

## **Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee (RPTAC) Scoring Committee Instructions and Application Summaries**

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### **RPTAC Background**

COIC's Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee (RPTAC) was established in 2010. RPTAC members are appointed by the COIC Board to review, advise, and assist the transportation program in its efforts to:

- Help identify the transportation needs of Central Oregon residents and educate the communities on the value and offerings of public transportation.
- Serve as a forum where citizens can provide comments about service expansions, reductions, or alterations.
- Meet with concerned citizens regarding unresolved issues.
- Advocate for new and expanded services.
- Review future plans for services.
- Consider and make a recommendation on transit issues presented to the committee.
- Consider and make a recommendation on policy issues presented to the committee.
- Serve as the forum for a rider to appeal a loss of a ridership privilege and to make a recommendation regarding determination.

RPTAC bylaws note the committee shall consist of at least thirteen members, with five members representing Bend, two members representing Redmond, and one member representing each of the following areas:

- LaPine/Sunriver
- Sisters
- Prineville/Powell Butte
- Madras
- Culver/Metolius
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

COIC intends to expand the number of committee members to a total of 17 members, which will include Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) members from each of the four Qualified Entities (Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook Counties and Warm Springs) who were designated to serve on RPTAC to enhance regional collaboration for prioritizing STIF projects. Each of these STIF members applied for RPTAC.

### **RPTAC Advisory Application Timeline and Outreach**

RPTAC applications were accepted between January 14 and February 5, 2020. A total of 36 applications were received. Links to online applications in both English and Spanish were issued in a press release and posted on CET's website and social media, and newsletter platforms, in addition to email announcements, posters, flyers, and updates at relevant partner meetings. Paper applications in both English and Spanish were available at CET's facilities at Hawthorne Station and Redmond.

## **Advisory Committee Scoring Criteria**

The following is a list of the scoring criteria and its relevance to RPTAC application questions. A pdf of the application and RPTAC bylaws are included in email containing the scoring packet information.

- 1. Strength of connection to RPTAC membership criteria referenced in the bylaws (e.g. elderly/disabled, representative of human services agency, business community, community at large) – 10 points total**
  - An applicant should be knowledgeable about public transportation, and be interested in the growth of public transportation. Additionally, a new member should fit into one of the following categories:
    - User of transportation services who is elderly or disabled.
    - Non-profit provider of transportation to persons who are elderly or have a disability.
    - A representative of health, human services, or public agency.
    - A representative of the business community.
    - A representative of the community at large.
- 2. Involvement in relevant committees and/or community activities - 10 points total**
  - The applicant's experience serving on different committees and their involvement in related community activities helps provide an indication of their understanding of the roles and responsibilities as committee members and their experiences working with partners and stakeholders across various community activities.
- 3. Motivation to serve on RPTAC – 10 points total**
  - Applicants were asked to describe their motivation to serve on RPTAC. Please use this response to score their level of passion and commitment to wanting to be a part of this committee and their willingness to help plan and advocate for equitable and effective public transportation services across our region.
- 4. Relevance of personal and/or professional experience - 5 points total**
  - Applicants were asked to write about their experiences that have prepared them to serve in this role, in addition to their current occupation. Please use those responses to score this criterion to the best extent possible.
- 5. Regional perspective - 5 points total**
  - Regional perspective applies to a basic understanding of the cooperation between government, transportation service providers, businesses, individuals and other entities to meet common transportation needs across Central Oregon. Points may be awarded for applicants who work or volunteer across multiple jurisdictions and/or have a solid understanding of the ways in which a coordinated, efficient, and reliable regional transportation system helps improve access to jobs, education, health care, shopping, and social activities.

A total of 40 possible points can be awarded to each applicant. The scorecard will automatically tally the total scores from each criteria listed in the spreadsheet. For example, the first set of criteria (strength of connection to RPTAC membership criteria has 10 possible points (with a 10 being the highest and 1 being the lowest) and the last two criteria are each scored at 5 points each (with 5 being the highest and 1 being the lowest).

**Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee (RPTAC)  
Application Summaries Summarized List of RPTAC Applicants for February 2020**

**Zachary Bass**

Occupation: Redmond Airport Director for City of Redmond

Representation: Redmond/Terrebonne

Eligibility: Lives or works in Redmond/Terrebonne

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Bass serves on the Deschutes County STIF Advisory Committee, Oregon Airport Managers Association, and Central Oregon Visitors Association (Board Member)

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Bass would like to join this committee to help ensure Redmond/Central Oregon connectivity especially to major transit hubs (i.e. the Airport). He is involved with Redmond city planning, personnel, and the TSP, and has contacts across the region and throughout the economic development, tourism and city/county governments.

References:

- Keith Witcosky, Redmond City Manager – 541-923-7711
- Julia Theisen, CEO of COVA – 541-389-8799

**Casey Bergh**

Occupation: Transportation Program Manager at OSU-Cascades

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Bergh is a Board Member of Bend 2030 and a former member of Bend Climate Action Steering Committee (until 12/19).

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- In his role as Transportation Manager at OSU-Cascades, Mr. Bergh is representing the interests of their students and employees. He also founded the Mobility Lab at OSU-Cascades.

References:

- Derek Hofbauer – [dhofbauer@coic.org](mailto:dhofbauer@coic.org)
- Tyler Deke – [tdeke@bendoregon.gov](mailto:tdeke@bendoregon.gov)

**Ken Brinich**

Occupation: Self-Employed Attorney

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Brinich serves on the transportation advisory committee and Bend UGB Technical Advisory Committee

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Brinich believes in comfortable and convenient transit options to displace individual automobile use.
- He would like to be involved in the planning process to population centers on to create a safe, effective, and convenient transit system to positively impact the Central Oregon economy.

References:

- Lisa Bertalan – 541-382-4980
- Gary Williams – 541-350-2494

### **Gregory Bryant**

Occupation: N/A

Representation: Bend, Other (Deschutes River Woods)

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend/Deschutes River Woods

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Bryant currently serves on RPTAC, CETAC, and Bend CTAC. He also was the first Vice President of the Deschutes River Woods Neighborhood Association and Firewise Coordinator. Thanks

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Bryant wants to serve on RPTAC to help educate communities about transportation and decision makers about the benefits of using transit over single vehicles to reduce the carbon footprint.

References:

- Karen Swirsky
- Tony DeBone

### **Robert Bryant**

Occupation: Retired ODOT Region Manager

Representation: Sisters/Tumalo (currently in Bend, but moving to Sisters in April 2020)

Eligibility: Lives or works in Sisters/Tumalo

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Bryant participated on a number of transportation committees and transportation planning leadership teams during his 35 year career with ODOT.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Bryant is interested in utilizing his 35 year career in transportation and his personal interest in public transportation to assist COIC in furthering the goals and objectives established for Cascades East Transit.
- Mr. Bryant has been responsible for evaluating numerous transportation projects that included transit as a potential solution. He is a strong proponent of having a robust multi-modal transportation system that provides transportation alternatives for all users and contributes to our communities' livability goals.

References:

- Tammy Baney, COIC
- Brian Potwin, Commute Options

**Louis Capozzi**

Occupation: Professor at the University of Oregon

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings; however, he will join by phone over the summer

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Capozzi is a member of CTAC, CET TAC, Bend 2030, and a former board member of COIC and Council on Aging Board

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

Mr. **Capozzi** is very supportive and passionate about CET's role as the region's transit integrator.

References:

- Tammy Baney
- Sally Russell

**George Conway**

Occupation: Physician & County Health Services Director at Deschutes County Health Services Department

Representation: Bend, Deschutes County

Eligibility: Lives or works in Deschutes County

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Conway directs Deschutes County's Health Services Department and many of these clients depend on CET.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Conway has ridden the bus regularly for the last 4 months due to a time-limited disability. Many of Deschutes County Health Services' clients and employees rely on CET for transportation, as do many lower-income and environmentally conscious residents. Because of this experience, he would like to serve on RPTAC.

