

Monday, December 9
11 am to Noon
Jefferson County Annex



MEETING MINUTES

Committee members attending:

- Regina Macko
- Ronald Cummings
- Elaine Henderson
- Naomi Jacks

Staff members attending:

- Jeff Rasmussen
- Theresa Conley (phone)
- Andrea Breault
- Derek Hofbauer

Introductions

STF meeting minutes from March 8 were reviewed and approved.

Special Transportation Fund (STF) overview

Ms. Breault explained the STF program, funding elements, and services at a high level including:

- \$131,000 funds over the two-year biennium, which funds Route 22 (Redmond – Madras) and Route 20 (Madras – Warm Springs).
- Ridership snapshot (July 1- Dec 1, 2019) - 17,900 rides on Route 20 (doubled in volume). Part of this increase is due to student transportation from Redmond Proficiency Academy.
- Dial-A-Ride services - 2,400 rides (similar to last year)

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) overview

- Qualified Entity (e.g. Jefferson County) received funds from ODOT
- Staff are exploring Saturday schedule planning (e.g. Walmart stop in Redmond)
- Separate funding sources will help build up bus stops at Safeway, BiMart, and Dollar Tree

Overview of upcoming STIF projects:

- Saturday service on Community Connector routes
- Vehicle purchase for local service enhancements between Culver, Metolius, and Madras that do not have a boundary. Need to identify what the model looks like, which could be a local shopper service.
- Funding set aside for a future transit health campus hub east of the hospital.
- Possible funding for service to Crooked River Ranch.

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Ms. Henderson noted it would be helpful if there was a local shopper and Ms. Jacks inquired about the flexibility of the service. Ms. Macko asked about roads conditions and noted it would be nice to have traffic lights synchronized.

Committee members weighed in on possible outreach efforts and locations:

- Movie theatre (ads for a forum to provide feedback)
- Families with kids
- Social media – Facebook page linked to add at movie theatre
- Dr. Offices, laundry places
- Grocery stores
- Help identify stops and easiest location for pick up and drop off
- Chamber of Commerce
- Best Care
- Food banks
- Churches
- Public health
- Jefferson County senior center and veterans
- Medical facilities
- Madras Aquatic Center (Madras Parks and Rec)
- East Cascade Assisted Living/Chinook Place
- Backside of kids club (courthouse)
- Kids day
- Saturday Walmart stop (BMX pump track) reach out to Warm Springs

STIF/STF Consolidation Conversation

- Mr. Cummings asked about opportunities to link transportation to the valley. Ms. Breault noted there are opportunities to subsidize fares for trips outside of Madras (e.g. for veteran's services).
- Ms. Conley noted a committee was developed to explore impacts of the funding and described Concepts A and B.
- It was noted this consolidation will not likely impact local taxes and there is not currently a need for transit between Madras and Prineville.
- The next STIF meeting is scheduled on January 28 from Noon to 1 pm in the Jefferson County Annex.