

Date: July 23, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr.

Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-38 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ENDORSING AN EVALUATION AND UPDATE OF THE TRIMET BIKE PLAN**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests that the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) endorse TriMet's evaluation and update of its 2016 Bike Plan, and the Agency's intention to apply for a Joint Transportation and Growth Management Program Planning Grant for that purpose.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- ☐ Initial Contract
- ☐ Contract Modification
- ☒ Other: Endorsement of 2016 Bike Plan Update and Application for Joint Transportation and Growth Management Program Planning Grant

3. Reason for Board Action

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) require the Board's endorsement to establish grant eligibility for their Joint Transportation and Growth Management Program.

4. Type of Action

- ☒ Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance 1st Reading
- ☐ Ordinance 2nd Reading
- ☐ Other

5. Background

In 2016, TriMet completed a Bike Plan focused on 1) improved public access to transit centers and bus stops, 2) bicycle parking and facilities, and 3) innovative integration of bikes and transit. During the ten years since the adoption of the Plan, the region has seen a dramatic increase in e-bike use, increasing the accessibility of public transit through multi-modal integration. In addition, bike and scooter share programs have expanded, changing mobility options and public access to transit. Post-pandemic travel patterns also have changed the use of bicycle facilities within the TriMet system.

In light of the changing reliance on transit and increased e-bike, bike, and scooter usage, it is time to evaluate the utilization of TriMet's bicycle investments and the integration of bicycles with public transit.

The creation of the 2016 Bike Plan was originally funded through an ODOT/DLCD Joint Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Program Planning Grant. TriMet intends to apply for a similar grant to fund an evaluation of its implementation of the 2016 Bike Plan, analyze new data concerning customer needs and their utilization of bicycle-related facilities, and research current best practices and innovations in multi-modal integration. This evaluation, analysis and research will yield recommendations for TriMet bike policies that consider opportunity costs, operational and security challenges, cost-reduction measures, and ongoing maintenance requirements.

As the Metro region creates greater housing density inside the Urban Growth Boundary, TriMet's updated Bike Plan will present efficient, active transportation options to help people reach essential destinations. The evaluation, analysis and research provided through the TGM Grant is expected to deliver an updated Bike Plan to the Board that re-prioritizes TriMet's ongoing investments in bike infrastructure in the context of the Agency's financial forecasts and projected ridership demands.

6. Financial/Budget Impact

If awarded a TGM grant to update the Bike Plan, TriMet would be responsible for providing 10.27% matching funds for the Plan's estimated budget of \$175,000. Staff time, which already is included in TriMet's adopted FY2026 Budget, would be allocated as a match for the grant requirements. Consultant services utilized to complete the Plan would be directly reimbursed by ODOT and would not affect TriMet's Budget.

7. Impact if Not Approved

If the Board decides not to approve this Resolution, the Bike Plan update will not be eligible for funding from the ODOT/DLCD Joint Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Program Planning Grant.

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WHEREAS, TriMet's 2016 Bike Plan include strategies or actions to support ridership and/or multi-modal transit access; and

WHEREAS, the endorsement of the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) is required for TriMet to apply for an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Joint Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Program Planning Grant for the purpose of evaluating and updating TriMet's 2016 Bike Plan; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution No. 25-07-38, dated July 23, 2025, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) desires to facilitate TriMet's qualification for an ODOT/DLCD Joint TGM Program Planning Grant, and endorse the Agency's development of an updated Bike Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board hereby endorses the project of updating its 2016 Bike Plan and approves of TriMet's intention to apply for an ODOT/DLCD Joint TGM Program Planning Grant.

Dated: July 23, 2025

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department