

Date: January 25, 2017**To:** Board of Directors**From:** Neil McFarlane **Subject:** RESOLUTION 17-01-03 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) APPOINTING SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**1. Purpose of Item**

This Resolution renews and appoints new members to the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC). The STFAC assists TriMet in implementation of the State of Oregon Special Transportation Fund (STF) Program, and represents seniors and persons with disabilities, as well as service providers and other interested parties, in ensuring coordinated and efficient transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities in the Portland region.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Appointment of STFAC members

3. Reason for Board Action

State law requires that the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) appoint members of the STFAC.

4. Type of Action:

- Resolution
- Ordinance 1st Reading
- Ordinance 2nd Reading
- Other _____

5. Background

Pursuant to state law and Oregon Public Transit Division (Division) administrative rules (Rules) implementing the STF program, the Board is required to appoint members to the STFAC to advise and assist TriMet in carrying out its duties as the Special Transportation Fund Agency (STF Agency) for Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties. The STFAC advises TriMet on the distribution of federal and state funds that support transportation for a range of needs offered to seniors, persons with disabilities, and other special transportation in the region. In addition, the STFAC helps to guide the update of the Coordinated Transportation Plan (CTP) for seniors and persons with disabilities which helps with future STF and federal section 5310 funding allocation decisions. The CTP is updated

approximately every four years and was most recently updated in 2016, with the goal of making sure that all public transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities are well-coordinated, efficient, and best meets the needs of the three-county area, both inside and outside the TriMet District.

The funding distributed through the STFAC process goes to vitally needed transportation services in the region, including but not limited to:

- Additional TriMet LIFT service as well as paratransit provided by agencies such as Wilsonville SMART.
- Various local services including GroveLink, Shuttle in the Woods, and various U-Ride services.
- Accessible and demand-responsive service for seniors and persons with disabilities in Sandy, Canby, Molalla, and Wilsonville.
- Mt Hood Express, serving seniors and persons with disabilities along Highway 26 in the City of Sandy, Government Camp, and Mount Hood Timberline.
- A range of services provided by Clackamas County Consortium for those with special needs in Clackamas County.
- Various shuttles and transportation programs by a variety of organizations offering community transportation, including NW Pilot Project, Portland Impact, Providence Elderplace, and others.

Pursuant to State Public Transit Division Rules (OAR 732-005-0031), the STFAC operates by written bylaws that were most recently amended by the Board in 2016. State law (ORS 391.820), requires that the Board determine the STFAC membership categories and the number of members assigned to those categories. These membership categories include interested members of TriMet's Committee on Accessible Transportation, seniors and persons with disabilities from specific portions of the region, transportation providers, and public entity representatives.

On December 2nd 2016, the STFAC nominated and voted unanimously to recommend renewal of member terms coming up for expiration and to add new members to vacant positions on the committee. New members proposed are:

- Caren Topliff is recommended to fill a vacant position representing a senior or person with disabilities who resides in Clackamas County. Karen is a Sandy resident, a Transportation Reaching People driver, and has been involved in an advisory committee for Sandy Transit. She has experience in reporting and news media and has been involved at the state level for many years in advocating for persons with disabilities. She has also published a book "Wrestling Back."
- Matt Davis, Senior Program Coordinator at Washington County Dept of Health and Human Services is recommended as the representative from Washington County for the STFAC. He has a close family member who relies on LIFT and recently worked on the update of the plan for the Area Agency on Aging.
- Margo Moore, the new Director of TriMet's Accessible Transportation Program (ATP), is recommended to be added to the committee.
- Eric Loomis is recommended as the representative from the City of Wilsonville for the STFAC.

The committee recommended that the terms of members whose terms expire in 2016 be extended for another term (through 2018).

This Resolution appoints STFAC members consistent with the ODOT guidance as to the governing body's responsibility for appointment of STFAC members. The individuals designated for appointment or renewal to the STFAC are set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution. New members to be appointed are indicated in bold, underlined text. An existing member whose term is recommended to be renewed is reflected in bold in the year the appointment will now end.

