

Date: August 9, 2017

To: Board of Directors

From: Neil McFarlane 

Subject: RESOLUTION 17-08-63 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE STUDENT PASS PROGRAM

1. Purpose of Item

The purpose of this Resolution is to request that the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorize the General Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement (Agreement) with the Portland Public School District (PPS) for the 2017-18 school year to continue the PPS Student Pass Program (Program). The Program provides free transit passes to high school students within the PPS district. The Agreement will extend the Program on the same financial terms to TriMet as previously approved by the Board by Resolution 15-06-36, for the 2015-16 school year, and continued in the subsequent year. For the 2017-2018 school year, the City of Portland (City) will no longer be a party to this IGA, but may enter into separate agreements with PPS for continued involvement in the Program.

This Resolution also authorizes the General Manager to execute future Program intergovernmental agreements with PPS, under the same financial terms as the Agreement, and to continue to work with other school districts within the TriMet District to evaluate the feasibility of developing similar student pass partnership programs.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Intergovernmental Agreement

3. Reason for Board Action

Board approval is required for an intergovernmental agreement obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$500,000.

4. Type of Action

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

5. Background

The Program has long been a collaborative partnership among TriMet, PPS, and the City. The Program started in September 2008 as a pilot project to provide transit passes to students at Jefferson and Franklin High Schools. Since September 2009, the Program has provided free TriMet Youth passes to nearly 13,000 high school students in the PPS district each year. PPS is the only school district in the TriMet service area that does not provide regular yellow school bus service for their high school students.

Historically, the Program was funded through the State of Oregon's Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) program, as well as contributions from PPS. TriMet received full value for each Youth pass purchased by PPS. BETC funding was discontinued and no longer available for student passes beginning in 2011. From that time through the 2016-17 school year, TriMet, PPS, and the City have entered into annual agreements to cover the cost of the Program, with each agency providing one-third of the funding. Prior to the 2014-15 school year, the Board also reduced Youth fares district wide to make riding transit more affordable for all youth and their families.

The Agreement authorized by this Resolution maintains TriMet's contribution at one-third, and simply removes the City as a party to the IGA. PPS will pay TriMet two-thirds, and may then enter in to separate agreements as desired with the City for their continued involvement in the Program. The Agreement allows high school students to continue to access free transit to get to school, after-school activities, and access employment opportunities, for the ten-month school year. The City has indicated a desire to exit the Program after this school year.

The Board has established in past discussions that TriMet would contribute up to one-third to a pass program for PPS or any other school district within the TriMet service area. This Resolution also authorizes the General Manager to work with other school districts to develop similar partnerships.

6. Financial/Budget Impact

The total Program cost for the 2017-18 school year is \$2.9 million based on revenue that TriMet would receive if the Program were not in place. As part of the Agreement, PPS will contribute two-thirds of the necessary funding, or \$1,933,333, and TriMet will continue to contribute one-third, or \$966,666, by way of foregone fare revenue.

7. Impact if Not Approved

If the Board does not approve this Resolution, PPS would have to purchase monthly passes for its students at the regular Youth monthly pass price.

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WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 and ORS Chapter 190 to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (Agreement) with the Portland Public School District for the 2017-2018 Student Pass Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, the 2017-18 Program will be implemented under the same financial terms to TriMet as previous agreements approved by the Board by Resolution 15-06-36; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize future Programs with the Portland Public School District under the same financial terms as set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the review and consideration of the feasibility of implementing similar student pass partnerships with other school districts within the TriMet District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Agreement shall be in conformance with applicable laws.
2. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute the Agreement that forgoes revenue of \$966,666.
3. That the General Manger or his designee is authorized to execute future Program agreements with the Portland Public School District upon the same financial terms as set forth in the Agreement.
4. That the General Manager is authorized to work with other school districts within the TriMet District to evaluate the feasibility of developing similar student pass partnership programs.

Dated: August 9, 2017

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department