

Date: February 27, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Doug Kelsey 

Subject: **RESOLUTION 19-02-08 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) APPROVING 2019-2021 BIENNIUM SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (STF) FORMULA, STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND (STIF) FORMULA AND DISBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL SECTION 5310 FUNDS 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 2019-2021 biennium Special Transportation Fund (STF) Formula and Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula, and to endorse disbursement of federal Section 5310 funds 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 Formula and STIF Formula funding levels and to endorse disbursement of federal Section 5310 funds in support of transportation programs and services for seniors and persons with disabilities, and to authorize funding disbursement agreements with transportation providers.

3. Reason for Board Action

TriMet, as the state-designated STF and STIF Agency, and as the federally-designated Agency to disburse Section 5310 grant funds must distribute STF and STIF Formula grant funds and Section 5310 grant funds to transportation providers.

4. Type of Action

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

5. Background

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

TriMet is the state-designated Special Transportation Fund Agency (STF Agency) and the state-designated Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF Agency) for Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. TriMet is also the federally-designated agency to disburse federal Section 5310 grant funds. As such, TriMet is responsible for receiving applications from transportation providers in the tri-county area; then reviewing, evaluating and developing a disbursement plan for these funds.

TriMet receives advice concerning these funds from the Special Transportation Formula Advisory Committee (STFAC), which makes recommendations as to funding levels and distributions. 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. In addition, TriMet's HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee has advised TriMet to allocate \$1 million annually, of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) for transportation services benefiting seniors and persons with disabilities within the TriMet District.

Funding from these sources is distributed to vitally needed transportation services in the region, including but not limited to:

- TriMet paratransit LIFT services, 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

The total amount of STF Formula funding available is \$8,579,178. The total amount of STIF Formula funding available is \$2,530,000. The total amount of federal Section 5310 funding available is \$7,470,832. Recommended distributions of these funds are based on current ODOT STF funding projections and prior to the completion of the 2019 legislative session, where final funding allocations for the STF program will be decided. Should the legislature elect to reduce funding, the STFAC will recommend a proportional reduction in STF awards.

Transportation providers in the region were notified of the availability of the STF Formula, STIF 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 provides for adequate capital replacements and maintenance of vehicles and other fundamental service requirements.

After reviewing the applications and questioning the applicants regarding their projects, the STFAC then approved the STF Formula funding, STIF Formula funding and the federal Section 5310 fund distributions shown in Exhibit A.

6. 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, STIF or the federal Section 5310 disbursements. However, these funds provide \$3,216,648 for TriMet LIFT paratransit service to seniors and those with disabilities, and for LIFT vehicle replacement 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 funding results in a substantial improvement in services targeted for seniors and persons with disabilities, while reducing TriMet’s budget for those services and providing funds for some of TriMet’s direct services to seniors and persons with disabilities.

7. Impact if Not Approved

As the designated STF and STIF Agency, TriMet is required to disburse STF and STIF funds, as well as federal Section 5310 funds, in accordance with grant program requirements. Failure to approve these disbursements would jeopardize transportation programs and services to seniors and persons with disabilities provided by TriMet and by other jurisdictions and regional non-profit organizations inside TriMet’s district and beyond (including Wilsonville, Canby, Sandy, and other portions of Clackamas County). 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, but doing so could delay funding for services relied upon by vulnerable populations.

RESOLUTION 19-02-08

RESOLUTION 19-02-08 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) APPROVING 2019-2021 BIENNIUM SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (STF) FORMULA, STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND (STIF) FORMULA AND DISBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL SECTION 5310 FUNDS FOR SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) has allocated \$8,579,178 in Special Transportation Funds (“STF”) and \$2,530,000 in Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds to the Tri-County area for FY2020 and FY 2021 to improve transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, TriMet has received \$7,470,832 in federal Section 5310 funds for use on behalf of seniors and persons with disabilities within the TriMet service area; and

WHEREAS, TriMet is designated under state law as the STF Agency for the Tri-County region under the STF program, and the STIF Agency under the STIF program, and is the federally-designated Agency for disbursement of federal Section 5310 funds; and

WHEREAS, the TriMet Board of Directors (“Board”) has appointed a Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (“STFAC”) to evaluate STF and STIF funding applications from transportation providers, and to advise it on the disbursement of federal Section 5310 funds; and

WHEREAS, based on its evaluations, the STFAC has recommended distribution of STF, STIF and federal Section 5310 funding as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, TriMet will be required to enter into agreements with transportation providers to distribute STF, STIF and federal Section 5310 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 October 25, 2017, adopted a Statement of Policies requiring the Board to approve intergovernmental agreements and goods or services contracts obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$1,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the TriMet Board hereby approves of the proposed distribution of STF and STIF Formula funds, and endorses the proposed distribution of Section 5310 funds, as shown in the attached Exhibit A, and directs that the appropriate projects in Exhibit A be forwarded to the Oregon

Department of Transportation for funding, and that the Section 5310 funds be distributed as indicated on Exhibit A.

