

**Date:** January 28, 2015

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Neil McFarlane *Neil McFarlane*

**Subject:** **RESOLUTION 15-01-05 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR CREATION OF A REGIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATION**

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**1. Purpose of Item**

The purpose of this item is to request that the TriMet Board of Directors (“Board”) adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement with regional government agencies for TriMet to participate in the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO).

**2. Type of Agenda Item**

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

**3. Reason for Board Action**

The IGA requires authorization by the jurisdiction’s governing body in order for the jurisdiction to participate in the IGA. The Board may authorize the IGA by adoption of a resolution.

**4. Type of Action:**

- Resolution
- Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Background**

The purpose of the IGA is to establish an intergovernmental organization (Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO)) to strengthen and coordinate the Region’s disaster preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities, and to enhance its disaster resilience. The IGA outlines the operational, administrative and financial processes needed to manage and support the RDPO. The parties to the IGA are comprised of counties, cities, regional governments and special districts within Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah and Washington counties in Oregon, and Clark County in Washington. The RDPO participants will include the government agencies under the IGA, as well as non-governmental organizations, and

private-sector stakeholders in the Portland Metropolitan region. The RDPO was formed to build upon and unify various existing regional preparedness efforts in the Portland Metropolitan region. The RDPO replaces the Regional Emergency Management Group (REMG), of which TriMet was a member.

Natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other emergency incidents can affect multiple jurisdictions. Major disasters, such as earthquakes, create large-scale impacts that require outside assistance even for the most prepared government agencies. Regional collaboration builds disaster preparedness capabilities, and develops roles and relationships for efficient disaster response and recovery. The RDPO builds and maintains regional disaster preparedness capabilities in the Portland Metropolitan region through strategic and coordinated planning, training and exercising, and investment in technology and specialized equipment.

TriMet has long-standing partnerships with city and county police, fire, and emergency planning organizations throughout the TriMet district. It enjoys, high-level emergency responder support in the planning and coordination of disasters and other emergency situations involving the transit system. The Board's authorization of the IGA will formalize TriMet's commitment to and support of partnership-based coordination of disaster and emergency situation planning for the Portland Metropolitan region with other governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private-sector stakeholders.

#### **6. Financial/Budget Impact**

The funding commitment required by the IGA for TriMet to participate on the RDPO Steering Committee is \$11,667, annually.

#### **7. Impact if Not Approved**

The Board could elect not to approve the IGA, with staff continuing working-level partnerships for disaster planning. However, approving the IGA will secure TriMet's participation in the RDPO and on the RDPO Steering Committee, where direction is given for the region's strategic alignment for disaster management plans and coordination.

RESOLUTION 15-01-05

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TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING  
AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR CREATION OF A REGIONAL  
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 and ORS Chapter 190 to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with regional government agencies for creation of a Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) (“Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the Agreement require TriMet’s governing body to authorize the Agreement in order for TriMet to participate in the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the TriMet Board of Directors (“Board”) constitutes TriMet’s governing body, which may authorize the Agreement by adoption of a resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Agreement shall be in conformance with applicable laws.
2. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute the Agreement.

Dated: January 28, 2015

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Presiding Officer

Attest:

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Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:

  
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Legal Department