

Date: October 25, 2017
To: Board of Directors
From: Neil McFarlane *Neil McFarlane*
Subject: **RESOLUTION 17-10-69 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF TEN (10) GRANT APPLICATIONS**

1. Purpose of Item

The purpose of this item is to request that the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to submit (10) grant applications for FY2018 formula and discretionary funding to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Board authorization to submit FTA grant applications

3. Reason for Board Action

The Board may authorize TriMet's submittal of FTA grant applications by adoption of a resolution.

4. Type of Action

- Resolution
- Ordinance 1st Reading
- Ordinance 2nd Reading
- Other _____

5. Background

Each year, staff presents to the TriMet Board for their authorization a summary of grant applications to be submitted during the year. Attachment A to this memo lists ten (10) grant applications for FY2018 federal funding, which total \$195.2 million, and shows both the federal and local shares. Grant amounts are high estimates and actual appropriations will most likely be lower.

The FY2018 federally funded grants can be categorized, by use, as follows:

- 1) Grant receipts pledged to debt service.
- 2) Federal formula grants, which are used to offset ongoing TriMet maintenance costs.
- 3) Grants designated for specific purposes, described below.

The applications are for the following amounts and projects:

Grant Receipts Pledged to Debt Service

1. \$11.0 million federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to pay FY2018 debt service on TriMet's Capital Grant Receipt revenue bonds.
2. \$5.0 million federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds to pay FY2018 debt service on TriMet's Capital Grant Receipt revenue bonds.

As part of the regional funding package for the construction of the light rail projects, TriMet issued revenue bonds secured by future CMAQ and STBG grants allocated to the region. These grants have been pledged and are used to pay the principal and interest on the bonds until fully retired. TriMet contributes the 10.27% local match.

Federal Formula Grants Used to Offset TriMet Maintenance Costs

1. \$25.89 million federal Section 5337 State of Good Repair funds to pay for bus and rail preventive maintenance costs. These are federal formula funds available to bus and rail systems after seven years of operations. TriMet pays the 20% local match.
2. \$38.76 million federal Section 5307 Urbanized Area funds for bus and rail preventive maintenance costs. TriMet pays the 20% local match.
3. \$3.36 million federal Section 5339(a) Bus & Bus Facilities funds to pay the purchase of fixed route buses. TriMet pays the 20% local match.

Grants Designated for Specific Purposes

1. \$0.620 million federal Section 5307 Urbanized Area funds for Community Job Connectors. TriMet pays the 50% match.
2. \$0.503 million federal STBG funds for TriMet's Regional Transportation Options (RTO) program. These funds will be provided through Metro. TriMet pays the 10.27% local match.
3. \$5.46 million federal STBG funds to pay for rail preventive maintenance costs. These funds will free up TriMet General Funds for funding exchanges with Metro. There is no cost to TriMet for these fund exchanges.
4. \$2.70 million federal Section 3038 Commuter Rail Positive Train Control funds for the Positive Train Control project. TriMet pays the 20% local match.
5. \$1.88 million federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility & Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities program funds for the sixth year of this program. The 5310 program permits "in-kind" match. The Section 5310 program is matched by Ride Connection's on-going volunteer transportation service program, so there is no additional cost to TriMet to match this program.
6. \$100.00 million federal Section 5309 Capital Investment Program (New Starts) funds to pay for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project.

Notice Requirements:

A notice of opportunity for public comment on the FY2018 Proposed Program of Projects was published on www.trimet.org on March 15, 2017. TriMet received no requests for a Public Hearing but did receive four public comments (Attachment B). TriMet's Final FY2018 Program of Projects for all FY2018 federally funded grant applications was then published on www.trimet.org on June 7, 2017.

6. Financial/Budget Impact

Approval of the Resolution will authorize TriMet to apply for the FTA grants listed. These funds are integral to TriMet's FY2018 Adopted Budget, and the light rail project finance plans.

Some of the aforementioned grants have been pledged as security for TriMet bonds and TriMet has covenanted to pursue such grants.