References:

- Tammy Baney, Executive Director at COIC – [tbaney@coic.org](mailto:tbaney@coic.org)
- Erik Kropp, Deputy Administrator at Deschutes County – [erik.kropp@deschutes.org](mailto:erik.kropp@deschutes.org)

**Kim Curley (current RPTAC representative from the Crook County STIF Committee)**

Occupation: Community Engagement Coordinator at Commute Options

Representation: Bend and Prineville/Powell Butte

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend and Prineville/Powell Butte

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Ms. Curley is a current member of Deschutes County Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), Oregon Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC), Oregon Transit Association BOD member, Transportation Options Group of Oregon BOD member, Downtown Bend Parking Advisory Committee, alternate for Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation, vice-chair Crook County STIF committee since 2019

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Ms. Curley has served on the Oregon PTAC since 2014, helping ODOT revise funding policy and stand up new programs like STIF. She conducts transportation options outreach in 17 rural and frontier Oregon counties.
- She believes that public transportation is key for the 1 out of 3 of Oregonians who do not drive a car, and improving and increasing mobility options is important work.
- She hears from many business and community members about their needs and wishes for more robust transportation options. Central Oregon needs more options, and serving on RPTAC is a way to deliver messages she hears in the community.

References:

- Brian Potwin, Executive Director for Commute Options – [brian@commuteoptions.org](mailto:brian@commuteoptions.org)
- LeeAnne Ferguson, SRTS Program Manager at ODOT, [leeanne.fergason@odot.state.or.us](mailto:leeanne.fergason@odot.state.or.us)

**Shannon Dearth**

Occupation: Director at Crook County Veteran Services

Representation: Prineville/Powell Butte

Eligibility: Lives or works in Prineville/Powell Butte

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Dearth is a committee member for local STIF, and STF

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Dearth would like to help provide transportation service to the veteran community. He can advocate for expanded service to this group because he understands their needs.

References:

- Dave Schwab – 503-341-4425
- Adam Williams – 315-486-0659

## **Tyler Deke**

Occupation: Transportation Planner at the City of Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Representation: Bend and Other (Bend MPO geographic area, which includes Bend and unincorporated areas, including Deschutes River Woods and part of Tumalo)

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Deke currently serves on the Steering Committee for the CET plan update. He manages the Bend MPO and am involved in many transportation planning and project development efforts, including: Bend MPO plan update, Bend TSP update, Deschutes County ITS Plan update, and the US97 Bend Parkway Plan.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Deke's career has focused on transportation, including public transportation planning.
- He will leverage his knowledge of transportation planning, state and federal transportation laws and regulations, and understanding of local and regional issues, opportunities associated with land use (housing and employment) and transportation as a RTPAC committee member.

References:

- Brian Rankin, Growth Management Department Director for the City of Bend – [brankin@bendoregon.gov](mailto:brankin@bendoregon.gov)
- Rick Williams, Region 4 Principal Planner at ODOT – [Richard.L.WILLIAMS@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Richard.L.WILLIAMS@odot.state.or.us)

## **Tarin Denney**

Occupation: LFA Fellow and Program Specialist at the City of Redmond; Program Director at Thump Lacrosse

Representation: Bend, Redmond/Terrbonne

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend, Redmond/Terrbonne

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Denney works for the City of Redmond as a Program Specialist in the Community Development Department, including as the city's homelessness and housing liaison. In that capacity, he interacts with intersections of housing and mobility in both a local and regional level.
- Mr. Denney participates in smaller discussions rooted in the City of Redmond, as well as broader conversations encompassing the Tri-County area.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Denney recently graduated from Vanderbilt University with Highest Honors in American Studies for his senior thesis on public transportation in Nashville
- Mr. Denney is passionate about public transit as a public good and access to movement as an essential part of human life within cities. He also commutes every day between Bend and Redmond and is substantially invested in the infrastructure, communities, and mobility of both cities, giving him a lived-experience regional perspective as well.

