

**Date:** July 27, 2022

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Sam Desue, Jr.

**Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 22-07-45 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ENDORSING A PARK & RIDE OPTIMIZATION PLAN**

**1. Purpose of Item**

This Resolution requests that the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) endorse the development of a Park & Ride Optimization Plan and the application of a program planning grant for that purpose.

**2. Type of Agenda Item**

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Resolution Endorsing Park & Ride Optimization Plan and Planning Grant

**3. Reason for Board Action**

The Board’s endorsement is required to establish program planning grant eligibility for the Park & Ride Optimization Plan.

**4. Type of Action**

- Resolution
- Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Background**

In 2019, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) awarded TriMet a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant to pursue a Regional Transit Oriented Development Plan (Regional TOD Plan). The Regional TOD Plan will establish a framework for managing and investing in TriMet’s real estate holdings to increase benefits to the region, and is intended to attract residents, businesses and related development to transit centers, main streets and transportation corridors to help accommodate regional growth. The Regional TOD Plan builds upon TriMet’s adopted TOD Guidelines, and helps TriMet to identify and evaluate TriMet real estate that can be better utilized to support communities and leverage investments in the regional transit network.

The Park & Ride Optimization Plan (Optimization Plan) will be consistent with both TriMet’s TOD Guidelines and the Regional TOD Plan, and will focus on the management, increased utilization and/or redevelopment of TriMet’s Park & Ride facilities. The Optimization Plan is intended to supplement and support transit oriented development by

providing further information and analysis of the region's mobility trends, specific to TriMet's parking facilities.

The Optimization Plan will review historic, current and projected parking utilization at Park & Rides, analyze time-of-use data and geographic demographics through license plate studies, and consider other key characteristics, such as facility access to major arterials. This review will evaluate major shifts in transportation patterns, including significant commuting changes due to flexible telework policies, projected impacts of proposed tolling on the region's key transportation corridors, and vehicle electrification.

The Optimization Plan also will analyze how Oregon's Climate-friendly and Equitable Communities legislation and regulations may influence the need for transit facilities to be made more environmentally sustainable through added greening, solar generation, and other investments, or to position them for transit-oriented development.

The Optimization Plan's primary goal is to identify which parking facilities are essential and equitable to retain for regional commuters, which may be consolidated, and which are surplus property for transit oriented development. Additionally, the Optimization Plan will offer recommendations on how management, investments, transit oriented development and shared-use parking agreements can expand the uses of Park & Ride facilities to enhance station area population densities, increase ridership, safety and security, deliver community benefits, and help create the vibrant transit station communities envisioned by the Portland Metro region.

**6. Diversity**

Not applicable.

**7. Financial/Budget Impact**

If awarded a TGM grant to create an Optimization Plan, TriMet will be responsible for providing 12% matching funds of the Plan's estimated budget of \$210,000. Consultant services utilized to complete the Plan will be directly reimbursed by ODOT and will not impact TriMet's budget.

**8. Impact if Not Approved**

If the Board decides not to approve this Resolution, the Optimization Plan will not be eligible for funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation's and the Department of Land Conservation and Development's Joint Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Planning Grant program.

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**WHEREAS**, TriMet owns and controls significant real property assets that may contribute to meeting the land use and transportation goals and policies defined in the region's adopted long-range plan (Metro 2040 Growth Concept), and which may be optimized for future use; and

**WHEREAS**, TriMet's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines, Business Plan, Regional TOD Plan, and Climate Action Plan include key strategic actions to better utilize real property in support of increased public transit demand; and

**WHEREAS**, the endorsement of the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) for the development of a Park & Ride Optimization Plan is required in order for TriMet to qualify for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Program Planning Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to endorse the development of a Park & Ride Optimization Plan and facilitate TriMet's qualification for a TGM Program Planning Grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Board hereby endorses the development of a Park & Ride Optimization Plan for TriMet's real property within the transit system and wishes to facilitate TriMet's qualification for a TGM Program Planning Grant.

Dated: July 27, 2022

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Presiding Officer

Attest:

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Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:

***Gregory E. Skillman***  
Legal Department