


Date: December 14, 2016
To: Board of Directors
From: Neil McFarlane 
Subject: RESOLUTION 16-12-69 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THREE (3) GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FY2017 FEDERAL 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 three (3) grant applications for FY2017 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

TriMet was recently selected to receive federal funding for three (3) separate projects, described below. Staff is presenting to the TriMet Board for their authorization a summary of these three (3) grant applications to be submitted during the year. Attachment A to this memo lists three (3) grant applications for FY2017 federal funding, which total \$6.10 million, and shows both the federal and local shares. Grant amounts are selection amounts.

The applications are for the following amounts and projects:

Grants Designated for Specific Purposes

1. \$2.02 million federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for bus purchases. TriMet was awarded these funds through ODOT's Rail and Public Transit Division

competitive process for Section 5307 Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement program. The project will include the purchase of approximately five (5) replacement 40' low floor buses.

2. Awarded through an FTA competition, \$3.4 million federal Section 5339(b) funds for the purchase of Low or No-Emission buses, for TriMet's Zero Emission Bus Project. The project will include the deployment of five (5) zero emission battery electric buses with depot and on-route charging equipment. This is an opportunity for TriMet to learn more about these newer technologies and gain expertise and knowledge necessary if we are to integrate electric buses into our fleet.
3. Also awarded through an FTA competition, TriMet is approved for \$0.68 million federal Section 5312 funds to pay for TriMet's Open Trip Planner (OTP) Project. The project will include enhancements to TriMet's existing Open Trip Planner Shared-Use Mobility project to create a complete open platform for the integration of transit and shared-use mobility options, such as Uber, LIFT, and car sharing. This was a very competitive process, and we are happy to be able to continue our cutting edge work that directly benefits our customers.

6. Financial/Budget Impact

Approval of the resolution will authorize TriMet to apply for the FTA grants listed.

7. Impact if Not Approved

The General Manager would not have Board authorization to submit FTA grant applications totaling \$6.10 million FY2017 federally funded dollars.

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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 accordance 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 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 three (3) grant applications for FY2017 federal 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 Act 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 memorandum.

Dated: December 14, 2016

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department

Attachment A
 Board Memo Resolution 16-12-69
 Grant Applications to be Submitted by TriMet

No.	Description	Federal	Local Match	Total
1	Bus Purchase	\$2,018,760	\$231,056	\$2,249,816
2	Low or No-Emission Bus Purchase	\$3,405,750	\$3,859,250	\$7,265,000
3	Open Trip Planner (OTP) Project	\$678,000	\$284,000	\$962,000
TOTAL		\$6,102,510		