References:

- Keith Witcosky, City of Redmond – [keith.witcosky@ci.redmond.or.us](mailto:keith.witcosky@ci.redmond.or.us)

- John Roberts, City of Redmond – [john.roberts@ci.redmond.or.us](mailto:john.roberts@ci.redmond.or.us)
- Colleen Sinsky – [colleensinsky@gmail.com](mailto:colleensinsky@gmail.com)

**Brooke Eldrige**

Occupation: IL Manager at Abilitree

Representation: Bend, Redmond/Terrebonne, and Other (Abilitree serves all of Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook counties)

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend, Redmond/Terrebonne, and across the region

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- COCA Steering Committee

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Ms. Eldrige developed and implemented a Bend Zone 1 transportation travel training class for individuals who experience intellectual/developmental disabilities. She also worked with COIC on the Quality Incentive Measures Project: Travel Training Resources for Central Oregon.

References:

- Greg Sublett – 541-388-8103
- Carol Fulkerson – 541-815-0482

**Jim Figurski**

Occupation: Landscape Architect at GreenWorks, PC

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Figurski is a member of City of Bend Landmarks Commission, Deschutes County Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee, the Council of Landscape Architects Board of Directors, Oregon State Landscape Architects Board, the City of Tualatin Design Review Board, Clackamas County Architectural Review Committee, and the City of Portland Stormwater Advisory Committee.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Figurski has spent nearly 40 years improving livability in communities throughout Oregon and the northwest. He believes a complete system of alternative transportation modes is critical to improving livability while also addressing climate change, economic disparity, and population density.

References:

- Nathan Hovekamp, BPRD Board of Directors for the Bend Park and Recreation District – [Nhovekamp@yahoo.com](mailto:Nhovekamp@yahoo.com)
- Bob Van Hook, BPRD Board of Directors for the Bend Park and Recreation District – [bobvanhook@gmail.com](mailto:bobvanhook@gmail.com), 202-431-1990

**Thomas William Fisher**

Occupation: Retired

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Fisher is a member of the Bend Park & Recreation Budget Committee, Boyd Acres Neighborhood Association board member, and Downtown Stakeholders Committee (Parking Committee).

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Fisher believes that transportation is a critical issue for the future of Central Oregon. He has been a public transit commuter in previous communities and knows the importance of an effective transit system.

References:

- Lindsey Lombard, Bend Park & Recreation District – 541-706-6109,
- Andrew Davis, COCC – 541-383-7700

**Jacob W. Foster**

Occupation: Dispatcher at COIC

Representation: Redmond/Terrebonne

Eligibility: Lives or works in Redmond/Terrebonne

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- N/A

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Foster has extensive knowledge of the regional public transportation system and possess insight and experiences to facilitate fruitful communication between the most tenured and the least experienced transit system users in the community.

References:

- Colby Brown – 787-598-6302
- Mathew Tiller – 541-408-7202

**Jennifer Glover**

Occupation: Employment Specialist at ALSO

Representation: La Pine/Sunriver

Eligibility: Lives or works in La Pine/Sunriver

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Ms. Glover has been involved with the TAC committee for over a year.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Ms. Glover is very motivated to help people in her community to get more transportation. She works with people who have intellectual or physical disabilities, school aged and adults, who would like to have access to their community for shopping, doctor's appointments and work.

