

Jefferson County Special Transportation Fund (STF) Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting Agenda Tuesday, December 8 1 to 2 pm



Committee members

Ken Bicart
Elaine Henderson
Naomi Jacks
Ron Cummings

County staff

Jeff Rasmussen

ODOT Staff

Theresa Conley

COIC Staff

Rachel Zakem
Derek Hofbauer
Ashley Hooper

Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees made virtual introductions to the group.

Public Comment Period

- No public comments.

Review and approval of September 16, 2020 meeting minutes

- The 9/16 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

Overview of upcoming application timelines

- STF/5310 due on December 17
- ODOT deadline is March 1

Discussion of current STF funding and projects

- Services supported by STF are Route 20 (Madras – Warm Springs) and Route 22 (Madras – Redmond), and Madras Dial-A-Ride.
- Ridership for July 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020
 - Route 20 with deviated service: 37,778
 - Route 22: 24,381
 - Madras Dial-A-Ride: 5,703
 - Community Connector ridership down ~65% since March due to COVID-19
- Available STF Funding for Current Biennium

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- \$131,400 every two years,
- \$656,700 per year
- Funding was stagnant over the last few bienniums
- Ms. Jacks mentioned that Ms. Macko shared a contact for Culver, which Ms. Jacks will provide to Ms. Hooper.
- Ms. Conley asked if the Coordinated Human Services Plan or recorded public comments could provide additional input regarding potential Dial-A-Ride needs and/or expanded service areas.
- Mr. Hofbauer shared that a public notice was posted on the county website to encourage other service providers to apply for available funds.

Project ideas and input for 2021-2023 projects

- Mr. Hofbauer mentioned that CET will launch a new shopper shuttle in Sisters in January through the STIF program. Would a service like this be valuable for the community? What are other transportation needs for Jefferson County?
 - Ms. Conley mentioned that a shopper shuttle could also be eligible under STF, which is a flexible funding source.
 - Ms. Jacks shared that before the global pandemic, she would be more likely to go to Redmond for shopping; however, she believes that many people are staying local and opting to shop in Madras.
- Ms. Zakem shared that CET is currently promoting a survey for local service in Crooked River Ranch to determine community transportation needs.
- Ms. Henderson mentioned Metolius provides meals to the homeless on a certain day of the week, but this would be difficult to reach. This could be an opportunity for transportation.
- Mr. Hofbauer asked if the committee satisfied with the services that are currently funded through STF.
 - Mr. Bicart is concerned about level of funds available to support necessary transportation programs moving forward. He wants to provide services that encourage support for local businesses in Madras.
 - Ms. Conley responded that there should not be any drastic changes in transportation funding and the payroll tax was less affected by COVID-19 than anticipated.
- Mr. Hofbauer added that COIC is offering small business grants (up to \$10,000) to assist with COVID-19 economic relief efforts.
- Ms. Conley added that a marketing opportunity for CET could be to advertise the deviated service option for Route 20 directly to Dial-A-Ride customers.

Scheduling a meeting for early/mid January to review STF and 5310 projects

- Tuesday January 12 from 1 – 2 pm.

Adjourn