

Date: February 22, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Neil McFarlane *Neil McFarlane*

Subject: **RESOLUTION 17-02-12 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) APPROVING 2017-2019 BIENNIUM SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND FORMULA AND FEDERAL 5310 FUNDS DISBURSEMENT TO PROVIDE COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS**

1. Purpose of Item

The purpose of this Resolution is to approve the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC) recommended funding levels for the 2017-2019 biennium Special Transportation Formula Funds (STF) and the federal section 5310 (49 U.S.C § 5310) funds disbursement to support coordinated transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities in the tri-county region. The Resolution also authorizes the General Manager to enter into any necessary funding disbursement agreements with transportation providers.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
 Contract Modification
 Other: Approve STFAC recommended STF Formula funding levels and federal section 5310 funds disbursement for support of transportation programs and services for seniors and persons with disabilities, and authorize necessary agreements with transportation providers.

3. Reason for Board Action

TriMet, as the state-designated STF Agency must distribute STF Formula grant funds to transportation providers.

4. Type of Action:

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

5. Background

The Special Transportation Formula Funds (STF) and section 5310 grant programs allocated via the State of Oregon are intended to provide a source of revenue in support of transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Pursuant to state laws and administrative rules implementing the STF grant program, TriMet is the state-designated Special Transportation Fund Agency (STF Agency) for Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. TriMet is also the federally-designated agency to disburse section 5310 funds. As the STF agency, TriMet is responsible for receiving applications from transportation providers in the tri-county area; then reviewing, evaluating, and developing a disbursement plan which is carried out by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Public Transit Division.

The STFAC assists TriMet in its duties as the STF Agency by evaluating applications received by TriMet, and advising on recommended levels and distributions of STF and section 5310 grant funding. The STFAC includes all interested members of the Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT), 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 both in-district and out-of-district consumers, Ride Connection, and TriMet.

The STF Formula funding distributed through the STFAC process supports vital transportation services in the region, including but not limited to:

- Paratransit services provided by TriMet LIFT, Wilsonville SMART, and small city transit agencies.
- Ride Connection-operated services, including door-to-door rides, community and senior center shuttles, and travel training.
- Special service for seniors and persons with disabilities in Sandy, Canby, and Molalla
- Intercity and regional transit connections, including the Mt. Hood Express service.
- A range of services provided by Clackamas County Consortium for those with special needs.
- Various transportation programs by a variety of small community organizations including NW Pilot Project, Impact NW, Metropolitan Family Services, and others.

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

The total amount of STF Formula funding available is \$8,441,117 for which providers applied for a total of \$10,393,424. As part of the same process, federal section 5310 funds available totaled \$7,442,981 for which providers applied for a total of \$8,161,175.

6. Decision Process

Transportation providers in the region were notified of the availability of the STF Formula grant funds and federal section 5310 funds. The STFAC reviewed applications for these funds, and evaluated them on the criteria defined in the *2016 Coordinated Transportation Plan for Elderly and People with Disabilities (CTP)*. The following evaluation criteria were used:

- How the project addresses the priorities listed in the CTP.
- Projected goals and measurable, cost-effectiveness, and economic impact for each project.
- How the request maintains existing services and programs that meet the needs of seniors and/or persons with disabilities and provide for adequate capital replacements and maintenance of vehicles and other fundamental requirements to provide service.
- The strategy used to scale back the request, either on an individual project level or network/agency level.

The STFAC reviewed the applications and also asked questions of the applicants regarding their application projects. The STFAC then discussed and approved the STF Formula funding and federal section 5310 funds distributions shown in Exhibit A.

7. Financial/Budget Impact

TriMet acts as the “pass-through” agency for these funds, with the large majority going to other non-profit and governmental service providers in the region. TriMet’s general funds are not part of the STF and section 5310 disbursement. However, this disbursement of funds provides \$3,465,553 for TriMet LIFT service to seniors and those with disabilities and LIFT vehicle replacement to support this service. This award includes \$4,000 to TriMet for STF Agency administrative costs.

Much of the other funding represents service that provides for needs that would otherwise have to be met by TriMet LIFT service. Therefore, the distributions authorized in this resolution supports efforts that represent a substantial improvement in services targeted for seniors and persons with disabilities, while reducing what would otherwise be likely costs to TriMet’s budget for those services and in addition providing funding for some of TriMet’s direct services to seniors and persons with disabilities.

