

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING)	RESOLUTION NO. 98-2689A
THE 1998-2001 METROPOLITAN)	
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)	Introduced by
PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE \$40,000 TO)	Councilor Washington, Chair
THE TUALATIN TRANSPORTATION)	JPACT
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION)	

WHEREAS, The region previously allocated flexible funds to a DEQ pilot program to support creation and maintenance of Transportation Management Associations (TMAs); and

WHEREAS, The objective of the program was to determine whether TMAs presented a viable means of achieving reduction of single occupant vehicle (SOV) travel demand and improved compliance with the DEQ Employee Commute Option (ECO) program; and

WHEREAS, Evidence collected as part of this program demonstrates effectiveness of TMAs in achieving these objectives; and

WHEREAS, The Tualatin TMA was established with initial funding by Tri-Met; and

WHEREAS, The additional Tri-Met funds are not forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, JPACT approved a request for direct allocation of the funds contingent on identifying the source of said funds; and

WHEREAS, A proposal is forthcoming to formalize a regional TMA program as an adjunct function of the Regional TDM program housed at Tri-Met; and

WHEREAS, Any such future requests for funds is expected to be processed via such procedures as may be established by a Regional TMA program Steering Committee; and

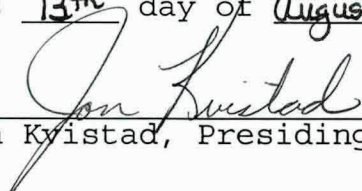
WHEREAS, The new federal TEA-21 funding authorization was enacted after JPACT's approval of the funding; and

WHEREAS, The TEA-21 appropriation enables the allocation of \$40,000 in the FY 98 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to the Tualatin Transportation Management Association, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the FY 98 MTIP is amended to allocate \$40,000 (federal) to the Tualatin Transportation Management Association.
2. That staff are authorized to resolve the administrative issues of which program funds to use and the fiscal year in which the funds will be programmed.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 13th day of August, 1998.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2689A FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 1998-2001 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE \$40,000 TO THE TUALATIN TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Date: August 11, 1998

Presented by: Councilor McLain

Committee Action: At its August 4, 1998 meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee voted 2-0 to move Resolution No. 98-2689A for Council consideration with no recommendation. Voting in favor: Councilors Kvistad and McLain.

Council Issues/Discussion: Mike Hoglund, Transportation Planning Manager, made the staff presentation. The A version of this resolution results from modifications made to the resolution and the staff report by transportation staff, and submitted by them at the beginning of the committee meeting. These changes more accurately depict the blend of funding already committed to the Tualatin TMA, and reflect TPAC recommendations as to the possible source of funds allocated through this resolution.

Mr. Hoglund explained that this \$40,000 would be expended to assist the Tualatin Transportation Management Association (TMA) to continue current staffing and organizational capacity, and to conduct a vanpool demonstration. The money is needed because private funds that were hoped to be raised were not forthcoming. JPACT has recommended this allocation, but it will come before JPACT one more time (August 13) to clarify details as to the source of the funds.

Mr. Hoglund acknowledged that the policy rationale for the continuance and funding of TMA's is not yet complete, but would be coming forward in the next month in a separate resolution. It would provide the basis for possible funding of TMA's via the MTIP process.

Councilor Kvistad raised the possibility of amending Resolution 98-2689A to include funding for the Westside Commuter Rail Demonstration Project, but eventually decided to carry that discussion to later in the committee's agenda.

Councilor McLain said her support for this resolution in its current format is uncertain. Her understanding was that originally the resolution was intended to help the TMA in direct and specific programmatic ways to increase transit ridership. This resolution now seems too vague, not only with regard to the objectives to be achieved, but also in regard to funding sources to be used.

Mr. Hogland said that with regard to program, most TMA's have included "soft" activities in their work plans, not only providing transit directly, but organizing and doing things which encourage ridership. With regard to the funding, it's a little unclear which fiscal year of federal funds should be allocated, because in fact, this activity will take place at the cusp of the next federal fiscal year.

Councilor McLain said that she understood that this resolution was appearing on the JPACT agenda on Aug. 13th, just prior to Council action that same afternoon, and she thought staff should do some additional work on the source of the funds and what organizational effect the \$40,000 would have on the Tualatin TMA.

STAFF REPORT

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Date: July 23, 1998

Presented by: Andrew Cotugno

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of this Resolution would amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to allocate \$40,000 (federal) to the Tualatin Transportation Management Association in FY 99. This would decrease funds available in FY 99 to eliminate the current approximate \$4.5 million overprogramming approved in the FY 98 TIP.

TPAC has reviewed this MTIP amendment and recommends approval of Resolution No. 98-2689A.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Tri-Met and the Tualatin TMA have a three-year agreement for funding and technical support services. Under the agreement, Tri-Met is providing a total of \$120,000 to the TMA. \$60,000 was disbursed in FY 1997-98; \$40,000 has been disbursed for FY 1998-99; and \$20,000 will be disbursed in FY 1999-2000.

Tualatin's request is for funding to 1) backfill the \$20,000 gap between our FY 1997-98 funding level and our FY 1998-99 funding; and 2) provide an additional \$20,000 for a vanpool subsidy demonstration program. We had previously pursued several grant opportunities to secure these funds but had not been successful. Consequently, representatives of the TMA requested, and JPACT approved, allocation of the \$40,000 to the Tualatin TMA. JPACT directed staff to identify a funding source and return for final allocation approval.

In the interim, the federal six-year authorization bill (TEA-21) was approved. Additionally, the FY 98 appropriation was approved and provides sufficient funds to allocate \$40,000 to the TMA. The allocation will most likely represent a draw against FY 99 appropriated sums and the statewide obligation limit for that year.

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By allocating funds to the TMA at this time, there is a very small chance that previously programmed projects, and most probably Lovejoy Ramp and/or Sunnyside Road Widening, will be required to draw against FY 2002 and 2003 funding to be made whole, up to the \$40,000 approved for use by the TMA in this resolution. There is no doubt though, that the projects will be made whole by the end of the six year authorization.

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