

**Tillamook County Transportation District**  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 – 5:30PM  
**Meeting Minutes**



1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Chris Kell called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm.

2. **Introductions:**

Brian Vitulli, General Manager  
Keri Brown, Administrative Assistant/TAC Clerk  
Lorie Lund, Committee Chair  
John Dreeszen, Committee Member  
Ross Rush, Committee Vice Chair  
Chris Kell, Committee Chair  
Ross Tomlin, Committee Member (ABSENT)  
Brook Wyntergreen, Committee Member (ABSENT)  
Ron Rush, Committee Member  
Nicholas Torres, Committee Member (ABSENT)  
James Heffernan, Committee Member (ABSENT)

**Guests:**

Marni Johnston – TCTD Board of Directors, Treasure

3. **Presentation of STIF-D/STN Grant Applications:**

GM Vitulli provided an explanation of the STIF-D/STN Grant Applications to the Committee Members.

4. **Solicit Feedback of Grant Applications:**

Member Rush stated he believes the shelters are important to the community and should be priority over the Fire Alarm System update. He asked who does the alarms and GM Vitulli responded that Trillium is the vendor. Member Rush asked who else has turned in their applications for this funding? GM Vitulli stated that there were no other applications in our district. Member Rush stated that the shelters are great for the riders and the fire system is important too, but what is the priority.

Member Dreeszen stated he was impressed by TCTD pursuit of the grants and that the presentation by GM Vitulli was very impressive and very informative. Both Grants are to serve the public, one for bus shelters in the small rural downtown of Garibaldi, with the rural project already underway it is important to pursue that grant. If the shelters are not taken care of now, the deterioration and decay would break everything down, so having the work done at once while the construction is currently going on makes sense. The Fire Alarm System doesn't jump out at people, but it is critical since the District and ODOT have millions of dollars of assets to protect and if not updated could lead to a catastrophe.

Member Rush stated that both are important. Member Lund stated she can see that they are both needed to protect what we have. There are 3 apartment complexes in

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Garibaldi that would benefit the disabled customers that rely on the buses. It would benefit the whole community.

Director Johnston stated that she has a soft spot for Garibaldi and most of the residents are under the poverty level, elderly and disabled and would directly benefit from the shelter project.

GM Vitulli stated that it would benefit bicyclists to have somewhere to catch the bus and it would polish off the locations to have the shelters.

Member Rush stated that projects including a small community would score some points.

GM Vitulli stated that it would work in conjunction with everything.

Member Kell stated that everything was put together nicely.

**5. Other Business:**

GM Vitulli stated that we have several Members who have expired membership terms. Ron Rush, Chris Kell, Ross Tomlin, Brook Wyntergreen and Nicholas Torres. He would like to get the members renewed at the next board meeting.

Member Kell said yes if possible because she already served 2 terms and would like to get her membership renewed.

GM Vitulli stated that he didn't think there were term limits.

Member Rush stated that he would like to get his membership renewed.

**6. Future Meetings:**

GM Vitulli stated that there will be one to two more meetings before the end of the year.

**7. Adjourn:**

Chair Member Kell adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm and Member Rush seconded the motion.

**These minutes approved this 23rd day of October 2024.**

ATTEST:

  
Chris Kell, Committee Member Chair

  
Brian Vitulli, General Manager