References:

- Heather Ashburn, Manager at St. Vincent De Paul – 541-536-1956
- Ken Thorp, Teacher at La Pine High school – 541-280-9325

**James Halliday** (current RPTAC representative from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs STIF Committee)

Occupation: Land Services Administrator at Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Representation: Warm Springs

Eligibility: Lives or works in Warm Springs

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Halliday is the Board Chair of Warm Springs Composite Products and a member of the Warm Springs' STIF Committee

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Halliday worked his way through college as a COIC Bus Driver in Redmond, Madras and Warm Springs. He graduated from OSU-Cascades in 2014 with a degree in Social Science. After college, Mr. Halliday worked for 3 years in vocational rehabilitation in Warm Springs.
- Mr. Halliday understands the importance of public transportation to the community of Warm Springs. He presently works in the tribes planning department and is intimately involved with transportation oversight.

References:

- Jolene Estimo-Pitt, 541-460-2607
- Roberta Armstrong, 425-737-5448

**Patrick Hanenkrat** (current RPTAC representative from the Jefferson County STIF Committee)

Occupation: Public Works Supervisor at City of Metolius

Representation: Culver/Metolius

Eligibility: Lives or works in Culver/Metolius

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Hanenkrat is a member of COACT and is the Jefferson County STIF Chair

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Hanenkrat has voted on the last several COACT/ODOT budgets. He wants to be involved in continuing the growth of our region's transit/transportation system.

References:

- Derek Hofbauer, [dhofbauer@coic.org](mailto:dhofbauer@coic.org)
- Tasha Alegre, [metolius1911@gmail.com](mailto:metolius1911@gmail.com)

**Zechariah Heck**

Occupation: Planner at Deschutes County Community Development

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Heck is a member of the State Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee, a participant on the Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee for the American Planning Association - Oregon Chapter, and a former staff liaison for the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Heck is a proponent of efficient public transportation and other alternative transportation modes. As a planner, he has an educational background in community development, which involves connecting communities and creating connections within a community. Mr. Heck is also a professional land use planner so he understands zoning requirements, community engagement, and policy development with elected officials.
- Please note: As of the submittal date of this application, Mr. Heck is NOT approved to represent Deschutes County on the RPTAC. If there is interest in having a County representative, please communicate with him as County administration would need to be noticed and provide approval. Otherwise, Mr. Heck is interested to serve on the RPTAC as an individual / community member who happens to have experience with local government.

References:

- Dave Thomson, [d.a.thomson@icloud.com](mailto:d.a.thomson@icloud.com)
- Anthony Raguine, [anthony.raguine@deschutes.org](mailto:anthony.raguine@deschutes.org)

**Rory Isbell**

Occupation: Attorney at Central Oregon LandWatch

Representation:

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Isbell is a member of CET Bend Transit Master Plan TAC. He follows and participates in all Bend area transportation planning, funding, and implementation activities as part of his job.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Isbell has degrees in law and urban planning, and he works professionally as an environmental and land use attorney. He understands the transportation planning process; federal, state, and local transportation funding and planning regulatory requirements; and how government and transit providers operate. Both personally and professionally, Mr. Isbell is an advocate for expanded public transit in Central Oregon.

References:

- Rob Zako, Executive Director at Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST) – 541-343-5201, [rob@best-oregon.org](mailto:rob@best-oregon.org)
- Paul Dewey, Executive Director at Central Oregon LandWatch – 541-420-8455, [paul@colw.org](mailto:paul@colw.org)

**Cora Ives**

Occupation: Data Specialist at Better Together of Central Oregon

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Ms. Ives is an active member of the Early Learning Leadership Council/Executive Board, the TRACES Targets/Measures workgroup, and the Better Together Bridges workgroup. She actively volunteers with BendFilm, Locavore, and OSU Roots or Resilience project.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Within the Central Oregon early learning programs, families were asked questions about barriers to quality childcare. Aside from affordability, many of our families of color list transportation as a barrier, and access to transportation as very important. It is clear that transit access is critical for other systems to work equitably in our community. Ms. Ives wants to better serve her community by actively working to change the systems that marginalize its members.
- Ms. Ives' work as a Jesuit Volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters; as an Americorps VISTA Volunteer for Better Together/OSU Cascades; as an Anamcara apprentice with the Sacred Art of Living Center; and as a data specialist for Better Together have provided her the perspective and vernacular to guide conversation and decision with communities pushed to the margins at the center.

