

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

Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Place: Columbia County Courthouse, St. Helens, OR

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

Absent: Scott Burge; Marty Rowe

Staff: John Dreeszen, Transit Director

Guests: Genell Grow; Margaret Magruder

Call to Order (CCRTAC): Chair B. Eagle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

Approval of September 8, 2020 summary: Committee approved the September 8, 2020 minutes unanimously with corrections.

Acknowledgement of Genell Grow: John Dreeszen and Margaret Magruder presented former committee member and Chair Genell Grow with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service to the Columbia County Rider Transit Advisory Committee. Several other committee members also offered comments and well wishes for Genell.

Proposal for Dial-A-Ride Rate Increase: John Dreeszen requested input from the committee regarding increasing the rate for Dial-A-Ride. Committee member Hart suggested the rate increase would be appropriate if the boundary were increased from one mile to two miles off fixed-routes. Chair B. Eagle suggested expanding the boundary to two miles during the pandemic to allow more access to Dial-A-Ride. Mr. Dreeszen suggested either dropping the fare to \$2.00 or increasing to \$3.00 in order to reduce the amount of coin to be counted. Mr. Dreeszen also suggested increasing the number of Dial-A-Ride hours in accommodate more people. Committee member Katz suggested expanding the Reduced Fare program to include Dial-A-Ride. The committee was in favor of increasing the Dial-A-Ride fare to \$3.00, increasing the boundary to 2 miles from fixed-route service, and expanding the Reduced Fare program to include Dial-A-Ride. Committee member Hart moved and Committee member Katz seconded the motion. Committee member Katz requested clarification of the Reduced Fare program, Mr. Dreeszen clarified. The Committee approved the motion unanimously.

STF BUSINESS

Priorities for use of 2022-23 funds: John Dreeszen reminded the committee of the purpose of STF funding, along with the other funding that is received on a regular basis. Mr. Dreeszen then presented the committee with operating data for fiscal year 2020, along with “Service Ranking Sheets” as tools for the committee members to use in prioritizing what services they view and being most important. Mr. Dreeszen also explained the metrics that were used in determining the operating cost data. Mr. Dreeszen went on to explain that this prioritization is necessary as service will need to be reduced in the next year, and that funding will need to be redistributed in order to fully operate within the budget that is available. There was discussion around forming a subcommittee to discuss additional issues.

STIF BUSINESS

Priorities for use of 2022-23 funds: John Dreeszen reminded the committee of the purpose of STIF funding. He noted the packet that included operating data for fiscal year 2020 and “Service Ranking Sheets” was intended to be used to rank how to use these funds for the upcoming biennium. There was discussion about the data included in the packet.

Committee Round Table: Committee member Katz asked that those who are interested in participating in a subcommittee come prepared to offer innovative ideas. Committee member Hart expressed that she was pleased that CC Rider was still operating after continuous funding difficulties. Committee member Chesney noted she is a frequent passenger of CC Rider and expressed disappointment in TriMet. Chair B. Eagle noted CC Rider drivers are friendly and also asked for meeting minutes to be distributed earlier than they were for this particular meeting. Chair B. Eagle would like to see an airport shuttle service operated by CC Rider.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.