

RESOLUTION 15-10-66

RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOGNIZING THE OPENING OF THE PORTLAND MILWAUKIE LIGHT RAIL PROJECT AND COMMENDING TRIMET STAFF FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2015, the Portland Milwaukie Light Rail Project (Project) region-wide opening celebrations were held and Orange Line service opened to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Project includes design, construction and operation of 7.3 miles of light rail, 10 stations, and the Tilikum Crossing Bridge which at more than 1,700 feet in length is the longest car-free transit bridge in the United States and the first multi-modal project of its kind; and

WHEREAS, the Project was completed on time and under budget; and

WHEREAS, the Project as designed and constructed provides more transit choices for the region, reduces travel times between Clackamas County and downtown Portland, creates active transportation connections for bikes and pedestrians, has brought to the region over \$40 million in road improvements, includes design features to promote vital freight movement, demonstrates environmental leadership through project design and construction, and includes over twenty-five public art projects, eighty-eight art elements; and

WHEREAS, the Project generated over 13,800 jobs, including 5,077 construction jobs, with at least 559 firms, nearly 80% based in Oregon, having worked on the Project of which at least 132 firms are owned by women and people of color; and

WHEREAS, the Project and opening celebrations could not have been successfully accomplished without the outstanding leadership, commitment, innovation, inspiration, dedication and collaboration of TriMet employees whose collective hard work has made the Project's construction, opening celebrations, and initial operations a tremendous success, and will stand as a legacy of this team for years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the TriMet Board of Directors hereby recognizes the opening of the Portland Milwaukie Light Rail Project (Project) and commends TriMet staff for their outstanding contributions and achievements on the Project.

Dated: October 28, 2015

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department