



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: April 3, 2023		Subject: Resolution No. 3052 Endorsing the Wilsonville/SMART Regional Transportation Plan Project List and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter to Metro Stating as such	
		Staff Member: Zach Weigel, P.E. City Engineer & Kelsey Lewis, Grants and Programs Manager	
		Department: Community Development & SMART	
Action Required		Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Denial
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 st Reading Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 2 nd Reading Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> None Forwarded	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Information or Direction	Comments: N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Council Direction		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda			
Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt the Consent Agenda.			
Recommended Language for Motion: I move to adopt the Consent Agenda.			
Project / Issue Relates To:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goals/Priorities: Increase mobility for all in Wilsonville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted Master Plan(s): Transportation System Plan Transit Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

A City of Wilsonville resolution endorsing the Wilsonville/SMART Regional Transportation Plan project list and authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter to Metro stating that the Wilsonville City Council endorses Wilsonville’s said list.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Metro is in the process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a blueprint that guides investments for all forms of travel, including driving, transit, biking and walking, and the movement of goods and services throughout the Portland Metro region. The RTP is updated every five years, identifying urgent and long-term transportation needs, investments to meet those needs, and funds the region expects to have available over the next 20 years.

The RTP consists of:

- A long-term vision for the region's transportation system
- Goals and performance targets that describe the outcomes the region want to achieve and indicators to measure progress
- Policies that guide decisions and actions in pursuit of the vision and goals
- A financial plan that identifies how the region will pay for investments
- An investment strategy that includes major local, regional, and state transportation investment priorities.

Each agency with Metro submits transportation projects to include in the RTP in coordination with the county. The county coordinating committee is the endorsing body for the all RTP projects within the county. Submitted projects must be at least \$2 million, be included as part of an adopted Master Plan, and located on identified regional networks, generally consisting of collector and arterial roadways, regional trail systems, and town centers. Projects must also meet regional goals related to safety, equity, climate, mobility, and economy. In order to qualify for federal and some state funding, projects must be included in the RTP.

In addition to projects, each agency submits transportation and transit funding projections to Metro as part of the RTP update. This financial information is used to develop cost targets for each county, representing the amount of transportation funding available county-wide. Submitted project lists are organized by priority to fit within the cost targets for three time periods:

- Highest Priority (2023-2030 Constrained Project List)
- High Priority (2031-2045 Constrained Project List)
- Additional Priority (2031-2045 Strategic Project List)

New to the 2023 RTP update is a requirement that agencies submit a letter of endorsement from the governing body indicating support for agency projects submitted for inclusion in the RTP. Council authorization is required for the Mayor to sign a letter (**Exhibit A**) endorsing the Wilsonville / SMART RTP project list (**Exhibit B**).

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Council endorsement of the Wilsonville/SMART Regional Transportation Plan projects will help the region create a coordinated 23-year regional transportation priority list and qualify submitted Wilsonville / SMART projects for federal and state funding.

TIMELINE:

County coordinating committee project submission, including Wilsonville projects, was due on February 17, 2023. The Washington County Coordinating Committee approved the Washington County project list, including Wilsonville’s projects, on February 13, 2023. The Clackamas County Coordinating Committee was granted an extension and approved the Clackamas County project list, including Wilsonville’s projects, on March 2, 2023.

Agency letter of endorsement is required by May 24, 2023. Metro will prepare and post a draft RTP and project list for public comment on July 10, 2023. Metro Council final action on the RTP is anticipated on November 30, 2023.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:

There are no current year budget impacts as a result of Council endorsement of the Wilsonville / SMART RTP project list and authorization of the Mayor to sign a letter to Metro stating that the Wilsonville City Council endorses Wilsonville’s said list. Council endorsement of the Wilsonville / SMART RTP project list will make the projects eligible to qualify for federal and some state funding.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

All Wilsonville / SMART RTP projects are identified as priority transportation / transit projects in the Transportation System Plan, Frog Pond East and South Master Plan, and Transit Master Plan. Development of each master plan included an extensive community involvement process, helping to identify the Wilsonville / SMART transportation priorities.

A draft Regional Transportation Plan (RFP), including the project lists, will begin a 45-day public comment period on July 10, 2023, including a public hearing, online comment opportunity, and other planned activities. Refinement of the RTP based on public feedback will occur in September 2023.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

Council endorsement of the Wilsonville / SMART RTP project will allow the region to coordinate and prioritize transportation system improvements, working toward the region’s vision of safe, reliable, affordable, efficient, and climate-friendly travel options that allow people to choose to drive less and support equitable, resilient, healthy and economically vibrant communities and region. Additionally, projects in the RTP are eligible to receive federal and state funding, helping to reduce the burden of the limited, local funding available for priority transportation and transit projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could direct staff to move projects up in priority between the three RTP categories, 2023-2030 Constrained, 2031-2045 Constrained, and 2031-2045 Strategic, but would require projects of equal value to be reduced in priority to meet the established cost targets for each category. Likewise, Council could direct staff to add a project to the RTP, but similarly a project of equal value would have to be removed from the RTP project list.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 3052
 - A. Letter of Endorsement for Wilsonville / SMART 2023 Regional Transportation Plan Project List
 - B. Wilsonville / SMART Regional Transportation Plan Project List