

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MASON TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD
ADOPTING A REVISED SHARED LEAVE POLICY.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-02, Mason Transit Authority adopted a Shared Leave Policy (POL200); and

WHEREAS, shared leave does not meet the condition of a qualifying event for the donor employee necessitating clarification in the Shared Leave policy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MASON TRANSIT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AREA AUTHORITY BOARD that the revised Shared Leave Policy (POL200), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, be established and adopted.

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2018.

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DATE:

December 18, 2018



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POL-200 DONATING AND RECEIVING SHARED LEAVE

This policy applies to all Mason Transit Authority (MTA) employees who have completed probation.

1.0 Policy

This policy permits employees to share their accrued vacation or sick leave with an eligible employee whose leave balances may be depleted by reason of extraordinary, catastrophic severe illness or injury involving the employee or their immediate family.

2.0 Employees Must Meet Criteria Set Forth to Qualify for Shared Leave

MTA has established that employees must meet specific criteria to receive shared leave. Eligibility will be determined by the Human Resources Manager based on these criteria:

- Donee's total accrued leave balances must be exhausted, or will be exhausted, according to MTA's policies for the use of leave.
- The Donee must submit documentation from a primary healthcare provider verifying the Donee suffers from, or has an immediate family member suffering from, an extraordinary, catastrophic severe illness, injury or impairment, or physical or mental condition.
- The Donee's job is one in which vacation and sick leave can be accrued and used.
- The Donee is ineligible for Worker's Compensation, unemployment, state retirement, or long-term disability insurance.
- The condition has caused or is likely to cause the Donee to go on leave without pay.
- The Donee has not received more than a total of 600 hours of shared leave throughout the term of their employment.

3.0 Employees Must Request Shared Leave through the Human Resources Manager

All shared leave requests will be coordinated through the Human Resources Manager. The request shall include:

- Verbal or written statement requesting shared leave.
- Supporting evidence of need for shared leave, including appropriate medical documentation and/or justification.
- Length of time the Donee employee can reasonably be expected to be absent due to condition.
- Amount of shared leave hours requested.
- Confirmation from requesting employee if the request be anonymous.



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4.0 Employee Shall Not Receive More Than the Amount Necessary to Cover Time Off

Employee requesting shared leave shall not receive more than the amount necessary to cover the time off from work for the condition for which leave is requested.

5.0 Personal Situation Kept Confidential

Personal situation and reason for needing shared leave will be kept confidential by Human Resources and management without specific authorization from the employee receiving the donated leave.

6.0 Donations will be Kept Confidential

The names of those donating vacation or sick leave to an individual is confidential and will not be released to the employee receiving donations.

7.0 Leave Balances Must Stay Above 40 Hours of MTASL Sick Leave and 40 hours of Vacation Leave

Employees wishing to donate Vacation or MTASL Sick Leave must have actual hours accrued and are required to reserve a minimum of 40 hours of vacation and 40 hours of MTASL Sick Leave for their own needs. Sick leave hours earned through POL-309 Washington Paid Sick Leave policy are not eligible for shared leave donation.

8.0 Terminating Employees

Employees who have given notice to separate may not donate or receive donated vacation or sick leave.

9.0 All Donations Shall be Voluntary

No coercion, threats, intimidation or financially induced efforts will be tolerated. Such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

10.0 Donation Acknowledged in Writing

All donations will be screened to ensure compliance with #7, then accepted by Human Resources and acknowledged in writing.

11.0 Return of Shared Leave to Donor

Unused shared leave may not be returned until the Donee employee is released to work and has obtained a statement indicating the employee's condition has been resolved. To the extent administratively feasible, the unused leave which was transferred by more than one employee shall be returned on a pro rata basis (see RCW 41.04.665).



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12.0 Leave will be Donated Hour for Hour

No consideration is given to the dollar value of the leave donated. All donations are on an hour-for-hour basis and in one-hour increments. An employee receiving and using shared leave hours from another employee is paid for such hours based on the receiving employee's work schedule and at the receiving employee's rate of pay.

13.0 Employee Maintains Status

While on shared leave, the requesting employee maintains their regular status and benefits with MTA until exhaustion of FMLA.

14.0 FMLA Will Run Concurrent

Shared leave will run concurrent with FMLA leave as required by MTA policy and law.