

## Joint Labor-Management Committee Commute Options & Parking COMMITTEE REPORT 24-04

Date: January 11, 2024

To: JLMC-COP

From: Staff

Subject: Allow Metro Bike Share for TSR

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## **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**:

That the JLMC-COP approve the Metro Bike Share program as an eligible mode of transportation for the COMMUTEwell Transit Subsidy Reimbursement program.

## DISCUSSION:

The Metro Bike Share program is a bicycle sharing system that provides a network of bicycles for short-term use, typically through automated, self-service docking stations. This program is designed to offer a convenient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly transportation alternative for short trips within urban areas. Riders can rent bikes for short periods, usually ranging from 30 minutes to a day, and return them to any docking station in the network. The system is often used in tandem with other public transportation options, such as buses and trains, to facilitate multimodal commuting and can provide "last mile" transportation to commuters' destinations.

Through the COMMUTEwell Transit Subsidy Reimbursement Program, eligible employees can receive reimbursement for their commute-related bus, commuter train, and light rail expenses. However, according to the current rules, the program does not allow employees to be reimbursed for Metro Bike Share expenses. The formal inclusion of the Metro Bike Share program as an eligible transit option would provide a valuable resource for employees and further encourage the use of car-alternative commuting. Therefore, staff recommends that the Joint Labor-Management Committee on Commute Options and Parking (JLMC-COP) approve the Metro Bike Share program as an eligible mode of transportation for the COMMUTEwell Transit Subsidy Reimbursement program.

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