

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

**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Place:** CCR Transit Center, St. Helens, OR

**Present:** Bill Eagle; Claudia Eagle; Genell Grow; Dena Chesney; Blanche Katz; Marty Rowe

**Absent:** Charlotte Hart

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

**Guests:** Ralph Culpepper; Alta Lynch, Teresa Nichols; Joe Turner; Adrienne Cain, Dawn Teves, Mike McClendon

**Call to Order (CCRTAC):** Chair Grow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of September 17, 2019 Minutes:** Committee approved the September 17, 2019 minutes unanimously.

**Ridership Updates:** Todd Wood presented the ridership update demonstrating lower summer ridership trends as expected, with ridership picking up in the fall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Meeting Frequency:** John Dreeszen explained the reasoning behind meeting every other month was to hone focus on the biennial grant cycles, and that meeting monthly is not necessary in the absence of other changes. Todd Wood further explained the grant cycles, noting that the meeting schedule can be adjusted as necessary. Mr. Wood also explained that an earlier meeting is necessary in order to avoid overtime hours being paid to a dispatcher and a driver for transport of committee members, as well as to attract new committee members to join in the capacity of their work, such as medical, mental health, and social worker professionals. Committee member Rowe motioned to hold committee meetings every other month at 4:00 p.m. Committee member B. Eagle seconded and it was approved unanimously by the committee.

**Measure 5-277 Results:** Mr. Wood noted the measure failed. Committee member B. Eagle lamented the misinformation around the measure before the vote. Mr. Wood stated another measure will not be placed on the ballot any time soon and the goal is to focus on moving forward with what money is available.

**Proposed Fare/Service Changes:** Mr. Wood presented a draft of the presentation that will be given at the public forums related to fare and service change options. Mr. Wood explained the reasoning behind each proposed change along with the possible impacts each could have on the budget.

**Committee Round Table:** Joe Turner had comments on how to fix HB2017. Ralph Culpepper gave compliments to the work staff has done. Alta Lynch gave compliments to the dispatchers. Committee member Katz suggested forming a subcommittee to create a survey for riders. Chair Grow suggested if another measure is presented, more time to prepare would be necessary.

## **STIF COMMITTEE**

### **No New Business**

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.