References:

- Whitney Swander – 541-771-0848
- Jason Allenby – 808-218-9847

**Denise LaBuda**

Occupation: Director, Strategic Initiatives at Council on Aging of Central Oregon

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Ms. LaBuda is currently a board member for the High Dessert Village and a member of the Central Oregon Coalition for Access.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- In her role at the Council on Aging, Ms. LaBuda helps advocate, build, and partner with local/regional organizations to fill gaps in services or products to help older adults in Central Oregon age well.

- Transportation is necessary for access to healthcare, community participation, and overall quality of life—for all ages. Barriers to accessible and affordable transportation can potentially lead to lower access to healthcare, missed or delayed medical appointments, and increased costs. As a member of RPTAC, she could be a voice for older adults in Central Oregon.

References:

- Laurie Weber – 541-241-3575
- Carol Fulkerson – 541-815-0482

**Conor Lynch**

Occupation: Technology Sales at Pure Storage

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- N/A

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Lynch is inspired by Mike Hollern’s innovative and forward-thinking work in transportation in Oregon for several decades.

References:

- Erica Kelly – 415-381-8866
- Doug Sutter – 916-335-9025

**Ann M. Marland**

Occupation: Retired

Representation: Sisters/Tumalo

Eligibility: Lives or works in Sisters/Tumalo

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Ms. Marland currently serves on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee, where she represents the City of Sisters and Age Friendly Sisters Country.
- She is the Project Manager of Age Friendly Sister’ transportation committee, which is developing a volunteer transportation service to drive seniors to medical appoints in Bend and Redmond.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Ms. Marland is interested in improving public transportation to and from Sisters for seniors, people commuting to work, and reaching shopping centers.
- She participated in the visioning process for Sisters and transportation was an important priority for the community. As a member of RPTAC, she could act as a representative for her community’s needs.

References:

- Toni Landis – 541-480-4803
- Vicki Spandel – 541-595-5852

**Jacqueline R. Minson**

Occupation: Vocational Rehabilitation Director at Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Representation:

Eligibility: Lives or works in Warm Springs

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- N/A

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Ms. Minson is a tribal member of Warm Springs who works in the community. She understands how access to reliable transportation impacts the people in her community.

References:

- Valerie Switzler, 541-553-1543
- Wayne Miller, 541-553-2235

**Jordan Ohlde (paper application)**

Occupation: N/A

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Ohlde is a member of RPTAC and Central Oregon Council on Aging (COCA).

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Ohlde wants ensure that the disabled community has a voice for expanded future transit services. As a transit rider and person with a disability, Mr. Ohlde will report back to the committee regarding important service related feedback and customer support.
- He is also on the COCA steering committee, the Full Access Advisory Board, and a party in the lawsuit for ADA curb improvements with ODOT. Mr. Ohlde has worked with Opportunity Foundation to help other people with disabilities find jobs in their communities. Mr. Ohlde received the Transportation Advocate of the year award at the 2018 Oregon Public Transit Conference.

References:

- Carol Fulkerson 541-815-0482
- Derek Hofbauer 541-548-9534

**David Olewiler**

Occupation: Retired

Representation: Redmond/Terrebonne

Eligibility: Lives or works in Redmond/Terrebonne

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- N/A

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Olewiler's motivation is a desire to give back to the community by serving in the public interest. His background is in information technology analysis and development of financial and HR software in local government.
- Mr. Olewiler has no public transit experience, but enjoys project research and developing surveys. Mr. Olewiler has the energy and drive to assist the committee with delivering short and long term options for improving regional public transit.

