

**Virtual Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, December 9  
1 to 2 pm**



**Committee members**

Allen Dendy  
Ken Fahlgren  
George McCart  
Mary Lou Bernard  
Adam Williams

**County staff**

Commissioner Brummer

**Members of the public**

Whitney Hale  
Laura Skundrick

**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**

- Ridership was drastically impacted by COVID-19. Prineville Dial-A-Ride ridership has experienced a 70% decrease compared to pre-COVID ridership, while Community Connector services are down 65%.
- Mr. McCart asked if a drop in ridership would impact future funding opportunities?
  - Mr. Hofbauer mentioned that funding is not dependent on ridership. Funding estimates indicate that Crook County is not projected to lose a significant amount of funding.
- Route 26 (Prineville – Redmond)
  - Ridership (July 1, 2019 - December 4, 2020) - 11,091
- Prineville Dial-A-Ride
  - Ridership (July 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020) - 5,866

## **Crook County Special Transportation Fund (STF) Advisory Committee**

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- Available STF Funding for Current Biennium
  - \$131,400 over two years
  - \$65,700 per year
  - Funding has been stagnant over the last few bienniums
  - Additional funding is needed (possibly STIF) to expand current Dial-A-Ride services in Prineville
- 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**

- Crook County also has funding for a project focused on enhanced service in Prineville. This is a separate project from the circulator.
- Mr. Fahlgren asked about the availability of a bus barn or facility in Prineville for CET's vehicles.
- Dial-A-Ride boundaries – CET understands that Juniper Canyon has transportation needs that are not currently being served. Are there additional areas in Prineville with transportation needs?
  - Mr. Dendy asked how far we would service Juniper Canyon area.
    - Ms. Zakem shared that CET has received input from the community about the need to serve Juniper Canyon. There is flexibility in the type of transportation service for this area based on community feedback.
  - Commissioner Brummer and Mr. Fahlgren suggested utilizing the park-and-ride at the fire hall to collect Juniper Canyon residents in one place.
  - Mr. McCart mentioned that the employees of Facebook live to Bend and Redmond, but not in Prineville.
  - Ms. Bernard mentioned north on Main Street (Wild Horse Mesa off of Black Bear Drive) has 350 units and could be a potential area to serve.
  - Mr. Hofbauer added that the current service hours for Prineville's Dial-A-Ride service is 7am – 5:30pm. Are there additional hours of need for service? Individuals who use Community Connector buses to Redmond or Bend were having issues making it to the first run or the day to connect using Dial-A-Ride.

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

- Wednesday, January 13 from 1 – 2pm.

### **Adjourn**