

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

**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2021

**Time:** 4:00 P.M.

**Place:** Columbia County Transit, St. Helens, OR

**Present:** Bill Eagle; Dena Chesney; Blanche Katz; Marty Rowe; Charlotte Hart; Claudia Eagle

**Absent:** Scott Burge

**Staff:** John Dreeszen, Transit Director

**Guests:** Kathy Kleczek; Stan Chiotti; “Bus No Shelter”; Alta Lynch; “T”

**Call to Order (CCRTAC):** Chair B. Eagle called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

**Public Comments:** Stan Chiotti requested CC Rider to provide a shuttle service from the transit center parking lot to the annual Children’s Fair at the middle school due to lack of parking in the middle school parking lot. Committee member Rowe moved to allow use of the transit center parking lot for the Children’s Fair scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Committee member Chesney seconded and the committee approved the motion unanimously. Time was allowed for additional public comment and none was presented.

**Approval of January 19, 2021 and February 16, 2021 minutes:** Committee approved the January 19 and February 16, 2021 minutes unanimously.

**Grants & Budget Update:** John Dreeszen stated the budget has been submitted to the finance department. Mr. Dreeszen noted the budget did not include a deficit, allows for the remaining debt will be paid back to the General Fund, and will also not require an additional loan from the general fund. The Columbia County Economic Team again elected to make a contribution to the budget. The new budget also incorporates the upcoming service changes. Mr. Dreeszen gave the committee a brief review of the various grants and their purposes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review of 4/27/21 Public Forum Presentation:** Mr. Dreeszen explained a public forum and a public hearing related to service changes were coming up and shared materials from the draft presentation with the committee and asked for a review of the presentation with any changes or notes.

**Meeting Schedule:** The committee agreed to holding the next meeting after the public hearing to discuss the outcome of both the public forum and public hearing.

**Committee Round Table:** Committee member Rowe asked Mr. Dreeszen to come on his radio program to discuss service changes. Chair B. Eagle commented that he enjoyed participating in a forum with Kathy Kleczek.

**Additional Public Comment:** Kathy Kleczek thanked Chair B. Eagle for participating in her forum, and noted April is “Distracted Driver Awareness” month and May is “Bicycle” month. Ms. Kleczek encouraged people to ride their bicycles and/or take the bus for their travels.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:44 P.M.