

Jefferson County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting Agenda Thursday, December 3 2 to 3 pm



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- 2:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 2:05 Public Comment Period
- 2:10 Review and approval of January 28, 2020 meeting minutes
- 2:15 2019-2021 STIF funding and project implementation update
- 2:25 Overview of 2021-2023 STIF funding criteria, eligibility, and application timelines
- 2:35 Review of proposed STIF Discretionary projects
- 2:45 Project ideas and discussion for 2021-2023 projects
- 2:55 Advisory Committee member term expirations
- 3:00 Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 27
3:30 to 5 pm



STIF Advisory Committee Attendees

Pat Hanenkrat
Sam Robinson
Emma Mae Smith
Ken Bicart
Elaine Henderson
Cora Ives
Naomi Jacks

COIC Staff

Derek Hofbauer
Ashley Hooper

Jefferson County Staff

Jeff Rasmussen

Public members

Laura Moore

Welcome and Introductions

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

Public Comment Period

- Laura Moore shared that many of the veterans that she serves live outside of the Dial-A-Ride service area. This makes it difficult for people to age in their home because they cannot access doctor's appointments or get to the grocery store. Not having reliable transportation puts veterans populations at risk and ultimately will increase costs on the system overall.
 - Mr. Hofbauer mentioned that CET applied for a Mobility for All grant that, if funded, will help to fill in transportation services gaps. He mentioned that it is important to identify gaps in transportation services for veterans in CET's Regional Transit Master Plan.
- Sam Robinson added that there is crowding on buses on Route 22 and Route 24.
 - Mr. Hofbauer mentioned that the time that the buses are crowded is due to an influx of RPA students during the beginning of the school year.
- Emma Mae Smith mentioned that there is a bus driver that speeds through Warm Springs and she is concerned about safety. She asked how bus drivers were selected.

- Ms. Breault responded that there is a 4-week training program for bus drivers and additional training after that for air brakes, blood borne pathogens, and Narcan.
- Ms. Smith also mentioned that she wants to see more outreach regarding Saturday service.
- Mr. Hofbauer mentioned that more can be posted on the website regarding future meetings.
- Mr. Robinson mentioned that many people that experience Intellectual Development Disorders (IDD) prefer to work with their Personal Support Workers (PSW) rather than riding the bus. How can we reach more of these people?
 - First Choice/Employment First Meeting would be a great place to discuss options. He mentioned that there are new hires. It would be helpful to know if there are Personal Support Worker support groups in Jefferson County.
- Ms. Moore asked why PSWs are charged when trying to use transit with those whom they are working.
 - Andrea said that if the individual works with an organization or program, there could be possibility that the fares are subsidized. In Madras (unlike Bend), Dial-A-Ride is open to the general public. Ms. Hooper can work with groups to find options.
- Mr. Bicart asked if the situation with PacificSource was figured out.
 - In April, the call center will be transitioned to LogistiCare.
- He also asked how many people have ridden the bus to see what it is like (a few confirmed).
- He mentioned that he went to Warm Springs and he was impressed by how precise the route and schedule was. He encouraged the committee members to try the bus system.

Review and approval of April 2, 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. In January, 2020, Pat Hanenkrat was officially appointed as Committee Chair and John Smallwood was officially appointed as Vice Chair.

Review of projects funded

- Ms. Breault noted CET submitted a plan to ODOT and explained the 130% list. A total of nine projects in the 100% list were funded and are currently underway.

- CET is added mid-day and evening runs to Community Connector services to help with bus crowding and to attract choice riders.
- Introduction of Saturday Service on Route 22 (Warm Springs to Redmond) – those costs were shared with Deschutes County.
- Carry forward fund project
- Purchase of a Community Connector bus
- Service to Crooked River Ranch (funded by Deschutes County but the new bus will run the service)
- In November, CET and potential other entities will be applying for STIF Formula and Discretionary Funds. Mr. Smallwood asked about the stability of the funding to which Ms. Breault and Ms. Conley stated it is a sustainable and long-term funding source.
- Ms. Jaks asked about how to get to places within Redmond. Ms. Breault outlined regional aspects of the existing transit system, including recreational services. A deviated flex-route service will be initiated in Redmond in 2021.
- It was noted that Crooked River Ranch would like a park and ride.
- Mr. Rasmusson noted decisions are currently being made regarding the transit center.

STIF payroll estimates updates

- It was shared that private and nonprofit operators are eligible to pursue STIF funds. While these entities will be eligible to apply for funds, their services must benefit the overall regional public transportation system.
- STIF doubles the current budget of CET and STIF is considered in the funding scenarios for the Transit Master Plan. To review the draft service and capitals plans, visit the [TMP project page](#).

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. The state legislature tasked ODOT to convene a 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.

Meeting Adjourned