Metro to fund a comprehensive transportation study of the I-84 to US 26 Corridor and resolving to work cooperatively with regional partners to reach consensus on preferred corridor alternatives.
- b. On March 31, 2011, the Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro regarding participation in the development of the comprehensive transportation study known as the East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP) to identify multimodal needs of the corridor and identify an investment strategy for the necessary infrastructures between now and the year 2035.
- c. Partners in the EMCP include Metro, Multnomah County, Clackamas County, Oregon Department of Transportation and the cities of Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village, Damascus and Happy Valley.
- d. The EMCP was guided by the following goals:
  - support connectivity between I-84 and US 26, as well as east/west connectivity and capacity in the East Metro plan area;
  - make the best use of the existing transportation system;
  - develop multiple solutions that encompass all transportation modes;
  - foster economic vitality;
  - distribute both benefits and burdens of growth;
  - enhance the livability and safety of East Metro communities;
  - ensure that East Metro is a place where people want to live, work and play;
  - support the local land use vision of each community; and
  - enhance the natural environment.
- e. The EMCP identifies and prioritizes regionally significant transportation investments and projects that promote connectivity, access and regional mobility, including a regional signalization project, multimodal trail corridors, and a regional east-west transit link along the Division corridor; safety; economic development and job creation; healthy communities; equity; and the natural environment.
- f. Current and future transportation needs are served by implementing the investments and projects identified in the EMCP.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. To endorse the attached East Metro Connections Plan dated June 2012, including its Recommendation and Action Plan.
2. To recognize the competition among regions for scarce transportation resources, and the need to develop mutually-supportive projects that can be successful in securing funding necessary for construction. Within the geographic boundaries of the East Metro

Connections Plan, the County agrees to promote and support identified projects from the Plan

3. To acknowledge that transportation projects important to the County may emerge in areas not included in East Metro Connections Plan area. The County agrees to notify EMCP partner organizations when it intends to compete for resources for priority projects that are not within the boundaries of the East Metro Connections Plan area.
4. To encourage the final adoption of the East Metro Connections Plan by METRO Council and inclusion of all plan elements in the Regional Transportation Plan, and subsequently in all affected local transportation system plans.

ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Jeff Cogen, Chair

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