

Date: October 26, 2016

To: Board of Directors

From: Neil McFarlane 

Subject: RESOLUTION 16-10-61 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF TEN (10) GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FY2017 FEDERAL FORMULA AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

1. Purpose of Item

The purpose of this item is to request that the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to submit (10) grant applications for FY2017 formula and discretionary funding to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Board authorization to submit FTA grant applications

3. Reason for Board Action

The Board may authorize TriMet's submittal of FTA grant applications by adoption of a resolution.

4. Type of Action:

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

5. Background

Each year, staff presents to the TriMet Board for their authorization a summary of grant applications to be submitted during the year. Attachment A to this memo lists ten (10) grant applications for FY2017 federal funding, which total \$210.2 million, and shows both the federal and local shares. Grant amounts are high estimates; actual appropriations will most likely be lower.

The FY2017 federally funded grants can be categorized, by use, as follows:

- 1) Grant receipts pledged to debt service
- 2) Federal formula grants, which are used to offset ongoing TriMet maintenance costs
- 3) Grants designated for specific purposes, described below.

The applications are for the following amounts and projects:

Grant Receipts Pledged to Debt Service

1. \$11.0 million federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to pay FY2017 debt service on TriMet's Capital Grant Receipt revenue bonds.
2. \$5.0 million federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to pay for FY2017 preventive maintenance to free up \$5.0 million in general funds for debt service.

As part of the regional funding package for the construction of the light rail projects, TriMet issued revenue bonds secured by future CMAQ and STP grants allocated to the region. These grants have been pledged and are used to pay the principal and interest on the bonds until fully retired. TriMet contributes the 10.27% local match.

Federal Formula Grants Used to Offset TriMet Maintenance Costs

1. \$21.07 million federal Section 5337 State of Good Repair funds to pay for bus and rail preventive maintenance costs. These are federal formula funds available to bus and rail systems after seven years of operations. TriMet pays the 20% local match.
2. \$38.9 million federal Section 5307 Urbanized Area funds for bus and rail preventive maintenance costs. TriMet pays the 20% local match.
3. \$3.3 million federal Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities funds to pay the purchase of fixed route buses. TriMet pays the 20% local match.

Grants Designated for Specific Purposes

1. \$0.175 million federal Section 5307 Urbanized Area funds for North Hillsboro Job Connector Shuttle.
2. \$0.489 million federal STP funds for TriMet's Regional Transportation Options (RTO) program. These funds will be provided through Metro. TriMet pays the 10.27% local match.
3. \$3.06 million federal STP funds to pay for rail preventive maintenance costs. These funds will free up TriMet General Funds for Metro's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program. There is no cost to TriMet of this fund exchange.
4. \$0.4 million federal STP funds for the Gateway Bike & Ride project.
5. \$1.8 million federal Section 5310 Elderly & Disabled program funds for the fifth year of this program. The 5310 program permits in-kind matching. The Section 5310 program is matched by Ride Connection's on-going volunteer transportation service program so there is no additional cost to TriMet to match this program.
6. \$125.0 million federal Section 5309 New Starts funds to pay for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project.

Notice Requirements:

A notice of opportunity for public comment on the FY2017 Proposed Program of Projects was published on www.trimet.org on March 16, 2016. TriMet received no requests for a Public Hearing and no public comments were received. TriMet's Final FY2017 Program of Projects for all FY2017 federally funded grant applications was then published on www.trimet.org on June 6, 2016.

6. Financial/Budget Impact

Approval of the Resolution will authorize TriMet to apply for the FTA grants listed. These funds are integral to TriMet's FY2017 Adopted Budget, and the light rail project finance

plans. Some of the aforementioned grants have been pledged as security for TriMet bonds and TriMet has covenanted to pursue such grants.

7. Impact if Not Approved

The General Manager would not have Board authorization to submit FTA grant applications totaling \$210.2 million FY2017 federally funded dollars, which are integral to the Budget. In addition, debt service payments would have to be made with unbudgeted general fund dollars and projects for which the grant funds are used would have to be put on hold or deferred indefinitely.

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Attachment A
Board Memo Resolution 16-10-61
Grant Applications to be Submitted by TriMet

No.	Description	Federal	Local Match	Total	FY2016 Sources
1	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (Debt Service)	\$11,000,000	\$1,258,999	\$12,258,999	FY2017 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (Debt Service)
1	Rail Preventive Maintenance (Debt Service)	\$5,000,000	\$572,272	\$5,572,272	FY2017 Surface Transportation Program (Debt Service)
2	State of Good Repair Program	\$21,069,068	\$5,267,267	\$26,336,335	FY2017 Section 5337 State of Good Repair Formula
3	Bus and Rail Preventive Maintenance	\$38,870,813	\$9,717,703	\$48,588,516	FY2017 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula
4	North Hillsboro Job Connector Shuttle	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$350,000	FY2017 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula
5	Bus Purchase	\$3,263,976	\$815,994	\$4,079,970	FY2017 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula
6	Regional Transportation Options Program	\$487,986	\$55,852	\$543,838	FY2017 Surface Transportation Program
7	Rail Preventive Maintenance (TOD Trade)	\$3,063,139	\$350,590	\$3,413,729	FY2017 Surface Transportation Program (TOD Centers Program)
8	Gateway Bike & Ride	\$400,000	\$45,782	\$445,782	FY2017 Surface Transportation Program
9	Elderly & Disabled Program	\$1,826,692	\$456,673	\$2,283,365	FY2017 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
10	Milwaukie Light Rail Project	\$125,000,000	\$98,706,275	\$223,706,275	FY2017 Section 5309 New Starts
	TOTAL	\$210,156,674			

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WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to award Federal financial assistance for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant or subrecipient to the applicant, including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under U.S.C Title 49, the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) that disadvantaged businesses be provided an equal opportunity to receive and participate in U.S. Department of Transportation-assisted contracts, and that a program be established and administered to implement this policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) hereby authorizes the General Manager and his designee(s) to execute and file ten (10) grant applications for FY2017 federal formula and discretionary funds on behalf of TriMet with the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation and; to execute and file with such applications any assurance or other documents required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Amendment of 1964.
2. That the General Manager and his designee(s) are further authorized to:
 - a. Furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation may require in connection with these applications, agreements or projects.
 - b. Establish disadvantaged business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
 - c. Execute grant amendments, revisions and agreements on behalf of TriMet with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the financing of these grant applications.

3. That the local match for the grants will be provided as noted in the Resolution Board memo.

Dated: October 26, 2016

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department