BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING)
FEDERAL FUNDS FOR A SECTION 16(b)(2))
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND)
AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVE—)
MENT PROGRAM)

RESOLUTION NO. 89-1111 Introduced by Rena Cusma, Executive Officer

WHEREAS, Section 16(b)(2) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act authorizes the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to make capital grants to private, nonprofit organizations to provide transportation services for elderly and handicapped persons; and

WHEREAS, Section 16(b)(2) funding will be made available only to nonprofit organizations serving specific client groups which cannot better be served by regular Tri-Met service to the elderly and handicapped community; and

WHEREAS, Tri-Met has determined that the applicant listed below can serve their client group more efficiently than could Tri-Met; and

WHEREAS, To comply with federal requirements the

Transportation Improvement Program must be amended to include

projects recommended for Urban Mass Transportation Administration

16(b)(2) funds; and

WHEREAS, The project described below was reviewed and found consistent with federal requirements and regional policies and objectives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Federal 16(b)(2) funds be authorized for the purchase of special transportation vehicles for the following:

Federal Applicant

Volunteer Transportation Program 100,

100,000

20,000

2. That the Transportation Improvement Program and its Annual Element be amended to reflect this authorization.

3. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District finds the project to be in accordance with the region's continuing, cooperative, comprehensive planning process and, thereby, gives affirmative Intergovernmental Project Review approval.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service

District this __27thday of __July __, 1989.

Mike Ragsdale, Presiding Officer

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STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 89-1111 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR A SECTION 16(b)(2) SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Date: June 30, 1989 Presented by: Andrew Cotugno

PROPOSED_ACTION

Recommend Council adoption of the attached Resolution which authorizes Federal 16(b)(2) funds to one private, nonprofit social service agency. These funds will be used for the purchase of passenger vehicles and related equipment to provide special transportation services in the Portland metropolitan area to specific client groups not served by Tri-Met. This Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) addition will allow the agency to apply for 16(b)(2) funding from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Section 16(b)(2) authorizes UMTA to make capital grants to private, nonprofit organizations to provide transportation services for elderly and handicapped persons. Capital investments include purchase of conventional and paratransit vehicles and other equipment associated with providing local and regional (non-intercity) transportation services to the elderly and handicapped. Apportioned 16(b)(2) funds are not available for operating expenses. Transportation Improvement Programs and their Annual Elements must be amended to include new 16(b)(2) projects.

Section 16(b)(2) funding is only available to private, nonprofit organizations and, in the Metro region, only for use to serve specific client groups that cannot be served effectively by Tri-Met. Tri-Met has reviewed the application for 16(b)(2) funds and supports it on the basis that Tri-Met is unable to perform more efficiently the function these vehicles would provide. Tri-Met has conditioned their support on the applicant's agreement to coordinate with the tri-county LIFT program in cases where that would provide more efficient service. (See attached letter of support from Tri-Met.)

The one local provider submitting an application is:

Volunteer Transportation Program

3 8-passenger mini vans

\$ 40,005

2 modified vans 2 wheelchair lifts

52,435 ____7,560

Total

\$100,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends adoption of Resolution No. 89-1111.

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METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
DISTRICT
OF OREGON



June 22, 1989

Mr. Andrew Cotugno Metro 2000 SW 1st Portland, OR 97201

Dear Mr. Cotugno:

Tri-Met has reviewed the proposal and award notice for the successful applicant for the 1989 16(b)(2) program. Tri-Met has determined that it is unable to perform the functions the vehicles would provide. Based upon the need and their agreement to coordinate with the LIFT program, Tri-Met supports the application for funding for Volunteer Transportation, Inc.

Sincerely,

Park Woodworth, Director

Paratransit Services

PW/et

c: Dave Unsworth

Volunteer Transportation, Inc.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 89-1111, authorizing federal funds for a section 16(b)(2) SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND AMENDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Date: July 14, 1989

Presented By: Councilor Gardner

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: At the July 5, 1989 Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, members present -- Councilors Bauer, Collier, DeJardin, Devlin and myself -- voted unanimously to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 89-1111. No Committee members were absent.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ISSUES: Metro Transportation Planning Manager Richard Brandman presented Resolution No. 89-1111 which would allow Volunteer Transportation Program, a local nonprofit, to apply for Federal 16(b)(2) funds to provide special transportation services to clients not served by Tri-Met. As noted in the staff report, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration is authorized under Section 16(b)(2) to make capital grants to private, nonprofit organizations to provide transportation services for elderly and handicapped persons. In the Portland metropolitan area, Section 16(b)(2) funding is only for use to serve specific client groups which Tri-Met cannot serve effectively. Tri-Met supports the Volunteer Transportation Program application -- the only local application submitted. Approval of Resolution No. 89-1111 has no budget impact on Metro.

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