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RESOLUTION NO. M-4209

A RESOLUTION approving the Transportation System Plan (TSP) framework of “Big Ideas” and its supporting policies and programs for inclusion in the Transportation System Plan Update.

WHEREAS, the TSP framework of “Big Ideas” are: support thriving neighborhoods; create complete corridors; connect people to transit; build low-stress networks; make growth a benefit for all; and embrace the future. The policies, programs and projects in this framework support the objectives and outcomes organized within these “Big Ideas”; and

WHEREAS, the “Big Ideas” and their supporting policies, programs and projects were formed in collaboration by the Project Team and the Project Technical Advisory Committee, a group assembled of regional and local transportation experts from Clark County Transportation and Public Health, C-TRAN, RTC, WSDOT, Vancouver and Evergreen Public School Districts, Service Providers including Fire and Police Departments, and the Port of Vancouver; and

WHEREAS, the Project Team convened affected staff across departments within the City of Vancouver to refine the policies, programs, and projects that support the implementation of the strategies organized within the “Big Ideas” of the TSP; and

WHEREAS, the Project Team also sought feedback from the Transportation and Mobility Commission on the “Big Ideas” framework during regular meetings of the Commission on July 5, 2022, and September 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the policies, programs and projects identified in the TSP advance the City of Vancouver's commitment to meet Washington's Statewide Transportation Goals as defined in the Washington State Transportation Commission's "Washington Transportation Plan: 2040 and Beyond," based on the Legislature's six statewide goals established in RCW 47.04.280 of: Economic Vitality; Preservation; Safety; Mobility; Environment and Health; and Stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted its Climate Action Framework in 2022 as a blueprint to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resiliency to climate change impacts. The framework supports a just and equitable transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2040, of which transportation emissions are the largest current contributor, and it focuses on supporting low-income residents and communities of color that are most affected by those impacts; and

WHEREAS, Goal 1 of the City of Vancouver's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan is to "[e]nsure our built environment is one of the safest, most environmentally responsible and well maintained in the Pacific Northwest" and includes the following Objective 1.1: "Develop and maintain a safe, balanced and innovative transportation system that will meet the needs of future generations"; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City adopted a Complete Streets Policy with the vision and intent of providing safe, accessible streets for all users, ages and abilities, regardless of their preferred mode of travel, and Complete Streets investment will continue to make non-vehicular trips easier, safer and more comfortable for community members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council identified safety, equity and climate action as guiding priorities in developing the 2023-24 biennial budget and when setting goals for the update to the City's Transportation System Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Project Team conducted ongoing community engagement and held two online open houses, in October 2020-May 2021 and in September 2022-November 2022, and

hosted three online community surveys: 1) the first asked how the community uses the transportation network and received five hundred seventeen (517) responses; 2) the second asked community members to prioritize the Transportation Values they viewed as most important and received one hundred ninety-three (193) responses; and 3) the third survey collected community input on the “Big Ideas” framework and drafts of the modal networks, with forty-two (42) surveys completed; and

WHEREAS, the Project Team held seven community roundtables between May 2021 and December 2022 with members of BIPOC, disabled, and low-income communities, led three focus groups, and attended numerous community meetings with involved stakeholders, including neighborhood associations, local schools, Action for Climate Emergency, Fourth Plain Forward, and Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance to better understand community concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Project Team heard support from the community related to improving the ease of use, safety, and connectivity of the mobility network for pedestrians, cyclists, and others using small mobility devices, and heard themes around investment in transit, transportation alternatives, and safety; and

WHEREAS, community members across all feedback channels identified the following top five most important Transportation Values that should inform the Transportation System Plan: safe, earth-friendly, reliable travel times, regional connectivity, and affordable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified a process to review and endorse Transportation System Plan Update project milestones at inflection points that include a review of the planning process, community engagement, implementation, project, and program development.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. The Council hereby adopts the “Big Ideas” framework and associated supportive policies and programs as documented in the memorandum updated January 28, 2023 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for inclusion in the Draft Transportation System Plan.

Section 2. The Project Team shall continue to provide clear, transparent communication with the public, and an inclusive outreach process that focuses on involving historically excluded and underserved community members, as well as residents, businesses, neighborhood associations, community organizations, agency partners, the Transportation and Mobility Commission, and other stakeholders.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Vancouver City Council this 27th day of February, 2023.

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