

WHEREAS, Tri-Met is the agency that oversees public transportation in the Portland metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Metro is currently the regional planning agency for the Tri-Met Region;

WHEREAS, Tri-Met's budget of over \$507,000,000 funds bus and light rail service;

WHEREAS, Most of Tri-Met's funding comes from people living in the area served by Tri-Met, including both passenger fares and a special Portland-area payroll tax;

WHEREAS, This major agency is not under the direct control of the people who use and fund it since the governor of the State of Oregon appoints a seven-member board to govern the agency;

WHEREAS, The Portland area already has the only elected regional government body in the United States in the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, The Metro Council charter allows it to assume control of Tri-Met;

THEREFORE, We the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon, Resolve as follows:

1. That we support the dissolution of the Tri-Met Board of Directors and the vesting of all governing authority over the Tri-Met system in the elected Metro Council;
2. That Washington County's elected representatives on the Metro Council and all candidates for such office shall be asked to provide a definite statement of whether they will support and advocate for governing authority over Tri-Met to be transferred to that Council; and
3. That this resolution be forwarded to the Multnomah and Clackamas County Democratic Parties.

Resolution submitted by Patrick Maguire, R&PC Member – March 29, 2018

Approved by R&PC – May 3, 2018