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AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE
TRANSPORTATION FEE

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REPORT: Board Resolution 09-080 granted the authority to implement a flat \$4 transportation fee for students enrolled with 3 or more credit hours in support of the College's Traffic Demand Management Plan and sustainability initiative. All proceeds from the fee are used by Transportation and Parking Services to subsidize TriMet's Student Select Bus Pass. TriMet implemented the Student Select Bus Pass program and established the criteria for the minimum 3 credit hour student eligibility requirement. The student purchase price for the pass is \$190 per term with a savings of over \$110 versus acquiring a monthly pass directly from Tri-Met.

Currently, Transportation and Parking Services subsidizes approximately 4,800 student select passes annually; however, the demand is much higher than what can be funded by the proceeds of the \$4 fee. During the District Student Council Meeting on January 23, 2015, student government voted unanimously to support a \$4 transportation fee increase with the understanding that additional funds generated would be used to increase the availability of subsidized Tri-Met Student Select Passes. This increase will be implemented at the start of the FY 15-17 biennium and will double the number of Student Select Passes available for eligible students to purchase. The entire proceeds of the Transportation Fee will continue to be used to fund subsidized bus passes based on the criteria described above.

This proposal has been presented and approved by the College President, the President's Cabinet and the Budget and Planning Advisory Committee (BPAC).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors authorize an increase to the Transportation Fee effective Term 2015 from \$4 to \$8 per student enrolled in 3 or more credit hours as described in the REPORT section.