

Date: March 25, 2015
To: Board of Directors
From: Neil McFarlane *Neil McFarlane*

Subject: **RESOLUTION 15-03-13 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) APPROVING 2015-2017 BIENNIUM SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND FORMULA AND SUPPLEMENTAL 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**

1. Purpose of Item

The purpose of this Resolution is to approve the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC) recommended funding levels for the 2015-2017 biennium Special Transportation Funds (STF) and Supplemental STF Funds and to endorse federal section 5310 funds disbursement to support coordinated transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities in the three-county region. The Resolution also authorizes the General Manager to enter into funding disbursement agreements with transportation providers.

2. Type of Agenda Item

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

3. Reason for Board Action

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

4. Type of Action:

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

5. Background

The State STF and Supplemental STF grant programs are intended to provide a reliable and continuing source of revenue in support of transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Pursuant to state laws and Public Transit Division (Division) administrative rules (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 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 Supplemental STF 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 out-of-district consumers, Ride Connection, TriMet and at large members.

The STF funding distributed through the process that the STFAC helps inform goes to vitally needed transportation services in the region, including but not limited to:

- Supports additional TriMet LIFT service as well as paratransit provided by agencies such as Wilsonville SMART
- Ride Connection-operated services including GroveLink, Shuttle in the Woods and various U-Ride services
- Special service for seniors and persons with disabilities in Sandy, Canby, and Molalla
- American Red Cross service recipients transportation
- Mt Hood Express service for seniors and persons with disabilities
- A range of services provided by Clackamas County Consortium for those with special needs
- Various shuttles and transportation programs by a variety of organizations including NW Pilot Project, Portland Impact, Providence Elderplace, 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 and supplemental funding available is \$12,219,039 for which providers applied for a total of \$14,953,346. As part of the same process, federal 5310 funds available totaled \$10,732,954 for which providers applied for a total of \$18,162,986.

6. Decision Process

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

1. Project preserves existing services.
2. Project is coordinated between providers avoiding duplication.
3. Project is cost-effective.
4. Project implements one of the strategies recommended in the Tri-County Coordinated Transportation Plan for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Plan (Plan) or improves service coverage as recommended in the Plan.

The STFAC reviewed the applications and also asked questions of the applicants regarding their application projects. The STFAC then discussed and approved the STF and Supplemental STF 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 funds are not part of the STF and 5310 disbursement. However, this disbursement of funds provides \$2,150,062 from STF to provide for TriMet LIFT service to seniors and those with disabilities as well as \$2,165,608 for LIFT vehicle replacement and preventative maintenance to support this service.

Much of the other funding represents service that provides for needs that would otherwise have to be met by TriMet LIFT service. Therefore, this process 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 and Supplemental STF funds in accordance with STF grant program requirements. Failure to approve the STF and Supplemental 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 2015-2017 BIENNIUM SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (STF) FORMULA AND STF SUPPLEMENTAL 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 \$10,167,408 in Special Transportation Fund (“STF”) Formula Funds and \$2,051,631 in Supplemental STF Funds to the Tri-County area for FY2016 and FY 2017 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, the Board desires to authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the TriMet Board hereby approves the list of planned distribution of STF and STF Supplemental funds and endorses 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 Agreements to disburse allocated funds to providers.

Dated: March 25, 2015

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 funds for STF and Supplemental STF funding:

STF Funds

Program/Project	Biennial Total for FY16 & FY17
City of Sandy STAR Operations for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	\$252,873
Wilsonville SMART Service – Medical Transportation for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	\$215,900
Canby – CAT Dial-A-Ride Service	\$245,500
Molalla (SCTD) - Intracity Bus Service (Senior & Persons with Disabilities Operations)	\$241,265
Mountain Express Service Continuation (Base)	\$20,600
Ride Connection – Support Network	\$2,261,461
Ride Connection – Washington County Service (U-Ride & ARC)	\$850,112
Ride Connection – Multnomah County Service (ARC, East Co U-Ride, NW Portland, Floor of Service)	\$706,154
David’s Harp	\$67,745
Metropolitan Family Services	\$144,585
Neighborhood House	\$132,319
NW Pilot Project	\$120,000
Impact NW	\$156,815
Providence Elderplace	\$38,036
Clackamas Co Coalition – Transit Reaching People - Paid Driver	\$209,443
Clackamas Co. Coalition – Transit Reaching People - Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement	\$59,273
Clackamas Co. Coalition – Transit Reaching People School - Work Access	\$59,921
Clackamas Co. Coalition – Specialized Service – Hoodland, Milwaukie, Molalla & Sandy (Senior Centers)	\$299,957
Clackamas Co. Coalition – Out of District Services	\$310,799
TriMet LIFT Operations – Base	\$2,150,062
Title XIX Match for Non-Medical Medicaid Trips	\$1,624,588
Total to be disbursed	\$10,167,408

