

Date: December 9, 2020

To: Board of Directors

From: Doug Kelsey



Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 20-12-45 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ADOPTING THE FY 2021-2023 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND (STIF) PLAN

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) to approve the State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Plan for the TriMet region, for submission to the Oregon Public Transportation Advisory Committee and the Oregon Transportation Commission for Fiscal Years 2021-2023.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Adoption of the STIF Plan for FY21-FY23

3. Reason for Board Action

Administrative rules implementing HB2017 (OAR 732-042-001) require the Qualified Entity (QE) for the geographic area to adopt the STIF Plan before its submission to both the Oregon Public Transportation Advisory Committee and the Oregon Transportation Commission. In the tri-county metropolitan area of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, TriMet serves as the Qualified Entity (QE), and the Board serves as the approving body for the STIF Plan.

4. Type of Action

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

5. Background

As the QE for the region, the Board must “adopt a written STIF Plan to establish a list of Projects to guide STIF formula fund investments” that must be submitted to the Oregon Transportation Commission. The Board also was required to appoint a HB 2017 Advisory Committee, representing a wide set of interests, to advise the Board on development of a Plan for the use of the funds received under HB2017. The Board established the initial Advisory Committee in October 2017, and amended the membership in March 2018 and February 2020.

In October 2018, the Board adopted the FY 2019-2021 STIF Plan for the Portland Tri-County Area. The STIF Plan allocates on-going funding for TriMet's low income fare program, service enhancements, regional coordination, student fare, elderly and disabled service, and the non-diesel bus program. It also apportions one-time only funding for security, in the form of additional lighting and cameras at transit centers; enhanced transit concepts for physical improvements in the built environment to allow buses to move more quickly through congested intersections and roadways; amenities such as bus shelters, transit trackers and ADA-compliant bus stops; and battery electric bus infrastructure.

During the 2020 Special Legislative Session, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 1601 which made various amendments to the statutes controlling the STIF programs. One such amendment to ORS 184.751(1) allows STIF Formula funds to be used to preserve existing transportation services as of July 7, 2020, and is intended to help address the negative fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on transit providers. Previously, STIF Formula funds could only be used to expand or improve public transportation services.

The STIF Plan attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution is the biennium plan for services and programs for Fiscal Years 2021-2023.

6. Financial/Budget Impact

Having an adopted Plan is necessary for TriMet and the region to receive funds under the HB2017 application process.

7. Impact if Not Approved

If the Board chooses not to adopt the Exhibit A FY 2021-2023 STIF Plan, TriMet will not be able to submit the region's STIF Plan by the February 1, 2021 deadline, and TriMet would not be able to seek HB2017 funding for Fiscal Years 2021-2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-12-45

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-20-45 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ADOPTING THE FY
2021-2023 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND (STIF) PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature passed HB2017, Or Laws 2017 Chapter 750, which dedicates new revenue for mass transit to be allocated through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF); and

WHEREAS, Oregon Department of Transportation rules require that STIF funds can only be used to fund expanded services that are part of an adopted Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 1601 allowing STIF funds to be used for preservation of existing transportation services as of July 2020, to help address the negative fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on transit providers; and

WHEREAS, the HB2017 Advisory Committee and TriMet staff conducted a one-month public engagement and outreach program to develop and refine the recommendations for the FY 2021-2023 STIF Plan; and

WHEREAS, after considering the public input, the HB2017 Advisory Committee developed recommendations regarding the proposed uses of STIF funds and adopted the FY 2021-2023 Plan, attached as Exhibit A, by a unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, as the tri-county area's Qualified Entity, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) desires to approve the FY 2021-2023 STIF Plan, attached as Exhibit A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board hereby approves the FY 2021-2023 STIF Plan, attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

Dated: December 9, 2020

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency

Gregory E. Skillman

Legal Department