

Date: July 27, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Linda Simmons, Board President *Linda C Simmons*

Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 22-07-42 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ENDORSING THE STATEMENT OF BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution demonstrates the endorsement of the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) of the *Statement of Individual Board Member’s Responsibilities and Code of Conduct*, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and each Board member’s commitment to adhere to the same during his or her service on the Board.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Resolution Endorsing Board Member Responsibilities and Code of Conduct

3. Reason for Board Action

A demonstration of each Board member’s commitment to the Statement of Responsibilities and Code of Conduct provides clarity, enhances public confidence in the integrity of Board actions and promotes mutual respect within the Board.

4. Type of Action

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

5. Background

At the direction of the Board President, TriMet staff prepared the *Statement of individual Board Member’s Responsibilities and Code of Conduct* for 2022 – 2023, attached hereto as Exhibit A, so that it could be circulated, discussed and voted on for adoption by the Board.

6. Diversity

The Board's commitment to diversity is incorporated in the *Statement of Individual Board Member's Responsibilities and Code of Conduct* and is included in the Board's oversight of TriMet's Vision, Mission and Values.

7. Financial/Budget Impact

Not Applicable.

8. Impact if Not Approved

The *Statement of Individual Board Member's Responsibilities and Code of Conduct* creates certainty regarding roles, responsibilities and legal and ethical obligations. Failure of the Board to adopt this Resolution would create doubt about the Board's ability to collaboratively supervise the Agency and cause many to question the Board's commitment to regular attendance and participation at board and committee meetings, to appropriate and ethical conduct and to the fundamental values of the Agency.

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WHEREAS, the members of the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) have been appointed by the Governor and are public officials held to the highest standards of ethics, honesty, integrity and service to the public; and

WHEREAS, over the course of numerous meetings, seminars and discussions with TriMet legal counsel and staff, all members of the Board participated in the drafting and final approval of the *Statement of Individual Board Member's Responsibilities and Code of Conduct*, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the individual members of the Board desire to publicly demonstrate their commitment to hold themselves to the standards set forth in the *Statement of Individual Board Member's Responsibilities and Code of Conduct*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The TriMet Board of Directors hereby endorses the *Statement of Individual Board Member's Responsibilities and Code of Conduct*, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and each Board member commits him or herself to adhere to its standards, as shown by the signature of each on a true copy of the same, which shall be kept on file in the office of the General Manager.

Dated: July 27, 2022

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:

Gregory E. Skillman

Legal Department