References:

- N/A

**Nicolina (Nicki) Pistacchio**

Occupation: Retired

Representation: Bend, Other (represents the region)

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Ms. Pistacchio was involved with Citizens for a Sensible Transit Solution in Tucson AZ (Steering Committee Member), represented the economic interest of transit, gathered petition signatures, presented at neighborhood meetings and local organizations, handled logistics of travel and set-up of light rail car displayed in downtown Tucson square, and gave interviews to local media.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Ms. Pistacchio has always been a transit advocate and primarily commuted using transit while living in three different cities.
- She previously worked as the Director of Site Selector Relationships for the Greater Tucson Economic Council (now TREO), and learned that a strong overall transportation system (roads, rails, transit system) is vital to positioning a region for economic development opportunities.
- While in Bend, she volunteered for and then became a City of Bend independent contractor (Marketing and Outreach Coordinator) during the first two years of BAT.

References:

- Kim Curley, Commute Options – [kim@commuteoptions.org](mailto:kim@commuteoptions.org), 541-668-3138
- Janet Whitney – [jkwhitney15@gmail.com](mailto:jkwhitney15@gmail.com), 541-306-9015

**Brian Potwin**

Occupation: Executive Director at Commute Options

Representation: Bend, Redmond/Terrebonne, La Pine/Sunriver, Sisters/Tumalo, Madras, Prineville/Powell Butte

Eligibility: Lives or works in the above communities

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Currently, Mr. Potwin serves on the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee and attends the Deschutes County Bend and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Potwin is the Executive Director of Commute Options, which is a non-profit organization based in Bend, OR that educates and encourages active transportation across multiple counties in Central and Eastern Oregon. Commute Options has promoted the benefits of transit for 30 years and he would like to continue this work by serving on RPTAC.

References:

- LeeAnne Ferguson, Safe Routes to School Program Manager at Oregon Department of Transportation, Transportation Development Division – [Leeanne.fergason@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Leeanne.fergason@odot.state.or.us), 503-986-5805
- Mike Riley, Executive Director of The Environmental Center – [mike@envirocenter.org](mailto:mike@envirocenter.org), 541.385.6908 x 19

**Kelsey Rook** (current RPTAC representative from the Deschutes County STIF Committee)

Occupation: Owner Services Manager at Eagle Crest Resort

Representation: Redmond/Terrebonne

Eligibility: Lives or works in Redmond/Terrebonne

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Ms. Rook serves on the Deschutes County STIF Committee and Terrebonne ODOT Advisory Committee

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Ms. Rook would like to improve access to transportation options for poor, differently abled, elderly, and underserved communities

References:

- N/A

**Richard Ross**

Occupation: Retired Urban and Regional Planner

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Ross currently serves as the Chair of the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee.

- Mr. Ross has experience working with multiple City of Bend Advisory Committees for transportation, the funding working group, charter review, and the Central Westside Plan. He is also the treasurer and former president of the Oregon Paleo Lands Center.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Ross hopes to utilize his previous experience developing and leading community plans and organizations in urban and rural areas to improve land use, transportation, housing, urban renewal in Central Oregon.
- He is an active member of the community and hopes to continue to serve on the RPATAC.

References:

- Bruce Abernethy, Bend City Council and COIC Vice Chair – [babernethy@bendoregon.gov](mailto:babernethy@bendoregon.gov), 541-771-0863
- Chris Piper, Bend City Council Member and Bend MPO Board Member – [piper@bendoregon.gov](mailto:piper@bendoregon.gov), 541-385-5505
- Mike Riley, Director of the Environmental Center, Co-Chair of the Bend Citywide Transportation Advisory Committee – [mike@envirocenter.org](mailto:mike@envirocenter.org), 541-420-8565

### **Nicholaus Slone**

Occupation: Business Owner of Spurcycle

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Slone works with Opportunity Knocks, Oregon Outdoor Alliance, and Bend YIMBY.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Slone spent over a decade living in San Francisco without a car, made possible of course by city density but also by the many car share options.
- Since moving his bike business to Bend in late 2018, he has established a relationship with most of the region's bike shops.
- He lives close to Hawthorne Station and loves the growth of transit in Bend for encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

References:

- Chris Kratsch – [chris@robertaxleproject.com](mailto:chris@robertaxleproject.com)
- Mary Hearne – [maryhearn@gmail.com](mailto:maryhearn@gmail.com)

### **Nicholas Snead**

Occupation: Urban Planning at City of Madras

Representation:

Eligibility: Lives or works in Madras

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings; however, he may have conflicts from time-to-time with because of Housing Works Board meetings.

