

Reimbursements from Seattle Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund (2015)

There are three types of reimbursement provided for by Rule CPU-07-2015:

1. Dispatched wheelchair passenger trips (e.g., extra time required for wheelchair loading and tie down) reimbursed at the rate of \$20 for owner-drivers and lease drivers.
2. Wheelchair-accessible taxicab shifts (e.g., higher fuel costs for vans) of four hours or more reimbursed at the rate of \$15 per shift.
3. Allowable maintenance and equipment costs (e.g., cost of configuring van to become wheelchair-accessible) with receipts, which are fully reimbursed.

Owner-drivers are eligible for all three types of reimbursement. Lease drivers are eligible for wheelchair passenger trip reimbursement, and their lease is reduced the equivalent of \$15 per shift.

The totals for three types of reimbursement from the Wheelchair Accessible Services Fund (WASF), from their various start dates to the end of the first full year (Dec. 31, 2015), are summarized by this report.

Reimbursement Type	Total Number	Total Amount of Reimbursements	Reimbursement Period
Wheelchair passenger trips (WPT)	7,033	\$140,660.00	Nov. 12, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2015 (13 1/2 months)
WAT shifts (>4 hours)	8,704	\$130,560.00	June 1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2015 (Seven months)
Maintenance and Equipment costs	44 WAT ^A	\$124,940.78	Jan. 1, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2015 (Three years)
Total		\$396,160.78	

^A One WAT owner was new and had no costs to submit for Maintenance + Equipment reimbursement. There are a total of 45 dual-medallion WAT eligible for reimbursement from the WASF.

The per-month average numbers of WAT drivers, wheelchair passenger trips per WAT, WAT shifts and reimbursements were computed using the last four months of 2015, when monthly data became available. This provides the most recent data and allows comparisons of figures derived from the same period of time.

Reimbursement Type	Average Units	Average Reimbursement	Comments ^B
Wheelchair passenger trips (WPT)	11.24 trips/WAT/month (66 drivers/month)	\$153.33 per driver/month	Based on last four months of 2015
WAT shifts (>4 hours)	32.65 shifts/WAT/month (45 WAT)	\$489.75 per owner/month	Based on last four months of 2015
Maintenance and Equipment costs	44 WAT ^A	\$2,839.56 per owner/year	Based on last four months of 2015

^B Monthly driver, trip and shift data is available beginning with September 2015. Previously, reimbursements covered multiple months, and it was not possible to compute the average number of drivers per month.

To assess the economic impact of the WASF reimbursements on operating and capital costs for the typical WAT owner or driver, “average” reimbursement amounts were computed:

WPT. Using monthly data available beginning in September 2015, the average number of WAT drivers per month (owner-drivers or lease drivers) was 66 (September – 75, October – 69, November – 66 and

December – 55). (See: *Wheelchair Passenger Trip Reimbursement Report*.) The average monthly WPT reimbursement per driver during the period was \$153.33. This was computed by averaging the monthly WPT reimbursements and dividing by the average number of drivers: [(September: \$12,060 + October: \$11,460 + November: \$12,500 + December: \$4,460)/4 months]/66 drivers = \$10,120/66 = \$153.33.

WAT Shifts. The monthly WAT shift reimbursements during the last four months of 2015 averaged \$22,038.75 (September: \$17,295 + October: \$26,160 + November: \$21,690 + December: \$23,010). The average monthly WAT shift reimbursement per owner was \$489.75 (\$22,038.75/45 WAT owners). The average monthly number of shifts per WAT was 32.65 (\$489.75/\$15 reimbursement per shift).

Maintenance + Equipment (M+E) Costs. The total M+E cost reimbursements for 2015 amounted to \$124,940.78. The average annual M+E reimbursement per WAT owner was \$2,839.56 (\$124,940.78/44 WAT). The cap for this reimbursement was \$3,500.

WAT operating statistics for the first year of WASF reimbursements are as follows:

Measurement	Average	Comments
Shifts per WAT	1.09 shifts per day (Seven shifts/week)	Based on last four months of 2015
Wheelchair passenger trips (WPT) per shift	0.34 WPT per shift	Based on last four months of 2015

Daily Shifts per WAT. The average monthly shifts per WAT during the last four months of 2015 was 32.65 [see “WAT Shifts” above]. The average daily shifts per WAT was 1.09 (32.65/30 days per month). This assumes the average WAT works seven days per week.

WPT per Shift. The average wheelchair passenger trips per shift for the last four months of 2015 are 0.34 (11.24 WPT per month/32.65 WAT shifts per month).