6. STFAC Recruitment Process

Candidates to fill the STFAC membership positions have been identified through TriMet's Committee on Accessible Transportation, other jurisdictions, service providers, and recipients of transportation services to represent the diverse needs of seniors and persons with disabilities.

7. Diversity

Staff and STFAC members continue to seek new members to fill vacant positions on the STFAC who will provide for greater cultural and ethnic diversity in the membership of the committee. Recruitment efforts have included outreach through many partner organizations that work on behalf of underrepresented communities like Worksystems, SE Works, Washington County Strives, WorkSource Oregon, African American Health Coalition, Cascadia Behavioral Health, Catholic Charities, Friendly House, Impact NW, IRCO, NAMI Clackamas County, Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA), NAYA, the Urban League, and the county's agencies on aging, disabilities, and veteran's services.

8. Financial/Budget Impact

There is no direct budget impact of this action. However, adoption of the Resolution will assist the STFAC in its role of ensuring efficient and effective distribution of state and federal funds in a manner that meets the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities in the region.

9. Impact if Not Approved

The Board's adoption of this Resolution is necessary to keep the STFAC in compliance with applicable State law and State Transit Division Rules governing the operations of the STFAC. Failure to appoint STFAC members could potentially risk funding for services to seniors and persons with disabilities provided by TriMet and by other jurisdictions and non-profits around the region both inside TriMet's district and beyond (including Wilsonville, Canby, Sandy, and other portions of Clackamas County outside the TriMet district).

RESOLUTION 17-01-03

RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, TriMet is designated by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division (Division), pursuant to ORS 391.800 to 391.830, as the Special Transportation Fund (STF) Agency for Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law and Division Rules, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) has constituted the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (STFAC) to assist the agency in its duties as the STF Agency; and

WHEREAS, the TriMet Board desires to appoint STFAC members as set forth in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the TriMet Board hereby appoints members to the STFAC as set forth below:
 - (a) The individuals named in Exhibit A are hereby appointed to the STFAC as members for the length of term designated.
2. That this Resolution supersedes in its entirety the provisions of all prior resolutions that pertain to the matters addressed herein.

Dated: January 25, 2017

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency



Legal Department

**Exhibit A; Resolution 17-01-03
STFAC Member Roster**

Membership Category Description	Number of Persons	Committee Members	
		Name	Through Year
Those interested persons who are members of the TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT), excepting the CAT member who is a Board member	Up to 14	Jan Campbell, Chair	2018
		Claudia Robertson, Vice Chair	2018
		John Betts	2017
		Leon Chavarria	2017
		Zoe Presson	2018
		Chris Walker	2018
		Paul Pappas	2017
		Patricia Kepler	2017
		Deidre Hall	2017
Seniors or persons with disabilities who reside in Clackamas County	2	Dick Jones	2018
		<u>Carin Topliff</u>	2018
Seniors or persons with disabilities who reside in Multnomah County	2	Raissa Moore	2018
		Andrea Belcher	2017
Seniors or persons with disabilities who reside in Washington County	2	Ross Mathews	2018
		Anthony Butler	2017
Seniors or persons with disabilities who reside outside the TriMet District	2	Glenn Koehrsen (Vacant)	2018
Staff representatives of the respective County Agencies on Aging and Disability; one per county	3	Teresa Christopherson, Clackamas County	2018
		<u>Matt Davis, Washington County</u>	2018
		Monica Sandgren, Multnomah County	2017
Staff representative of TriMet	1	<u>Margo Moore</u>	2018
Staff representative of Ride Connection	1	Elaine Wells	2018
Staff representatives of public transit entities other than TriMet, including a rural transit entity representative	2	Andi Howell, City of Sandy	2017
		<u>Eric Loomis, City of Wilsonville</u>	2018
Seniors or Persons with Disabilities Living in the Service Area	4	David Keyes	2018
		George Payne	2018
		Ron Thompson	2017
		Mary Lou Ritter	2017