

**APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

Project Title: Portland to Milwaukie New Starts Light Rail Project

Organization Name and address:

Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District (TriMet)
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Project Location Address (if different from Organization): Project offices located at 710 NE Holladay St., Portland, OR 97232

Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity: TriMet is a municipal corporation providing public transportation in much of the three counties in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. TriMet operates a comprehensive transit network including a 44-mile, 64 station MAX light rail system, 93 bus lines, 15-mile commuter rail service, service for seniors and people with disabilities, and enhanced amenities and information.

Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.) The Project will construct new light rail transit connecting downtown Portland with the city of Milwaukie and northern Clackamas County and points in-between. The project will serve the Central City, the South Waterfront District, the Central Eastside Industrial District, Southeast Portland neighborhoods, the Milwaukie Town Center, and the urbanized portion of Clackamas County. The project will add

approximately 7.3 miles of new double-track to the existing regional light rail network, construct 10 new stations, add approximately 2,000 park-and-ride spaces, and construct an exclusive transitway between SW 1st Avenue and SE 8th Avenue as part of a new bridge across the Willamette River for pedestrians, bicycles, buses, light rail, and potentially streetcar in the future.

Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes.

If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

FY 2007 Department of Transportation Section 5307 \$2,000,082 (grant OR-95-X012 to Metro for SDEIS)

What is the federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives Fund): SAFETEA-LU or successor; Department of Transportation; Federal Transit Administration; Section 5309 New Starts program

What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The new alignment would have the long-term capacity of approximately 5,320 persons per hour (at the peak load point), equivalent to the capacity of approximately 3.5 additional highway lanes in a corridor that has no viable or available funds for additional highway lanes. In 2030, the Yellow MAX line, between the existing Expo Center station in north Portland and the new SE Park Avenue station in Milwaukie, would connect with a one-seat ride 123,600 residents and 221,200 jobs within its station areas.

In-vehicle transit travel times between downtown Milwaukie and downtown Portland would be reduced to 25 minutes, compared to 28 minutes for automobiles and 37 minutes for buses. Similarly, transit times to Portland State University would be 19 minutes, compared to 28 minutes for automobiles and 40 minutes for buses.

Construction activities generate jobs in three ways: direct employment tied to the job site; indirect employment through manufacturing building materials or design professions, legal, accounting and real estate; and multiplier or ancillary work in other service areas, whereby income from the first two categories is spent on goods and services, such as retail, restaurants, etc.

Economists currently use a factor of 20 jobs per million dollars of construction to estimate jobs created by projects. The construction component of this project is estimated at \$598,759,000, resulting in approximately 11,975 jobs.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who? This funding request will be sent to Rep. David Wu (OR-1), Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR-3), Senator Jeff Merkley (OR) and Senator Ron Wyden (OR).

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$1,417,596

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$25,000,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.) Amounts in millions, rounded

State of Oregon	\$250.0
MTIP	\$ 72.5
In Kind	\$38.0
Project Interest	\$100.0
<u>Other local</u>	<u>\$106.5</u>
Total	\$567.0

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

Yes

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000): Funds will be used for preliminary engineering and final design. Amounts in millions, rounded

Preliminary Engineering	
Civil	\$ 4.75
Bridge	\$ 3.25

Systems	\$ 1.50
Architecture, urban design	\$.50
Environmental	\$ 2.00
Intergovernmental agreements	\$ 2.00
Program Management	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
Subtotal	\$20.00

Final Design	\$ 5.00
Total	\$25.00

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Public organizations: City of Portland, City of Milwaukie, Clackamas County, Multnomah County, Portland Development Commission, Metro, City of Oregon City, Oregon Department of Transportation.

Letters of support provided by
Rick Williams, Lloyd District TMA/BPM Development LLC and member of Citizens Advisory Committee

Neil Hankerson, Dark Horse Comics, and member of Citizens Advisory Committee

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?): Yes. TriMet will apply federal funds received toward preliminary engineering and final design activities. TriMet anticipates that a Full Funding Grant Agreement will memorialize the funding arrangements with the Federal Transit Administration.