2. That the General Manager or his designee(s) is authorized to execute Agreements with transportation providers necessary to disburse the allocated funds and otherwise implement the foregoing.

Dated: February 27, 2019

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency


Legal Department

**FY20-21 Biennium Special Transportation Fund (STF) and Section 5310
FY19-21 STIF Human Services transportation**

Grant Recipients and Projects	STF Formula	Section 5310	STIF
City of Canby	\$240,000	\$422,217	
Demand Response Operations	\$240,000	\$162,000	
Vehicle Replacement		\$260,217	
City of Sandy	\$257,435	\$402,820	
Sandy Transit Area Rides (STAR) Dial-a-ride	\$257,435		
Purchased Service Deviated Route		\$61,800	
Elderly and Disabled (ED) door-to-door service		\$103,000	
Preventative Maintenance		\$138,020	
Vehicle Replacement		\$100,000	
City of Wilsonville (SMART)	\$202,144		
Medical Transportation for Elderly and Disabled Wilsonville Residents	\$202,144		
Clackamas County	\$90,711	\$526,619	
Mt. Hood Express Preventative Maintenance	\$4,211	\$78,013	
Mt Hood Express Service Continuation	\$21,500	\$35,735	
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - STF Waivered Non-Medical Transportation Match	\$31,000		
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - TRP Dedicated Dialysis Out of District	\$34,000		
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Boring Lifeline Transportation Service- Purchased Service		\$60,000	
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People Dedicated Dialysis / In District		\$143,177	
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People Dedicated Non- emergency Medical		\$146,564	
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People Replacement Vehicle		\$63,130	
Multnomah County	\$1,000,123		
Title XIX Match	\$1,000,123		

Grant Recipients and Projects	STF Formula	Section 5310	STIF
Ride Connection and Community Transportation Provider Network	\$6,344,891	\$4,525,055	\$1,005,945
Asian Health and Service Center - Asian Communities Transportation Project		\$106,443	
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Base Out of District Services	\$329,941		
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Senior Center Specialized Services	\$318,348		
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People Volunteer Mileage Support	\$62,907		
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People Paid Driver Service	\$222,284		
Clackamas County Transportation Consortium - Transportation Reaching People School/Work Access	\$63,595		
David's Harp - Community Integration Program	\$30,096		
Exceed - Transportation		\$180,982	
Impact NW - Transportation Services for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities	\$171,332	\$255,211	
Impact NW - Transportation Services for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities Expansion			\$167,616
Metropolitan Family Services - Mobility Management		\$129,699	
Metropolitan Family Services - Project Linkage - North Portland Service Restoration - Mobility Support and Maintenance		\$231,321	
Metropolitan Family Services - Project Linkage - North Portland Service Restoration - Base	\$247,061		
Neighborhood House, Inc. - Senior and Disabled Transportation Program	\$136,341		
Ride Connection - Mid Multnomah County Capacity Expansion		\$200,558	
Ride Connection- Network Support/ED Planner		\$310,811	
Ride Connection - Mobility Management		\$1,141,079	
Ride Connection- Technology Capital and Infrastructure	\$170,067	\$836,665	
Ride Connection - Network Preventative Maintenance		\$604,323	
Ride Connection - Network Coordination	\$2,836,178		

Grant Recipients and Projects	STF Formula	Section 5310	STIF
Ride Connection - Direct Service	\$1,069,749	\$527,963	
Ride Connection- Washington County Title XIX Match	\$450,000		
Ride Connection - Tri-County Equity Fund	\$123,648		
Ride Connection - Network Replacement Vehicles	\$113,344		
Ride Connection - Regional Volunteer Program Capacity and Enhancement			\$181,885
Ride Connection - Washington County Capacity Expansion			\$249,788
Ride Connection - Network Replacement Vehicles			\$406,656
South Clackamas Transportation District	\$259,569	\$77,883	
Purchased Service	\$3,611	\$49,275	
Molalla City Bus (intra-city service) Deviated Fixed-Route Service	\$255,958		
Vehicle Preventive Maintenance		\$28,559	
TriMet	\$184,305	\$1,516,288	\$1,524,055
LIFT Operations	\$184,305	\$1,516,288	
LIFT Vehicle Replacement			\$1,516,055
Compliance Cost to Subrecipients			\$8,000
Total Estimated Funding Available	\$8,579,178	\$7,470,882	\$2,530,000