


Date: May 15, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Doug Kelsey 

Subject: **RESOLUTION No. 19-05-39 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A TRIMET ACCESSIBLE BUS STOPS PLAN**

1. Purpose of Item

This resolution establishes the support of the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) for the creation of an Accessible Bus Stops Plan (Plan), which will be considered for adoption by the Board at a future date.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Resolution of Support for Creation of Plan

3. Reason for Board Action

To establish project eligibility for certain grant programs, support from TriMet’s Board must be established and documented.

4. Type of Action

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

5. Background

TriMet is committed to making the bus system accessible to passengers of all ages and abilities. A TriMet Accessible Bus Stops Plan will help TriMet and local jurisdictions identify and define locations for infrastructure investments, and prioritize policies, strategies and projects that will lead to enhanced ADA accessibility for all bus stops in the TriMet system. To create this Plan, an energetic public engagement process and the establishment of a plan advisory committee is needed, along with close coordination with local jurisdictions and other interested parties.

The Plan will examine TriMet’s inventory of over 6000 bus stops, analyze the impacts of parking and establish strategies to improve paths of travel to bus stops. The final outcome will include a responsibility matrix, projects costs, implementable strategies and a time-line to bring all TriMet system bus stops to full ADA accessibility, or better. The Plan will be used to guide TriMet investments in bus stop infrastructure, and to inform and influence improvements to be implemented by partner jurisdictions.

To fund these planning activities, TriMet is pursuing an Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Joint Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Program Planning Grant. TGM project eligibility criteria require that the grant result in the creation of an “adoption-ready plan or land use regulation or amendments to an existing plan or land use regulation.” In addition, the Grant Eligibility Requirements established through the TGM program requires the submission of “a resolution of support, meeting minutes, or authorized letter from the governing body of all applicants,” along with grant application to document local support.

6. **Diversity**

Not applicable at this phase of the grant application process.

7. **Financial / Budget Impact**

If awarded a TGM grant to create an Accessible Bus Stops Plan, TriMet will be responsible for providing 12% matching funds of the Plan’s estimated budget of \$200,000. Consultant services needed to complete the Plan will be procured, contracted and directly reimbursed by the Oregon Department of Transportation, and will not directly impact TriMet’s budget.

8. **Impact if Not Approved**

If the Board chooses not to adopt this resolution, the Accessible Bus Stops Plan will not be eligible to receive funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Joint Transportation Growth Management Planning Grant program, the Plan may not qualify for other potential grant funding and the accessibility planning may not be undertaken.

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WHEREAS, there are over 6,000 bus stops in the TriMet system; and

WHEREAS, TriMet supports efforts to make the transportation system completely accessible to people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a demonstration of support from the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) for the creation of an Accessible Bus Stops Plan is required in order for TriMet to qualify for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Program Planning Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to demonstrate its support the creation of an Accessible Bus Stops Plan for the bus stops within the TriMet transit system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the TriMet Board of Directors supports the creation of an Accessible Bus Stops Plan for the bus stops within the TriMet transit system.

Dated: May 15, 2019

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency



Legal Department