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STF Supplemental Funds

Program/Project	Biennial Total for FY16 & FY17
City of Sandy - Loss of JARC 5311 & Vehicle Match 5339	\$112,000
Wilsonville SMART Service- Medical Transportation for E&D operations	\$86,000
Canby - CAT Dial-a-Ride Service	\$49,980
Molalla (SCTD) - Loss of JARC 5311 & Vehicle Match 5339	\$20,000
Mountain Express Villages Shuttle Service	\$27,400
Mountain Express Vehicle Preventative Maintenance	\$10,000
Ride Connection – Network Shortfall FY2015-16	\$614,391
Ride Connection - Improving Dialysis Transportation	\$239,022
Ride Connection- Vehicle Match	\$127,579
Ride Connection Washington County Service Shortfalls FY2015-16 (U-Ride & ARC)	\$109,450
Ride Connection Rural Wash Co Match	\$317,839
Ride Connection Multnomah County Service Shortfall (East Co U-Ride, NW Ptd, Floor Of Service)	\$115,429
Ride Connection - Shuttle in the Woods - Saturday Service	\$24,514
Metropolitan Family Services	\$68,712
Neighborhood House	\$15,275
Impact NW	\$74,040
Clackamas Co. Coalition – Transit Reaching People - Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement	\$40,000
Total to be disbursed	\$2,051,631

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The STFAC concurs with the following distribution of funds for Federal 5310 Funds:

5310 Funds

Program/Project	Biennial Total for FY16 & FY17
City of Sandy – SAM – Purchased Service	\$98,703
City of Sandy – Replacement Vehicles	\$166,898
City of Sandy – Preventive Maintenance	\$131,006
City of Sandy Contracted Service	\$60,000
Friends of Canby Adult Center – Replacement Vehicle	\$36,587
South Clackamas Transportation District (SCTD) Replacement vehicles	\$179,460
SCTD Preventive Maintenance	\$26,919
SCTD Contracted Service	\$80,000
Clackamas County Preventive Maintenance	\$61,914
Impact NW – Purchased Service	\$230,222
Metropolitan Family Services – Mobility Management Project	\$115,585
Ride Connection – Community Based Transportation – Purchased Service	\$2,383,858
East County U-Ride – Purchased Service	\$242,788
Ride Connection – Michael’s Place – Right-Sizing Vehicle	\$58,325
Ride Connection – Preventive Maintenance	\$441,202
Network Support – Joint Service Planning & Coordination	\$164,659
Ride Connection – Vehicle Replacement	\$1,359,072
RideWise Mobility Management Project	\$1,146,119
Ride Connection - Equipment – Technology Capital	\$164,906
Ride Connection – IT infrastructure	\$468,977
Ride Connection – Tualatin Service span improvement to service seniors and persons with disabilities	\$115,000
Ride Connection – Coordination Technology	\$75,000
New Technology Pilot for Coordinated Transportation Plan	\$100,000
Clackamas County – Boring Lifeline Transportation Service	\$73,065
City of Sandy – Sandy Service Center – Right-sizing vehicles	\$48,499
City of Canby – CAT – Purchased Service	\$110,000
City of Canby – Replacement vehicles	\$117,546
City of Canby – Preventive maintenance	\$132,441
Canby Dial-A-Ride Contracted Service	\$110,400
City of Wilsonville – SMART Replacement vehicles	\$68,195
TriMet – Vehicle Replacements	\$2,165,608
Total to be disbursed	\$10,732,954