



SUNSET EMPIRE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

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SUNSET EMPIRE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FILLS BOARD VACANCIES

Three new Commissioners were selected and sworn in at the Sunset Empire Transportation District (SETD) Board of Commissioners meeting held Thursday, December 18, 2025. All will serve two years as the three positions will be on the ballot at the May 2027 elections.

Position 1 is filled by Dr. Penny York, Ed.D who moved to Seaside this past year from Corvallis where she retired from her position as a Linn-Benton Community College administrator. She also served on the Corvallis City Council for six years where she helped develop their transportation systems plan. She also championed the creation of the multi modal transportation advisory board.

Matthew Stolberg of Astoria was appointed to Position 5. While living in Seaside he served on two citizen advisory committees. Prior, he was on several advisory committees in eastern Washington as well as the chair of the Garfield County Hospital District.

Filling Position 7 is Clatsop County native Kathleen Teeple who grew up in Astoria and now resides in Seaside. She is a practicing accountant and currently sits on the Seaside Library Board.

Kathy Klezcek commented: "Seeing five highly qualified applicants step forward to serve is both exciting and deeply encouraging. It tells me that Sunset Empire Transportation District has entered a new chapter of community engagement and leadership. With a fully seated board and additional committee opportunities, I am hopeful that every applicant will find a meaningful way to contribute to strengthening transportation for the communities we serve."

SETD Commissioners set policy and adopt the annual budget for Sunset Empire Transportation District as well as provide oversight of the district as well as the SETD Executive Director.

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