

**COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
RESOLUTION: CCTA-2012-02**

**Title: Resolution to authorize to conduct a majority vote referendum
for Social Security coverage of a retirement system group**

This resolution applies only to persons occupying public employees retirement system positions for Columbia County Public Transportation.

Whereas, by Public Law 761 of the second session, 83rd Congress, and Chapter 4, Laws of Extraordinary Session of 1955, Congress and the legislature of the State of Washington have expressed their intent that the benefits of the federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) program may be made available at their option to members of existing public retirement systems, in addition to and without any reduction or impairment of the protection and benefits afforded by such systems; and

Whereas, Columbia County Public Transportation desires to offer Social Security coverage to its eligible employees;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Columbia County Transportation Authority Board does hereby adopt the following resolution:

SECTION 1: It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of the Columbia County Transportation Authority Board to extend the provisions of RCW 41.48.030, providing Social Security coverage to eligible employees of Columbia County Public Transportation.

SECTION 2: In pursuance of this policy, Columbia County Transportation Authority Board requests the Department of Retirement Systems, as the duly designated State Social Security Administrator, to supervise a majority vote referendum, under Section 218(d)(3) of the Social Security Act, for eligible employees who are members of the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). The majority vote referendum will be conducted pursuant to applicable State and Federal laws and regulations for the purpose of allowing eligible employees, as a retirement system group, the opportunity of paying the Social Security tax.

SECTION 3: The Chairperson of the Columbia County Transportation Authority Board is authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the State of Washington to secure Social Security coverage of eligible employees as provided in Section 1.

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SECTION 4: If the referendum is favorable, the coverage of eligible employees shall be effective as of January 1, 2013.

SECTION 5: Withholdings from salaries or wages of employees for the purpose provided in Section 1 of this resolution are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, and shall be paid to the Internal Revenue Service, in such amounts and at such times as are designated in IRS Code 3121(b)(7)(E) and 3126.

SECTION 6: Employer contributions shall be paid from amounts appropriated for such purposes to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with applicable Federal laws.

SECTION 7: Columbia County Public Transportation shall maintain such records and submit such reports as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws or regulations.

SECTION 8: This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Done in regular sessions this 20th day of March,
2012.



Chairman, CCPT Board

Attest:



Stephanie Guettinger, Manager

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