

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 63-2018****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, CALLING FOR TRIMET TO RAPIDLY DECARBONIZE ITS FLEETS AND TO TRANSITION THEM TO EMISSION FREE VEHICLES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Council previously acknowledged that climate change is the single largest threat to the future citizens of Milwaukie and Council has approved a Vision calling for Milwaukie to become a Net Zero City by the year 2040 to help forestall the worst effects of climate change, and to develop a Climate Action Plan for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation pollution is the biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the Metro region and statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Metro region are regularly ranked as suffering from some of the highest levels of diesel pollution in the country and the unhealthy diesel exposure increases its residents' risk of heart attacks, strokes, cardiovascular disease, asthma and other respiratory problems; and

**WHEREAS**, TriMet is the single largest purchaser and user of diesel fuel in Oregon, has over 600 diesel buses operating in its fleet today, typically purchases up to 50 new replacement diesel buses every year, the life cycle of each new diesel bus is 16 years and if TriMet transitioned to a zero-emission bus fleet, it would eliminate at least 39,990 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> pollution each year, the equivalent of taking 7,720 cars off the road; and

**WHEREAS**, electric buses already are cost competitive with diesel buses on a lifecycle basis, even excluding consideration of the environmental, health, and societal benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Milwaukie have expressed a strong preference for TriMet to invest in purchasing electric buses during the transit agency's recent budget workshop in Milwaukie, asking the transit agency's actions to be consistent with the values of the city it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, TriMet is behind the curve on transitioning to electric buses compared to the country's biggest fleets, with King County, Washington; Los Angeles County, California; New York City, New York, and many other transit agencies around the country already having committed to a transition to 100% electric bus fleets.

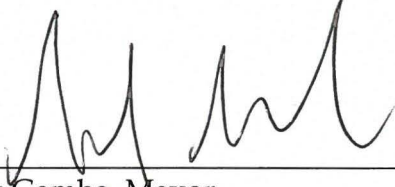
**Now therefore, be it Resolved** by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that TriMet is strongly encouraged to:

1. Purchase no new diesel buses to service Milwaukie or any other part of the TriMet service territory after 2020;
2. Ensure its fleet (including transit buses and other TriMet-owned vehicles) is fully converted to zero emission vehicles by no later than 2035; and

3. Prioritize during the rapid transition to electric buses, placement of the first electric buses in Metro area communities with poorest air quality, especially low-income communities and communities of color.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **July 17, 2018**.

This resolution is effective immediately.



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Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

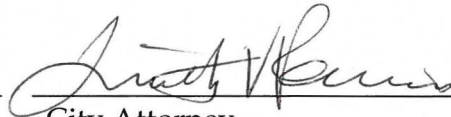
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Jordan Ramis PC



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Scott Stauffer, City Recorder



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City Attorney