

# Expansion of Honored Citizen Qualification

Active Duty and Veterans in the  
United States Armed Forces

Board Meeting  
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# Expansion of Honored Citizen Fare Qualification

- Include individuals who are both Active Duty and Veterans of United States Armed Forces as eligible for the Honored Citizen fare
- Would benefit from half-fare 2.5hr and daily fares and 72% off monthly fare with fare capping

# Agency Implications

- Fares providing benefit for both veterans and active duty are very uncommon.
- TriMet would be the first large transit agency to offer a fare benefit to both veterans and active duty military

# Financial Impact

- ~51,000 veterans age 18-64 in tri-county area
- ~10,000 active duty in the state
- Estimating 10% of veterans currently take transit an average of 4 rides per week

Est. Monthly Adult Revenue	Est. Monthly HC Revenue	Est. Monthly Lost Revenue
\$244,000	\$122,000	\$122,000

# Title VI

- The proposal to include the Veteran/Active Duty qualification does not present a Disparate Impact
- The proposal to include the Veteran/Active Duty qualification does not present a potential Disproportionate Burden

# Findings

- ~10% of veterans have incomes below the designated Federal Poverty Level
- ~11% of veterans between the ages of 18 to 64 live in households reporting food insecurity
- Veterans representing racial groups other than white report higher levels of housing instability

# Outreach and Community Engagement

- Focused outreach with identified community based organizations, 22 current community partners servicing veterans, and the VA
- Veterans Employee Resource Group (ERG)
- Marketing and digital campaign

# HC Expansion Launch

- **Veteran's Day (observed) November 10, 2023**



# Questions and Comments