

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONCURRING THAT) RESOLUTION NO. 06-3734
TRIMET, C-TRAN, AND SMART BE THE)
DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL) Introduced by Councilor Rex Burkholder
JOBS ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE)
AND NEW FREEDOM TRANSPORTATION)
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE PORTLAND-)
VANCOUVER URBANIZED AREA)

WHEREAS, the Metro Council and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) are the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Oregon portion of the Portland-Vancouver urbanized area and are authorized to program federal transportation funds into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP); and

WHEREAS, the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) federal transportation funding program has been changed from a grant award funding program to a formula funding program allocated to all urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, a new federal transportation formula funding program titled New Freedom has been created to provide new public transportation services for individual with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Metro and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southwest Washington have reviewed the planning, administrative and legal requirements necessary to be designated as a recipient of funds from the JARC and New Freedom programs; and

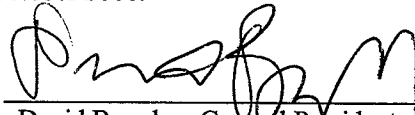
WHEREAS, TriMet, C-Tran and SMART are qualified to receive these funds; and

WHEREAS, Metro and TriMet will update the Memorandum of Understanding that identifies the roles and responsibilities of each agency in carrying out regional transportation planning activities to effectively administer these funds; and

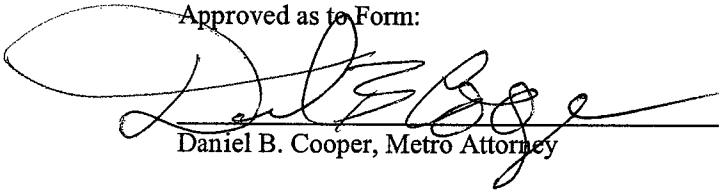
WHEREAS, federal law requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization concur with the Governors of Oregon and Washington in designating a recipient of these new program funds; now, therefore

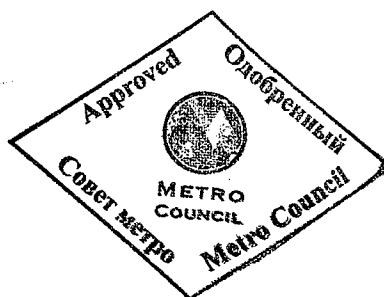
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby accepts the recommendation of JPACT to concur that TriMet, C-Tran and SMART be designated by the Governors of Oregon and Washington as recipients of JARC and New Freedom transportation funds allocated to the Portland-Vancouver urbanized area.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 26th day of October 2006.


David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-3734, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONCURRING THAT TRIMET, C-TRAN AND SMART BE THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL JOBS ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM TRANSPORTATION FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE PORTLAND-VANCOUVER URBANIZED AREA

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BACKGROUND

The recent federal transportation authorization act created a new funding program to provide new transportation services beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and that assist individuals with disabilities with transportation. The act also changed the Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program from a competitive grant program to a formula-funding program provided to all eligible areas.

The act requires the Governors of Oregon and Washington to identify the "designated recipients" for these two funding programs. There must also be concurrence of the designation by the providers of publicly owned transit service and the Metropolitan Planning Organization in the urbanized area. Typically, the public transit service providers will serve as the recipients of these funds and will administer the distribution of these funds at the local level.

TriMet, C-Tran, and SMART have provided the documentation necessary to demonstrate that they have the legal and administrative capacity to be the designated recipient of these funds. Metro and TriMet will also update their Memorandum of Understanding for carrying out planning activities to clarify agencies responsibilities related to the administration of these funds.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** The recent federal transportation authorization law (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - a Legacy for Users or SAFETEA-LU) created two new federal formula funding programs and required Metropolitan Planning Organizations to concur with the state governor on the designated local recipient of these funds.
3. **Anticipated Effects** Adoption of this resolution will authorize TriMet, C-Tran and SMART to receive federal transportation funds provided through the federal New Freedom and Jobs Access and Reverse Commute funding programs.
4. **Budget Impacts** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 06-3734.