7. Impact if Not Approved

The General Manager would not have Board authorization to submit FTA grant applications totaling \$195.2 million FY2018 federally funded dollars, which are integral to the Budget. In addition, debt service payments would have to be made with unbudgeted general fund dollars and projects for which the grant funds are used would have to be put on hold or deferred indefinitely.

Attachment A
Board Memo Resolution 17-10-69
Grant Applications to be Submitted by TriMet

No.	Description	Federal	Local Match	Total	FY2018 Sources
1	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (Debt Service)	\$11,000,000	\$1,258,999	\$12,258,999	FY2018 Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (Debt Service)
1	Surface Transportation Block Grant (Debt Service)	\$5,000,000	\$572,272	\$5,572,272	FY2018 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Debt Service)
2	State of Good Repair Program	\$25,887,564	\$6,471,891	\$32,359,455	FY2018 Section 5337 State of Good Repair Formula
3	Bus and Rail Preventive Maintenance	\$38,757,589	\$9,689,397	\$48,446,986	FY2018 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula
4	North Hillsboro Job Connector Shuttle	\$620,000	\$620,000	\$1,240,000	FY2018 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula
5	Bus Purchase	\$3,361,895	\$840,474	\$4,202,369	FY2018 Section 5339(a) Bus & Bus Facilities Formula
6	Regional Transportation Options Program	\$502,625	\$57,528	\$560,153	FY2018 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
7	Rail Preventive Maintenance (Fund Exchanges)	\$5,459,868	\$624,906	\$6,084,774	FY2018 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Fund Exchanges)
8	Positive Train Control	\$2,700,000	\$675,000	\$3,375,000	FY2018 Section 3028 Commuter Rail Positive Train Control
9	Elderly & Disabled Program	\$1,881,494	\$470,374	\$2,351,868	FY2018 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities
10	Milwaukee Light Rail Project	\$100,000,000	\$78,965,020	\$178,965,020	FY2018 Section 5309 Capital Investment Program (New Starts)
	TOTAL	\$195,171,035			

Attachment B
Public Comments Received on Grant Applications

No.	Date	Project/Area	Comment
1	3/16/2017	Safety/Maintenance	Focus on keeping your operators safe and maintaining your transit system a lot better. You don't need to expand, you need to maintain what you already got. You also need to replace your switches & the Steel Bridge for MAX.
2	3/15/2017	Disabled/Low Income	As a disabled rider, I have been advocating a more inclusive stance by TriMet for many years. Unless you remove your ban on 3 wheeled bicycles, something that I must use because of vertigo, I will continue to reject and fight against your plans.
3	3/16/2017	Bus	A positive poem entitled 'Ode to Trimet' was received.
4	3/20/2017	Safety/Low Income	Hi, I am a resident in Portland I just saw information that TriMet's budget for next fiscal year includes \$11 million for policing and just want to share my concern that is an awful lot of money for policing and I'd rather see you put it into expanded service, more support for low-income fare reductions and other kinds of improvements. I just think that's a lot of money to have more cops on our public transport.

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WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to award Federal financial assistance for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant or subrecipient to the applicant, including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under U.S.C Title 49, the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) that disadvantaged businesses be provided an equal opportunity to receive and participate in U.S. Department of Transportation-assisted contracts, and that a program be established and administered to implement this policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) hereby authorizes the General Manager and his designee(s) to execute and file ten (10) grant applications, which total \$195.2 million, for FY2018 federal formula and discretionary funds on behalf of TriMet with the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation and to execute and file with such applications any assurance or other documents required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Amendment of 1964.
2. That the General Manager and his designee(s) are further authorized to:
 - a. Furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation may require in connection with these applications, agreements, or projects.
 - b. Establish disadvantaged business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
 - c. Execute grant amendments, revisions, and agreements on behalf of TriMet with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the financing of these grant applications.

3. That the local match for the grants will be provided as noted in the Resolution Board memorandum.

Dated: October 25, 2017

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department