

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1211 (ELROD) – This resolution would exempt construction and/or maintenance of sidewalks, roads, and bridges undertaken by the Department of Public Works from the water quality buffer requirements contained in the Metro Stormwater Management Manual, Volume 1.

The Stormwater Management Manual requires new development, significant redevelopment, and sites needing a grading permit to preserve water quality buffers along Metro's community waters. Pursuant to Metro Code of Laws Sec. 2.206.010, the Council can exempt Public Works from these requirements upon just cause by a resolution receiving 21 affirmative votes.

The resolution notes that, because of the volume and logistics of these construction and maintenance projects, and the interests of providing public resources expeditiously, just cause exists to exempt these projects from the Stormwater Management Manual requirements. These projects would be reviewed and approved by Metro Water Services Development Services staff in order to minimize impact to water quality buffers and any associated drainage features.

Fiscal Note: The Department of Water and Sewerage Services does not think the required reviews and approvals would have any significant impact on their operational budget.