

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2004-) RESOLUTION NO. 05-3523
07 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE) Introduced by Councilor Rod Park
ODOT PUBLIC TRANSIT DIVISION FUNDING)
ALLOCATIONS FOR 2005.)

WHEREAS, projects selected to receive federal transportation funding must be included in the Portland Metro area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), which reports on the programming of all federal transportation funds to be spent in the region, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires all federally funded transit projects located within the Metro boundary be listed in the MTIP, and

WHEREAS, FTA recently requested all statewide allocations of transit capital projects located within MPO boundaries be recognized as individual projects in an MTIP, these projects were previously “bucketed” in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Public Transit Division in Salem conducts a biennial statewide competitive process to disburse discretionary grant program funds to transportation providers and transit districts, and

WHEREAS, the funding for ODOT’s discretionary grant program come through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and are transferred to FTA Grant Sections 5310 and 5307, and

WHEREAS, preventative maintenance, the purchase of vehicles and contracted services for seniors and people with disabilities are all eligible transit capital expenses under this program, and

WHEREAS, TriMet, the City of Wilsonville (SMART), and Ride Connection were awarded projects by ODOT’s Public Transit Division for federal fiscal year 2005, and

WHEREAS, these projects are consistent with Metro’s Regional Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, these projects are determined to be exempt from findings of compliance with the Oregon state implementation plan for air quality or have already been found in compliance and the funding of these projects as defined in the federal appropriation are consistent with the time frame of the air quality analysis; now therefore

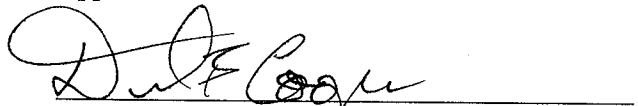
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council amends the 2004-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to include funding for the following projects in federal fiscal year 2005:

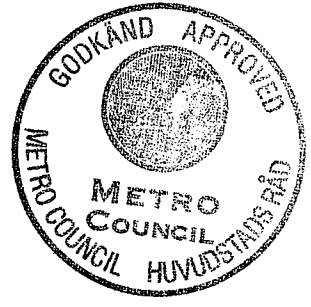
- \$ 583,245 TriMet - Replace 2 Large Buses (FTA Section 5307)
- \$4,536,526 TriMet – Maintain Lift Fleet & Lift Purchased Services (FTA Section 5310)
- \$ 314,056 SMART - Replace 2 Large Buses (FTA Section 5307)
- \$ 475,168 SMART – Preventive Maintenance, Replace 5 Vehicles, Bus Shelter & Purchased Services (FTA Section 5310)
- \$1,100,165 Ride Connection, Inc. – Computer Software, Replace 8 Vehicles, Purchase 7 Vehicles & Portland Impact Service (FTA Section 5310)

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 20th day of January, 2005.


David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-3523, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2004-07 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ODOT PUBLIC TRANSIT DIVISION FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2005.

Date: December 8, 2004

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BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is a report that summarizes all programming of federal transportation funding in the Metro area and demonstrates that the use of these funds will comply with all relevant federal laws and administrative rules. To qualify to receive federal transportation funds, projects must be approved in the MTIP. The MTIP is updated every two years and amended as necessary to reflect current programming of federal transportation funds.

Every two years, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Public Transit Division conducts a statewide competitive process to disburse discretionary capital grant funds to transportation providers and transit districts. The funding for this program comes through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and gets transferred to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as Section 5307 and Section 5310. These funds are available to purchase capital items such as preventive maintenance, purchased services, as well as buses and vans.

Application packets are disbursed by ODOT to all known transportation providers and transit districts in the state of Oregon. Completed applications are reviewed and ranked by local governing bodies' transportation advisory committees. Applications are then forwarded to ODOT Public Transit Division where staff perform an eligibility review. Following staff review, a state committee made up of Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) members and chaired by an OTC commissioner reviews the recommended projects. The project list is distributed to all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs) and governing bodies for comment. The final list of recommended projects is then presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) for approval.

FTA requires all federally funded projects be included in the MTIP and STIP. Traditionally, ODOT's Public Transit Division has "bucketed" all discretionary funds in the state portion of the STIP. FTA has recently requested all of these transit projects located within an MPO boundary be broken out of the bucket and listed individually in an MTIP and the STIP.

Therefore, these transit capital projects need to be amended into the current MTIP to make the projects eligible to receive the funds.

Following are the transit capital projects located within the Metro region that need to be amended into the 2004-07 MTIP:

- \$ 583,245 TriMet - Replace 2 Large Buses (FTA Section 5307)
- \$4,536,526 TriMet – Maintain Lift Fleet & Lift Purchased Services (FTA Section 5310)
- \$ 314,056 SMART - Replace 2 Large Buses (FTA Section 5307)

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These projects have already been determined in compliance or are exempt from a determination of conformity with the Oregon State Implementation Plan for air quality.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** Action would amend the 2004-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, adopted by Metro Resolution No. 03-3381A (FOR THE PURPOSE OF APROVING THE 2004-07 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA). This resolution programs transportation funds in accordance with the federal transportation authorizing legislation (currently known as the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century or TEA-21) and the federal Clean Air Act. This resolution is consistent with the Metro 2004 Regional Transportation Plan.
3. **Anticipated Effects** Adoption of this resolution is a necessary step to make these projects eligible to receive federal funds to reimburse project costs.
4. **Budget Impacts** Adoption of this resolution has no anticipated impacts to the Metro budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution No. 05-3523 to amend the 2004-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program as recommended.