8. Impact if Not Approved

As the designated STF Agency, TriMet is required to disburse STF funds in accordance with STF grant program requirements. Failure to approve the STF disbursements would jeopardize transportation programs and services to seniors and persons with disabilities provided by TriMet and by other jurisdictions and non-profits around the region both inside TriMet’s district and beyond (including Wilsonville, Canby, Sandy, and other portions of Clackamas County outside the TriMet district). The Board could defer the Resolution and provide revised direction to the STFAC and/or staff regarding the list of projects or the amounts recommended.

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RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) APPROVING 2017-2019 BIENNIUM SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (STF) FORMULA GRANT FUNDING AND ENDORSING FEDERAL 5310 FUNDS DISBURSEMENT TO PROVIDE COORDINATED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has allocated \$8,441,117 in Special Transportation Fund (STF) Formula Funds to the Tri-County area for FY2018-19 to improve transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, TriMet is designated under state law as the STF Agency for the Tri-County region under the STF program, and the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) has appointed a Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC); and

WHEREAS, TriMet also looks to the STFAC for feedback and endorsement of disbursement of federal section 5310 funds; and

WHEREAS, the STFAC has evaluated STF funding applications from transportation providers and recommended service and project prioritizations set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, TriMet will be required to enter into agreements with transportation providers to distribute STF funds (Agreements); and

WHEREAS, the total amount of one or more of the Agreements will exceed \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the TriMet Board, by Resolution dated November 25, 2009, adopted a Statement of Policies requiring the Board to approve intergovernmental agreements and goods or services contracts obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, in order to efficiently and effectively execute TriMet's statutory duties as the STF agency, it will be necessary for the General Manager to execute Agreements to effectuate the disbursements of funds in Exhibit A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the TriMet Board hereby approves the list of planned distribution of STF Formula funds and the list of planned distribution of section 5310 funds as shown in the attached and incorporated Exhibit A, and directs that the projects in Exhibit A be forwarded to the Oregon Department of Transportation for funding. The General Manager or his designee(s) is authorized to execute any documents necessary to the foregoing.

2. That the General Manager or his designee(s) are authorized to execute any Agreements necessary to disburse allocated funds to providers as described in Exhibit A.

Dated: February 22, 2017

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency



Legal Department

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Exhibit A

The STFAC recommends the following distribution of available ODOT FY17-19 Biennium STF Formula and Federal Section 5310 grant targets as the appropriate funding levels for the Tri-County region's grant-recipients:

FY17-19 Biennium List of Grant Recipients and Grant-Funded Projects	Agency/Organization STF Formula Award	Agency/Organization Section 5310 Award
City of Canby	\$240,000	\$410,761
Canby Area Transit (CAT) Dial-A-Ride		
City of Sandy	\$249,937	\$395,000
Elderly and Disabled (ED) door-to-door service for out-of-area rides Replacement Vehicles Preventative Maintenance Rural Deviated Route Purchased Service Sandy Transit Area Rides (STAR) Demand Response Services		
City of Wilsonville (SMART)	\$196,259	
Medical Transportation for Elderly and Disabled Wilsonville Residents		
Clackamas County	\$86,757	\$122,831
Boring Lifeline Transportation Service- Purchased Service Preventative Maintenance Title XIX Match for non-Medical Transportation Mountain Express Service Continuation (Base)		
Multnomah County	\$1,000,123	
Medicaid Community Transportation Services		
Ride Connection and Community Transportation Provider Network	\$5,783,235	\$3,613,133
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Senior Center Specialized Transportation Service Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Out of District Base Service Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People Program Paid Driver Service Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People Volunteer Mileage Support Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People TRP/CAR School-Work Access Impact NW - Senior & Disability Service Program Transportation Metropolitan Family Service - Project Linkage Neighborhood House Inc. - Senior And Disabled Transportation Program		
Northwest Pilot Project - Transportation Program Ride Connection - East County U-Ride Ride Connection - Network Support - Federal Projects Ride Connection - Ride Connection Preventive Maintenance Ride Connection - Vehicle Replacements Ride Connection - RideWise Travel Training and Mobility Support Ride Connection - Technology Capital Ride Connection - Technology - IT Infrastructure Ride Connection - Tualatin-Sherwood Area Service and Capacity Enhancements Ride Connection - Washington County Title XIX Match (SPD) Ride Connection - Multnomah County Services		

Ride Connection - Network		
Ride Connection - Washington County		
South Clackamas Transportation District	\$248,503	\$68,006
Contracted Services JARC Loss 5311		
Preventative Maintenance		
Molalla City Bus (intra-city service) Deviated Fixed-Route Service		
TriMet	\$636,303	\$2,833,250
LIFT Revenue Replacement Vehicles		
LIFT Operations		
STF Agency Admin		
Total FY17-19 Biennium Grant Target	\$8,441,117	\$7,442,981