

Date: December 14, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr.

Subject: **RESOLUTION 22-12-69 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ADOPTING THE FY 2024-2025 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND (STIF) PLAN**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) to adopt the FY 2024-2025 State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Plan for the TriMet region.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Resolution adopting FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan

3. Reason for Board Action

The Board must adopt the FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan before it may be submitted to the Oregon Public Transportation Advisory Committee and the Oregon Transportation Commission for approval.

4. Type of Action

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

5. Background

As part of the Keep Oregon Moving Act (HB 2017), the legislature established the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) to provide statewide distribution of transportation funds, pursuant to biennial, regional STIF Plans. Each regional STIF Plan must be approved by the Oregon Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) and the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). The deadline for submission to ODOT of the FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan is January 16, 2023.

The STIF administrative rules denote TriMet as the Qualified Entity (QE) for the Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington tri-county region, and require the Board, as the governing body of the QE, to “adopt a written STIF Plan to establish a list of Projects to guide STIF formula fund investments” for submission to the PTAC and the OTC. The Board-appointed HB2017 Transit Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) is charged with the task of developing the biennial STIF Plan for the Board’s adoption.

On October 28, 2022, the Advisory Committee unanimously approved the FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan and submitted it to the Board for approval. This Resolution would adopt the FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan and authorize its submission to the PTAC and OTC, via ODOT staff for approval.

The FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan allocates funding for:

- TriMet's low income fare program,
- service enhancements,
- regional coordination shuttles,
- student fares,
- senior and disabled service,
- the zero emissions bus program,
- security improvements,
- capital improvements to allow buses to move more quickly through congested intersections and roadways,
- amenities such as bus shelters, transit trackers and ADA compliant bus stops,
- scheduling and trip planning software upgrades, and
- Plan compliance administration.

The FY 2024-2025 STIF plan may be found at www.trimet.org/hb2017. The Board's previous STIF Plan for FY 2022-2023 was adopted on December 9, 2020, via Resolution No. 20-12-45.

The FY 2024-2025 Plan also includes transit investments in areas outside the TriMet District boundary but within the tri-county area, including rural Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties, as well as the Clackamas transportation districts of South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART), Canby Area Transit (CAT), Sandy Transit, and South Clackamas Transportation District (SCTD). Finally, the Plan reflects investments made by the City of Portland for the Portland Streetcar.

In 2020, the Oregon legislature passed Senate Bill 1601, which consolidated the STIF Formula Funding with the Special Transportation Fund (STF), which is derived from taxes on cigarettes, gasoline, and identification cards. The STF provides transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities so that they may access health, education, work, social, and recreational opportunities, and live as independently and productively as possible. As a result of this consolidation, the FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan proposed for adoption by this Resolution also includes STF projects and funding. Prior to their approval by the Advisory Committee, funding for these projects was allocated by the Board-approved Special Transportation Funds Advisory Committee (STFAC).

For the Board's convenience, the funding process described above is illustrated in the attached Exhibit A.

6. Financial/Budget Impact

STIF and STF funds benefit TriMet and the entire tri-county region. The FY2024-2025 STIF plan is composed of more than \$209 million in projects distributed among TriMet, the three counties, the Clackamas transportation districts, and Portland Streetcar. Approving this Resolution allows TriMet and the rest of the region to receive and spend funds under the STIF and STF application process pursuant to HB 2017.

7. Impact if Not Approved

If the Board chooses not to approve this Resolution, TriMet will not be able to submit the region's STIF Plan by the January 16, 2023 deadline. If the Plan is not submitted by the deadline, neither TriMet nor the region's other public transportation service providers will be able to seek FY 2024-2025 STIF Formula funds, STF funds, or spend any existing carryover funds.

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WHEREAS, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 2017, Or Laws 2017 Chapter 750, which dedicates revenue for mass transit to be allocated through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF); and

WHEREAS, Oregon Department of Transportation rules require that STIF funds can only be used to fund services that are part of a STIF Plan adopted by a region's Qualified Entity; and

WHEREAS, TriMet is the designated Qualified Entity for the tri-county area of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties, and the TriMet Board of Directors serves as the approving body for the Qualified Entity; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon legislature passed Senate Bill 1601, consolidating STIF and STF funds and programs; and

WHEREAS, the HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee), the Special Transportation Funds Advisory Committee (STFAC) and TriMet staff developed a STIF Plan over a 10-month period, including a significant public engagement process, which was approved by the Advisory Committee by a unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt the Advisory Committee's recommended FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Advisory Committee's recommended FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan, found at www.trimet.org/hb2017, is incorporated into and made part of this Resolution.
2. That the Board hereby approves the FY 2024-2025 STIF Plan.
3. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to take all actions necessary and appropriate to implement this Resolution.

Dated: December 14, 2022

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:

Gregory E. Skillman
Legal Department