

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ENDORING THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PLAN AND SHARED INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Metro Council identified the Southwest Corridor as the region's top priority for consideration for a high capacity transit investment based on the 2009 Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan (as approved by JPACT and MPAC). The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded the region a \$2 million grant to conduct an integrated approach to collaborative planning with community aspirations guiding potential investments in transit. Four cities in the Southwest Corridor were awarded competitive grant funds to develop community based land use visions to leverage a potential transit investment.
- b. The Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee (including representatives from the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Lake Oswego, Portland, Sherwood, Tigard, and Tualatin; the counties of Multnomah and Washington; and Tri-Met, ODOT and Metro) adopted a charter agreeing to use a collaborative approach to develop the Southwest Corridor Plan and the Southwest Corridor Implementation Strategy, to align local, regional, and state policies and investments to create great places in December 2011.
- c. The charter signatories acknowledge that the Six Outcomes and Characteristics of a Successful Region¹ guide the creation of the Southwest Corridor Plan, the Southwest Corridor Implementation Strategy, and inform the entire planning process.
- d. The charter stated that the *Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy* should be endorsed by the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee, and is intended to be implemented by the appropriate agencies and jurisdictions.

¹ As adopted in the Regional Framework Plan by Metro Council Ordinance #10-1244B, the six characteristics that define a successful region are:

- People live, work and play in vibrant communities where their everyday needs are easily accessible.
- Current and future residents benefit from the region's sustained economic competitiveness and prosperity.
- People have safe and reliable transportation choices that enhance their quality of life.
- The region is a leader in minimizing contributions to global warming.
- Current and future generations enjoy clean air, clean water and healthy ecosystems.
- The benefits and burdens of growth and change are distributed equitably.

- e. The Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee adopted the vision, goals and objectives in May 2012, defining that the vision for the Southwest Corridor Plan is to support, strengthen and connect livable and prosperous places from Portland to Sherwood to address current needs and anticipated future growth.
- f. The Southwest Corridor Plan project partners worked with community members to define a coordinated land use vision for each city in the corridor to guide future investments in a high capacity transit system with supporting active transportation, roadway and green infrastructure projects.
- g. The Southwest Corridor Plan project partners have held a number of public events to support and guide the *Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy*.
- h. The *Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy* was adopted unanimously by the Steering Committee on July 22, 2013 and contains recommendations to carry into further refinement and study of public investments to support the corridor land use vision, including high capacity transit alternatives for the corridor.
- i. Supporting the Southwest Corridor land use vision assists in addressing current and future transportation needs in Multnomah County and the region.
- j. This endorsement of the Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy is not a land use decision, but rather is intended to direct future adoption of appropriate plan and code amendments for its implementation.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Multnomah County endorses the *Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy*, attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.
2. Multnomah County supports using the *Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy* to inform the future adoption of local plans, policies code as necessary for its implementation.
3. Multnomah County supports the continuation of the Southwest Service Enhancement Plan to identify nearer-term transit service improvements and on-going Southwest Corridor Plan efforts, including refinement and analysis of high capacity transit alternatives and local connections, along with associated roadway, active transportation and parks and natural resource projects that supports the land use vision for potential further study and pursuit of federal funds.

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4. Multnomah County endorses pursuing funding options in coordination with Metro, the Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet and project partner jurisdictions for implementation and planning to support the *Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy*.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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