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Snead is the Community Development Director for the City of Madras for which he serves the Madras City Council, Madras Redevelopment Commission, and Planning Commission. He also serves as a Jefferson County

Commissioner on the Housing Works (Reg. Housing Authority) Board. Mr. Snead is also serving as the President of the Oregon City Planning Directors Association.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Snead would like to plan and help deliver the best possible public transit in Madras considering the local needs and resources. Mr. Snead has over 10 years' experience working with COIC/CET in transit planning for the City of Madras.

References:

- Jeff Rasmussen – [jeff.rasmussen@co.jefferson.or.us](mailto:jeff.rasmussen@co.jefferson.or.us)
- Gus Burrell – [gburrell@ci.madras.or.us](mailto:gburrell@ci.madras.or.us)

**Thomas Tsuneta (paper application)**

Occupation: Station Attendant at Cascades East Transit/COIC

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Tsuneta is a member of Central Oregon Strong Voice and Central Oregon Labor Chapter.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Tsuneta has been an employee of Cascades East Transit for 4.5 years working in the Antler facility call center in Redmond. Mr. Tsuneta assisted in reporting, taking calls, and scheduling Dial-A-Ride trips. Mr. Tsuneta currently works at the Hawthorne Station where he interacts with passengers on a daily basis. One main task is taking customer comments and complaints, both in-person and formally over the phone.

References:

- Randall Moore, CET – 541-678-1810
- Kim Banner, CET – 541- 699-4097

**Gary Vodden**

Occupation: Consultant at Vodden & Associates

Representation:

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Vodden is a member of the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization Budget committee and attends all BMPO policy and BMPO TAC meetings, as well as all Bend CTAC steering committee meetings.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Vodden believes that regional solutions/alternatives to Central Oregon's transportation issues need to be provided for the region to remain a highly desirable area to live and raise kids. The San Francisco Bay Area

transportation was headed into a nightmare situation until the 9 bay area cities/counties started to work together, resulting in BART and other alternatives.

References:

- John Tolan – 408-857-8872
- Bill Moseley – 541-312-3662

**Robin Vora**

Occupation: Retired from Natural Resources Management of US Forest Service

Representation: Bend

Eligibility: Lives or works in Bend

Confirmed availability to attend regular meetings

Please list your involvement in any relevant committees and/or community activities.

- Mr. Vora has been a citizen advisory member of Bend Metropolitan Organization (MPO) Citizen Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and Budget Committee since 2006. He also served several years ago on a couple of public transit or bus committees.
- Mr. Vora served on the 2007-8 and 2015-16 Bend Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Boundary Technical Advisory Committees. At present he also serves on Bend's Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and is elected to the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

Please describe your motivation to serve on the Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee. What personal and/or professional experiences have prepared you for this role?

- Mr. Vora would like to continue his involvement with Transportation Planning by expanding to the wider scope of Central Oregon. His term on the Bend MPO will end later this year or next year, and under new city policy on term limits may not be renewable.
- Mr. Vora would like to continue his involvement and contributions to transportation planning, efforts to reduce traffic congestion, and to promote public transit in Central Oregon.

References:

- Michel Bayard – Bend MPO Citizen Member, [mlbayard1943@gmail.com](mailto:mlbayard1943@gmail.com)
- Steve Jensen – [sjensen595@gmail.com](mailto:sjensen595@gmail.com), 541-419-4215