



**BENTON COUNTY
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Special Coordinated Plan Meeting March 28, 2017**

Present

Mary Marsh-King, Chair
Axel Deininger
Tera Stegner
Dave Zaback
Steven Black
Tom Wogaman

Absent

Drew Foster
Steve Harder
Tim Bates

STF and City/County Staff

Lee Lazaro, STF Coordinator
Cathy Williams, STF Assistant (Recorder)
Lisa Scherf, City of Corvallis
Debie Wyne, Benton County Public Works

Visitors/Presenters

Jim Owens, Cogon Owens Greene
Jean Palmateer, ODOT Rail & Public Transit
Ann Hanus, Association of Oregon Counties

1. Introductions

Chair Marsh-King called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. Committee members present introduced themselves. Ms. Marsh-King also acknowledged that Axel Deininger was in attendance via speakerphone and she asked staff, guests, and other attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Review and approval of meeting minutes

The Committee reviewed the January 24th, 2017 minutes. Steven Black moved to accept the minutes and Dave Zaback seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

3. Old Business

Update on Grant Applications Submitted to Date - Mr. Lazaro reported that the following applications were submitted to ODOT, reflecting the STAC's priorities as approved by the Board of Commissioners in March:

2017-19 5310 Small Urban Grant
2017-19 5310 Rural Grant
2017-19 State STF Grant

Lee also noted that the City of Corvallis covered the \$12,000 shortage in funds for 5310 monies. Also rebudgeted some rollover STF discretionary funding from current biennium.

4. New Business

- **Approve 2017-19 Biennium STF 10% Add-Back List**

Mr. Lazaro was seeking approval that any incremental STF Grant addback amount up to 10% (\$49, 908) granted by the State Legislature in the 2017 session should be put into

STF Operating Contingency. Dave Zaback moved to accept the proposal and Steven Black seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

Lisa Scherf (Vice Chair of Oregon OTA this year) provided an update on “Better Transit Oregon” initiative from the Oregon Transit Association. The Legislature’s Joint Committee on Transportation, Modernization, and Preservation traveled to communities all around the state last year and listened to people’s input on transportation issues. The Committee then decided to continue meeting but split into three working groups; one was focused on bike/ped/transit issues and included several members of the OTA. The group came up with a proposed funding mechanism that would provide state funds for fixed route public transit, which will hopefully be included in a larger transportation bill for consideration this year. Those monies could be used as local match to secure federal grants.

5. Coordinated Plan Workshop – Presented by Jim Owens & Jean Palmateer

- a) Recap of changes made to plan strategies and priorities since last meeting
 1. Introduction – revised
 2. Plan Development Process – new section (includes discussion of Human/Health Services Community Engagement)
 3. Demographics – edits (most notable being revision of section on disabled persons Population)
 4. Public Transportation Services – minor edits
 5. Regional Public Transportation & Additional Services – minor edits
 6. Coordination with Emergency Preparedness – edits
 7. Demographic/Public Transportation Service Observations – edits
 8. Funding Summary – new section
 9. Needs, Strategies, & Potential Actions – addition of Vision Statement, edits throughout, elimination of high-medium-low priority categories, and significant revamping of Potential Actions
- b) Funding Summary; Gaps & Challenges; Funding Strategies & Options (listed in order of prioritization)
- c) Service Gaps Identification and Strategies
- d) Health & Human Service Community Engagement
- e) Regional Chapter of Plan – Discussion
- f) Planning for April Community Open House (to be held on April 24th from 12:00PM to 2:30 PM, with food & beverages served from 12 PM to 12:30 PM)
- g) Next Steps – Finalizing Plan; Board of Commissioners Presentation (Comments needed in writing to Jim by May 5th)

There were additional suggestions by the Committee that Jim will add for the next draft.

6. Roundtable (None)

7. **Conclusion:** Steven Black moved to adjourn the meeting and Dave Zaback seconded the motion, with all approving then motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 25th, 2017, from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM.