

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNATING) RESOLUTION NO: 13-4413
TRIMET AND SMART AS THE RECIPIENT)
FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION)
5310 – SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORTATION)
FUNDS)

WHEREAS, MAP-21 establishes a new method for allocating Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Special Needs Transportation funds which directly goes to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) based on the region’s population of elderly and disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, under MAP-21 for large urban areas, the Governor must consult with local officials and designate an agency or agencies to be responsible for disbursing FTA 5310 funds; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) is the federally designated MPO for the region; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and the Metro Council is the consultation body for the Governor with local officials; and

WHEREAS, in consultation, TriMet has been identified as designated recipient for FTA 5310 funds and already has designated recipient status for other FTA funds; and

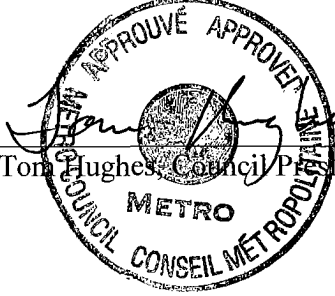
WHEREAS, in consultation, SMART has been identified as a direct recipient for FTA 5310 funds; and

WHEREAS, TriMet and SMART have come to an agreed upon partial appropriation of FTA 5310 funds for fiscal year 2013; and

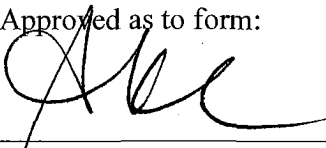
WHEREAS, TriMet administers and governs over the state’s Special Transportation Fund (STF) and convenes a Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC) to coordinate special needs transportation issues in the region; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to designate TriMet and SMART to be the region's recipients of FTA 5310 Special Needs Transportation Funds.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 21 day of February 2013.


Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to form:



Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNATING TRIMET AND SMART AS THE RECIPIENT FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5310 – SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

Date: February 11, 2013

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BACKGROUND

The recently approved federal transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) changed how large urban areas with populations of over 200,000 will now receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Special Needs Transportation funds. Using a formula allocation method, 60% of the Section 5310 funds are now apportioned to urbanized areas with population over 200,000. The amount each urban area receives will be based on the number of seniors and individuals with disabilities within the region. The following is the agreed upon partial apportionment of 5310 funds between TriMet and SMART.

Total FY13 Partial Apportionment:

TriMet - \$554,542

SMART - \$ 7,656

The Governor, in consultation with local officials, must designate which agency will be responsible for disbursing FTA 5310 funds. For the Portland metropolitan region, the MPO is the consultation body for the Governor. In consultation, TriMet has been identified the designated recipient and SMART has been identified as the direct recipient of 5310 funds. As the recipients of these funds, TriMet and SMART will administer the distribution of these funds at the local level. These agencies already have designated recipient status for other FTA funds and previously provided the documentation necessary to demonstrate the agencies have the legal and administrative capacity to be responsible for federal transit funds. As required by law, TriMet and SMART will need to work in coordination with the MPO in the project selection process for use of Section 5310 funds to enhance mobility of seniors and those with disabilities.

In addition, TriMet is the governing body for the state's Special Transportation Fund (STF) programs, which fund transportation for elderly and people with disabilities. TriMet administers the planning process that all projects funded with state STF and 5310 funds must be derived from a Coordinated Human Services / Public Transportation Plan and administers the committee (the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee or STFAC) which coordinates special needs transportation issues in the region.

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** Prior to MAP-21, special needs transportation funds came from two different FTA funding programs: 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and 5317 – New Freedom. With the implementation of MAP-21, these two funds were combined into the 5310 – Special Needs Transportation funding program. In previous allocations of FTA's 5316 JARC and 5317 New Freedom funds, JPACT and the Metro Council designated TriMet as the recipient for the region.

- 3. Anticipated Effects** Adoption of this resolution will authorize TriMet and SMART to receive federal transportation funds through FTA's 5310 program and to continue planning efforts, coordination, administration, and operation of transportation projects and programs for elderly populations and people with disabilities in the region.
- 4. Budget Impacts** There are no impacts for Metro's current budget. However, Metro must take action to concur TriMet as the designated recipient and SMART as the direct recipient as the Section 5310 fund recipient to enable the allocation of these funds to the region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 13-4413.