

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

Meeting Date: December 12, 2018

Time: 5:10 P.M.

Place: CCR Transit Center, St. Helens, OR

Present: Sharon Evinger; Bill Eagle; Blanche Katz; Dena Chesney; Charlotte Hart; Jennifer Moen

Absent: Genell Grow; Claudia Eagle

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

Guests: Melody Long; Carol Brandt; Roy Hettiga; Alta Lynch

Call to Order: Chair Evinger called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Approval of November 20, 2018 Minutes: Chair Evinger noted both the November 20th minutes and the current meeting minutes will be reviewed prior to the January meeting for approval.

Route Cuts: Todd Wood presented information on the proposed route changes. He stated the purpose for the meeting is to garner approval from the committee related to the number of runs, and that the timing of those runs is flexible, and for approval to put proposed routes out to the public in order to receive input from riders at large. Mr. Wood stated when a new contractor is located, anticipated costs and current funding will allow for only 7 runs in to Portland, versus the current 14. There was some discussion around marketing, previous tax proposals, potential future tax proposals, and homeownership. Line 7 would no longer be the connector with NW Connector and Mr. Wood is working with Astoria to create a schedule to maintain the connector in some way.

Mr. Wood stated that Line 2 adjustments would be delayed until the end of the winter term, along with a desire to reduce fares even further for students. Line 3 would be adjusted down to 5 trips per day versus the current 7; line 4 would be reduced to 2 trips per day; and line 5 would reduce to 3 stops. Vernonia service would wholly change from Fixed-Route service to demand response, allowing for more Dial-A-Ride hours to be utilized in the South County. Mr. Wood further stated that he is searching for an appropriately sized space for a public forum. Committee member B. Eagle mentioned the Chamber of Commerce holds a “Coffee Clash” twice every month and that it may be an opportunity to present to, and connect with, the public.

There was extensive discussion around homeownership, committee member usage of specific lines, feasibility of a tax measure, advertising, upcoming Cornelius Pass closures, how changes will impact ridership, and weather staff has considered various options and opportunities in lieu of route cuts.

Committee Member B. Eagle made a motion to approve the route changes as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Katz and was unanimously approved.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.