

**COLUMBIA COUNTY CITIZEN TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: May 21, 2019

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: CCR Transit Center, St. Helens, OR

Present: Sharon Evinger; Bill Eagle; Claudia Eagle; Genell Grow; Dena Chesney;
Blanche Katz

Absent: Henry Heimuller; Charlotte Hart

Staff: Todd Wood, Transit Director; John Dreeszen, Transit Coordinator

Guests: Alta Lynch

Call to Order (CCRTAC): Co-Chair B. Eagle called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. as Chair Evinger was running behind.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

Approval of April 16, 2019 Minutes: Committee approved the April 16, 2019 minutes unanimously.

Ridership Update: Todd Wood stated ridership is up on lines 1 and 5 and down on line 2. Dial-A-Ride remains steady. Mr. Wood anticipates line 2 ridership will continue to decrease as the summer approaches. Mr. Wood further stated that the mid-day run to Sauvie Island has more ridership than anticipated.

Grant Updates: John Dreeszen gave an update on the status of various grants, including submittal of reimbursement request for the newest bus. Mr. Dreeszen stated the grant that pays for service in the north county has been extended, with new developments expected in August. Mr. Dreeszen also noted the additional requirements implemented by ODOT due to the previous administrations failure to timely submit grant reports have been satisfied and lifted. Mr. Wood further noted that Mr. Wood's title has changed from "Transit Administrator" to "Transit Director" to be in line with industry standards.

Upcoming Parades/Fairs: Chair Evinger reminded the committee of the St. Helens Kiwanis parade and the My Fair Lady parade on June 15th and July 13th, respectively. There was lengthy discussion around the committee participating in these and future parades.

Vacant Committee Positions: Mr. Wood noted there are two committee positions coming available. Committee Member Katz expressed interest in serving another term, leaving the Chair

position needing to be filled. Mr. Wood asked the committee members to be on the lookout for potential candidates.

Line 3 Flex Update: Mr. Wood stated the City of St. Helens has approved the proposed updated route with some adjustments. The City of Scappoose is next on the list to discuss the re-route.

Bus Purchases Update: Mr. Wood gave an update on the status of the 4 new buses to be purchased. The contract was awarded to Creative Bus Sales. Each bus will hold 16 passengers and will be delivered in early September.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Round Table: Chair Evinger asked each committee member if they had any further questions not already addressed in the agenda. Committee member B. Eagle requested an update on the status of the PAC related to the tax measure. Mr. Wood stated all cities must either opt in or out before that committee can be formed and the City of Scappoose is the last remaining city to make a decision. Committee member Katz asked if a stop will be added to the end of Gable Rd. Mr. Wood stated once the route is approved that would be a location for a stop as well as signage.

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No New Updates

CLOSING

Final Public Comments: Alta Lynch requested a change to the Facebook page. Ms. Lynch also suggested Chair Evinger prepare a training sheet for the incoming chair. Ms. Lynch also requested some clarification on the fair presence.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.