

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

Meeting Date: November 17, 2020

Time: 4:30 P.M.

Place: Columbia County Courthouse, St. Helens, OR

Present: Bill Eagle; Claudia Eagle; Dena Chesney; Blanche Katz

Absent: Scott Burge; Marty Rowe; Charlotte Hart

Staff: John Dreeszen, Transit Director

Call to Order (CCRTAC): Chair B. Eagle called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

Approval of October 20, 2020 minutes: Committee approved the October 20, 2020 minutes unanimously with the service ranking sheet to be included.

PCC Update: John Dreeszen stated there have been ongoing conversations with PCC about resuming Line 2 service in conjunction with the reopening of PCC campuses, along with discussion of service to the new PCC facility in Scappoose. Committee member B. Eagle inquired about a shelter at 1st St. and Prairie St. in Scappoose. Mr. Dreeszen stated the owners of the property at that site are not agreeable to making permanent changes to the site. Discussion continued about a shelter being needed at 1st St. and Prairie St. in Scappoose. Mr. Dreeszen explained that the County will continue to negotiate with PCC regarding funding for Line 2 and that the PCC campuses will likely not reopen until Fall 2021.

STF BUSINESS

Priorities for use of 2022-23 funds: John Dreeszen provided the compiled results of the service ranking sheets provided to the committee at the September 2020 meeting. The service were ranked by the committee in the following order: Line 1 to Portland was ranked the highest priority, followed by Dial-A-Ride as second priority, Line 2 to PCC as third priority, Line 3 Flex as fourth priority, and Lines 5 and 6 (North County and Nehalem Valley, respectively) tied for last priority. Mr. Dreeszen reminded the committee of the purpose of the STF as being relatively flexible source of federal funding and that it has been historically used as match dollars for federal grants. Committee member Katz made a motion, Committee member Chesney seconded, to use the STF grant as match for the 5310 and 5311 grants. The committee discussed the motion with an emphasis on the importance of Dial-A-Ride services. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

STIF BUSINESS

Priorities for use of 2022-23 funds: Mr. Dreeszen reminded the committee of the purpose of the STIF as being a source of state funding with a broad definition of use for pre-defined projects. Mr. Dreeszen also reminded the committee of the committee's priorities for the previous biennium funding. Committee member Chesney made a motion, and committee member Katz seconded to defer a decision until staff provides a listing of the current biennium projects.

Committee Round Table: Committee member Katz suggested meeting at the Transit Center for the next committee meeting so information is readily available. Committee member B. Eagle expressed difficulties with remote meetings due to some of the committee members not having internet access. Committee member B. Eagle also requested a listing of all committee members contact information. John Dreeszen noted that permission should be given before distributing committee members' contact information. Mr. Dreeszen inquired about the date of the next meeting and the committee members opted to hold the next meeting on the third Tuesday of January, 2021.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.