

HB 2017 Public Transit Provisions

Transit Provisions

- 90% returned to district
- Citizen committee
- OTC reviews plans
- Plans must address:
 - Improving or extending routes to low income communities
 - Purchase of natural gas or electric buses
 - Reducing fares for low income
 - Coordination of services inside & outside districts

Timing - Draft

- Payroll tax effective July 2018
- Final rule May ~2018
- Funds available ~Jan. 2019
- Bus purchase 2 year lag
- TriMet planning now for Sept. 2018 & March 2019
- Given lead time, need to begin now

Low Income Fare

- TriMet committed to implement low income fare with new funds
- Advisory committee recommendation: 50% at 200% of federal poverty level
- ~70,000 max. could qualify
- ~\$12m annual cost at full implementation

New Service – *Preliminary Sketch*

- ~5+ yr. phase in
- Service Enhancement Plan framework
- Changing demographics & ridership
- Community input
- Advisory Committee
- OTC Approval

New Service FY19 – Sketch

- Frequent Service more frequent
- New Frequent Service
- Route changes or extensions
- New lines
- Employment access

HB 2017 Advisory Committee

- Geographic representation
- Seniors
- People with Disabilities
- Youth
- Communities of Color
- Environmental
- Employers
- Education
- Alternative modes & providers

Big Questions – Big Challenges

- Responding to demand & growing ridership
- Bus purchase & employee training
- Diesel or electric?
- Traditional or articulated?
- 4th operations center?
- Enhanced transit corridors

Questions

