A RESOLUTION establishing and adopting a Transportation Partnership Policy consistent with Washington's statewide Public Transportation Plan for Jefferson Transit Authority (JTA)

WHEREAS, as provided in Washington's Statewide Public Transportation Plan, there are inherent benefits for fostering value-added partnerships with privately owned transportation providers that will result in more effective and efficient public transportation options for the residents of the state of Washington, including persons residing in Jefferson County, Washington, which constitutes JTA's service area; and

WHEREAS, JTA desires to establish a transportation partnership policy to ensure safe and responsible utilization of JTA owned and operated transportation facilities and park and ride lots for various forms of public transportation as defined in the statewide transportation plan, to include, but not limited to: charter bus; commuter bus; private vanpool; intercity bus; airport shuttle; corporate bus and volunteer driver programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Jefferson County Public Transportation Benefit Area d/b/a Jefferson Transit Authority (JTA) will endeavor to promote safe and appropriate utilization of its transportation facilities and park and ride lots for the above stated purposes and hereby establishes and adopts the below policies and procedures to ensure the maximum legitimate use of its facilities for their intended purposes:

1. Private transportation providers desiring to utilize JTA transportation facilities shall submit a request, in writing, to the JTA General Manager specifying and outlining the details of the requests, the applicants' proposed uses of the facilities, and the benefits to be derived by JTA and/or the residents of Jefferson County, Washington if the requests are approved by JTA.

2. Upon receipt of a written request, the General Manager will determine whether the request and proposed use are in compliance with applicable local, state, federal laws and requirements and are consistent with and further JTA policies, purposes, and requirements, and whether the applicant's proposed use of the facilities will benefit Jefferson County residents and will positively complement JTA's transportation operations and services.

3. If the General Manager determines, in his or her sole and absolute discretion, that the request and proposed use are consistent with the above, will benefit the residents of Jefferson County, and will positively complement JTA's operations and services, the General Manager may consult with the Washington State Insurance Pool (WSTIP) and/or the JTA Attorney to determine the appropriate level of insurance coverage to be provided by the applicant if the request is approved.

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Chair

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- 4. Within thirty (30) calendar days of JTA's receipt of the written request, the General Manager will endeavor to approve, with or without additional requirements and/or conditions imposed by the General Manager, or deny the request and to notify the applicant in writing of the action taken by the General Manager. If the request is approved with imposed requirements and/or conditions, those imposed conditions and/or requirements should be set out in the action notification given by JTA to the applicant. The action taken by the General Manager in connection with the request is in the nature of a purely discretionary decision that shall be final and conclusive and shall not be subject to administrative appeal.
- 5. With regard to an approved request upon JTA's receipt of all required documentation requested of the applicant, the General Manager will prepare a License Agreement with terms and conditions acceptable to the General Manager, to be signed by the authorized representatives of JTA and the applicant. The License Agreement shall not be effective until it is approved by the JTA Board of Directors and signed by an authorized representative of JTA. The initial term of any License Agreement should typically not exceed 5 years unless a longer durational term is approved by the JTA Board.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned duly qualified Clerk of the Board, acting on behalf of the Jefferson County Public Transportation Benefit Area, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Jefferson Transit Authority Board held on July 21, 2015.

Vice Chair

Member

Attest:

Clerk of the Board