

## HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee – Answers to Questions from February 28, 2020 Meeting

1. Question: How many of the approximately 30,000 Low Income Fare participants have access to first/last mile services?

Answer: TriMet doesn't track this information, but presumably, the vast majority of the Low Income Fare participants have access to TriMet service.

2. Question: Is outreach and education for the Low Income Fare paid for with STIF funds?

Answer: Yes. STIF funds are used to administer the program, which includes outreach and education.

3. Question: Was the new property on Columbia purchased with STIF funds?

Answer: No STIF funds were used to purchase the property for the future Columbia Garage. In fact, the property was purchased before the STIF plan was submitted to ODOT.

4. Question: Can additional STIF funds be put into a reserve fund to be used at a later date?

Answer: No. The legislation requires us to submit a plan explaining how we would use the STIF funds. They must be spent no later than 3 years after they've been disbursed to the Qualified Entity.

5. Question: Can we submit two STIF plans with the intent of choosing to move forward on one of them depending on the outcome of Metro's November transportation ballot measure?

Answer: No. We can only submit one STIF plan on November 1. The plan must reflect our intended use of the STIF monies.

6. Question: Can we see ridership data for youth?

Answer: Ridership data for youth is incomplete for FY19 because the HOP card system wasn't fully integrated into TriMet's youth fare programs (e.g., the PPS program, Access Transit program, etc.). The HOP card system became integrated with TriMet's youth fare programs in fall 2019. Using HOP card tap data between September 2019 and February 2020, and using summer 2019 data, we can estimate that youth fares were on track to reach 4.6 million for FY20. However, this estimate undercounts the true total because it doesn't include cash fares.

7. Request: We would like a refresher on TriMet's youth fare programs.

Answer: Go to: <https://trimet.org/fares/youth.htm> and <https://trimet.org/accesstransit/highschool.htm>

8. Question: Are there matching funds that cities can provide?

Answer: The committee can choose to require cities to provide matching funds as a pre-condition to an investment of HB 2017 funds in their jurisdictions.

9. Request: Information about cost of operations.

Answer: It costs approximately \$103.00 per hour to operate a standard TriMet bus.