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Date: February 4, 2026

To: Eileen Collins Mastel, Director, TriMet Accessible Transportation Programs

From: Jake Warr, Title VI & Public Access Programs Manager

Subject: **TITLE VI AND LIFT FARE CHANGES**

This memorandum serves as confirmation that, consistent with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) guidance and the policies established in TriMet’s Title VI Program, the proposed adjustments to TriMet Code Chapter 19-Fares do not require the agency to conduct a Title VI analysis prior to adoption.

In accordance with FTA Circular 4702.1B Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients, TriMet must conduct a formal Title VI equity analysis of proposed changes to *fixed route* fares; paratransit fares are exempt from this requirement.¹

The FTA does stipulate that paratransit fares cannot exceed twice the fixed route fare. Proposed Code changes would not affect TriMet’s compliance with this requirement as the change merely removes the option to purchase annual passes as one lump sum. This is expected to have no adverse effects on LIFT riders.

CC:
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¹ In addition to FTA Circular 4702.1B, see https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/Title_VI_QA_12.26.12.pdf