

Date: June 24, 2020

To: Board of Directors



From: Doug Kelsey

Subject: **RESOLUTION 20-06-24 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ADOPTING THE COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) FOR SENIORS AND/OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests that the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) adopt the Coordinated Transportation Plan for Seniors and/or Persons with Disabilities (CTP), as developed and recommended by the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC).

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Adoption of the Coordinated Transportation Plan for Seniors and/or Persons with Disabilities

3. Reason for Board Action

As the state-designated Special Transportation Funds Agency and a direct and indirect recipient of federal 5310 funds, TriMet has a state and federal obligation to develop a CTP that addresses the full range of transportation services for seniors and/or persons with disabilities. The CTP ensures coordination between service providers throughout the three-county region and presents priorities and action steps for that coordination, in order to improve the efficiency, cost-effectiveness and rider experience of the services.

4. Type of Action

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

5. Background

The State Special Transportation Fund (STF) grant program is intended to provide a source of revenue in support of transportation services for seniors and/or persons with disabilities. Pursuant to state law and Public Transit Division (Division) administrative rules (Rules) implementing the STF grant program, TriMet is designated as the Special Transportation Fund Agency (STF Agency) for Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. As the STF agency, TriMet is responsible for receiving applications for STF funding from transportation providers in the tri-county area. Then, through its STFAC, TriMet reviews,

evaluates, ranks and develops applications for STFAC-recommended projects and forwards them to the Division.

The STFAC also provides advice regarding the disbursement of federal section 5310 funding, which supports capital, capitalized preventative maintenance, and contracted service for seniors and persons with disabilities in the tri-county area.

The STFAC includes a broad representation of users of transportation services and providers. Its members include all interested members of the Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT), as well as representatives from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties aging and disabilities service agencies, out-of-district transit providers, seniors and persons with disabilities from the three Counties, seniors and persons with disabilities representing out-of-district consumers, Ride Connection, and TriMet.

The STF funding developed through STFAC's efforts is distributed to vitally needed transportation services in the region, including but not limited to:

- Support of additional TriMet LIFT service, as well as paratransit provided by agencies such as Wilsonville SMART,
- Support for the Ride Connection network,
- Special service for seniors and persons with disabilities in Wilsonville, Sandy, Canby, and Molalla,
- Mt. Hood Express service for seniors and persons with disabilities,
- A range of services provided by Clackamas County Consortium for those with special needs, and
- Various shuttles and transportation programs offered by a variety of organizations, including Impact Northwest, Metropolitan Family Services, Neighborhood House, and others.

Pursuant to federal and state law, the CTP requires that STF planning be coordinated with CTP, so the CTP is the central coordinating document for both federal- and state-funded efforts.

6. Diversity

TriMet strives to recruit STFAC members that reflect the diversity of the community it serves. Recruitment efforts over the past several years have focused on adding more diverse members to the STFAC overall.

7. Financial/Budget Impact

TriMet acts as the "pass-through" agency for STF funds – with the majority going to other governmental and non-profit service providers in the region. TriMet's funds are not part of the STF or Section 5310 disbursement. However, the CTP defines a process for how the STFAC makes recommendations to the TriMet Board for these funds, so the CTP has some potential bearing in the long run on TriMet and other budgets.

Much of the STF funding that does not go directly to TriMet LIFT service, represents service and service support that addresses needs that otherwise would have to be met by TriMet LIFT service. Therefore, the CTP should result in substantially improved services for seniors and persons with disabilities, while reducing costs to TriMet's budget for those same services. The CTP also provides funding for some of TriMet's direct services to seniors and persons with disabilities.

8. Impact if Not Approved

As a pass-through agency and recipient of federal 5310 funds and as the designated STF Agency, TriMet is required to develop and adopt a Coordinated Transportation Plan for Seniors and/or Persons with Disabilities. Failure to adopt the CTP would jeopardize transportation programs and services to seniors and persons with disabilities provided by TriMet and by other jurisdictions and non-profits, both inside the TriMet district and beyond (including Wilsonville, Canby, Sandy, and other portions of Clackamas County outside the TriMet district).

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WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 391.800 to 391.830, TriMet is designated by the ODOT Public Transit Division (Division) as the STF Agency for Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law and Division Rules, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) has constituted the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC) to assist the agency in its duties as the STF Agency; and

WHEREAS, the STFAC met several times and provided input and comments and, on April 30, 2020, unanimously voted to approve the updated Coordinated Transportation Plan for Seniors and/or Persons with Disabilities, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the TriMet Board hereby adopts the updated Coordinated Transportation Plan for Seniors and/or Persons with Disabilities, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Dated: June 24, 2020

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:

Gregory E. Skillman

Legal Department

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Exhibit A

***Coordinated Transportation Plan for Seniors
and/or Persons with Disabilities, updated April 30, 2020***