



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 30
12 to 1 pm

STIF Advisory Committee Attendees

Allen Dendy
Dennis Marston
Keya Rohovit-Wrolson
Shannon Dearth
Josh Smith
Andrea Breault
Kim Curley

COIC Staff

Derek Hofbauer

Jefferson County Staff

Jerry Brummer

Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees were asked to sign in and make introductions to the group.

Public Comment Period

- No public comments

Review and approval of April 4, 2019 meeting minutes

- The committee unanimously approved meeting minutes.

Advisory Committee member terms

- Bylaws were established last year that determined staggered terms for committee members and any committee members with a 2019-term have been reappointed until December 2021. Josh Smith was officially appointed as Committee Chair in January, 2020. It was also noted that Nick Widmer resigned his position on the committee, as he no longer works for the Crook County Public Health Department.

Review of projects funded

- Saturday service on Route 26 (as well as other regional Community Connectors) started on February 1. The first five Saturdays in February are free for Saturday service. CET will continue to monitor success and will report back on those metrics (ridership, number of miles).

- Project 3 - Adding more evening commute trips on Route 26 for choice riders and students. A vehicle was purchased on Jan 8 for this service and it takes 10 months to procure a bus. This project is important because getting back to Prineville was difficult and the bus is too early leaving Redmond. The majority of demand in the evening is from Redmond to Prineville. Ms. Breault asked about ideas for additional routes to add frequency. It was noted that adding stops to avoid transfers is ideal.
- Project 5 – Marketing and outreach funds are being used to promote the enhanced system and produce graphics and signage that include the Saturday schedules.
- Project 6 – small city local service enhancements. The current dial-a-ride service just goes to lower Davis. Dial-A-Ride is not currently available in Powell Butte. There is a need to make some considerations between coverage and service. The shopper/medical shuttle is a hybrid model (e.g. customers can meet at a certain location and the bus picks them up and drops them off at various popular destinations). Ms. Rohovit-Wrolson asked if STIF funds be used for a bike rack. It was noted the new bus includes a bike rack. It was also noted Juniper canyon is a difficult area to serve with transit. Mr. Smith noted a designated meeting place is ideal. Other potential areas for a stop includes the hospital, as there will be a walking path eventually (Ochoco Plaza). Commissioner Brumer indicated a park and ride might be ideal near Juniper Canyon. Two hour to four hour intervals would be ideal. This would be aligned with CET's community connector schedule. Mr. Marston asked for more service in Powell Butte. There are concerns with seniors needing transportation access. Mr. Brummer mentioned the idea of a bus that was interlined to reach the Brasada Ranch, as there are a lot of employment opportunities. He also mentioned the Country Store just expanded their parking lot, which would allow for a better stop location near Powell Butte.
- Project 7 – COIC admin fee for administrating the program for Crook County.

STIF payroll estimates updates

- Private and non-profit operators are eligible to pursue STIF funds, with the caveat that those services must benefit the overall regional public transportation system.

STIF/STF consolidation 2021-2023 biennium funding cycle and next steps

- Mr. Hofbauer explained that the Special Transportation Fund (STF), which supports transportation projects for seniors and those who experience disabilities, has experienced a budget shortfall. ODOT convened an advisory committee to recommend approaches for consolidate STIF and STF programs.
- There are two proposed concepts:

- Concept A – Greater distribution of funds by payroll
- Concept B – Greater distribution by population, which could benefit the rural counties.
- Any necessary changes to the bylaws will be made once a concept is determined, but that won't likely occur until the next biennium.
- The next STIF project solicitation is due in November.
- Mr. Hofbauer mentioned that CET applied for a Mobility for All grant that, if funded, will help to fill in transportation services gaps.

Meeting Adjourned