## RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

## A RESOLUTION OF THE COWLITZ TRANSIT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS AND AUTHORIZING RIVERCITIES TRANSIT STAFF TO DESIGNATE DATES WHEN FARES WILL BE WAIVED FOR ALL RIDERS

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz Transit Authority has regularly approved dates on which fares are waived for all RiverCities Transit riders, coinciding with community events such as the Project Homeless Connect held in January and the Veterans Stand Down held in October; and

WHEREAS, waiving fares for all riders promotes public transit use and knowledge in the community and increases RiverCities Transit ridership; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Public Transportation Services states in part that "[t]he City of Longview, in its operation of the aforesaid public transportation system, shall collect such fares as shall be determined by the Cowlitz Transit Authority, and ...", and "[t]he routes to be traveled by the public transportation services pursuant to this agreement, the fares to be charged, and the times of operation, shall be as determined by the governing body of the Cowlitz Transit Authority."; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriate and beneficial requests may be received or opportunities identified by RiverCities Transit staff to waive fares, and the meeting schedule for the Cowlitz Transit Authority board to approve such waiving of fares may jeopardize the opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority as follows:

Section 1. Fixed-route and paratransit service fares are waived for all RiverCities Transit riders on the dates of the Veterans Stand Down and the Project Homeless Connect.

Section 2. The City of Longview Transit Manager and Public Works Director are each authorized to designate additional dates on which fixed-route and paratransit service fares are waived.

Section 3. The total number of dates on which fixed-route and paratransit service fares may be waived are limited to twelve (12) days per calendar year, unless otherwise approved by the Cowlitz Transit Authority.

PASSED by the Cowlitz Transit Authority in regular session and approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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