



**BENTON COUNTY
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2018**

Present

Mary Marsh-King, Chair
Steve Harder
Steven Black
Dave Zaback
Tera Stegner
Axel Deininger (remote)
Rocio Munoz
Drew Foster

STF and City/County Staff

Lee Lazaro, STF Coordinator
Cathy Williams, STF Assistant (Recorder)
Lisa Scherf (City of Corvallis)

Visitors/Presenters

Sean McGuire (Benton Co. Comm. Dev.)
Suzanne Lazaro (Visitor)
(Unidentified guest)

Absent

Tim Bates
Tom Wogaman
Steven Black
Drew Foster
Debie Wyne

1. Introductions

Chair Mary Marsh-King called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Committee members present introduced themselves, along with guest speaker Sean McGuire from Benton County Health Department. Ms. Marsh-King also acknowledged that Member Axel Deininger was present via speakerphone.

2. Review and approval of meeting minutes

The Committee reviewed the April 24th, 2018 minutes. There were corrections to add Steven Black and Drew Foster to absent list, and to spell out acronym of STIF (Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund) under Item 3 Paragraph B. Steven Black moved to accept the amended minutes. Steve Harder seconded the motion and all Members approved.

3. Old Business:

a) Update on HB 2017 Transportation Bill – The Benton County Commissioners have conceptually approved the draft bylaws. The Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee will be advertised this week and next in the Gazette Times to recruit committee members. ODOT may have STIF grant fund application forms ready to distribute in August and to accept applications in November. Payroll tax monies are to begin being collected on July 1st from employees of larger agencies.

4. Informational:

a) Benton County Thriving Communities 2040 – Guest speaker Sean McGuire gave a brief history of the

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative and the oversight Council, which is composed of community leaders. He reviewed information from several handouts which he distributed: “2040 Thriving Communities Initiative Phases 1 & 2 Public Engagement Lists (2016-2017)” and “Benton County’s 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative’s Core Values”. There is cross-pollination of this committee, along with two other committees (Health in All Actions, and Equity) due to members being on various committees who interact and share information. He discussed the Corvallis 2040 effort and how it was similar and how it differed from the Benton County 2040 Initiative.

Mr. Lazaro noted how Corvallis City government had developed an Action Plan to take the goals of Corvallis’ 2040 plan and see how city departments could work to help put the 2040 plan into action. He would like to see the County follow a similar practical path.

Mr. McGuire stated that, operationally, County residents want more of an action plan to implement the actual vision goals and values, and Benton County wants to focus on the climate action goal. There are (3) tiers to implement this plan: 1) Cross-departmental, 2) How to use within a department, and 3) “Gotta Do’s” that each person/committee must do their part.

Mr. McGuire informed the group that there is currently an effort by Directors to examine committee structure and advisory committees. Benton County Commissioners have approved Core Values, and two committees were formed as a resolution. They are the Health Committee and the Equity Committee to review policies, operations, and services and ensure that health and equity are addressed in every one.

The first benchmark and biennium budget will be next summer. Further information can be found at www.benton2040.org

b) Transportation Brokerage 2017 Report – Mr. Lazaro reported that the brokerage agency did take a cut in funding due to recent legislation, but not as severe as first anticipated. He presented a powerpoint slideshow on the Cascades West Ride Line “Non-Emergent Medical Transportation Program for Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties”. The presentation was developed by the brokerage and a copy was borrowed to present to the STAC. It included facts, figures, budget and ridership data for 2017.

c) Benton County TSP – Draft Transit Project List – Mr. Lazaro distributed and discussed “Benton County TSP – Transit Projects List” items. This is the initial list of about 20 projects developed for the Benton County Transportation Systems Plan, which will in turn be the core projects presented for funding under the new STIF program. There was a lively discussion with STAC members about the individual projects.

5. Election of STAC Officers – Steven Black made a motion and Dave Zaback seconded the motion to retain Mary Marsh-King as Chair and Tim Bates as Vice-Chair. All members voted with unanimous approval. There was agreement for future discussion of possibly changing bylaws and staggering service terms.

6. Upcoming STAC Items:

a) Strengthening Rural Families – Guest speaker will be Paul Smith at the June meeting.

- d) **Reconfigured Senior Companion Program** – Guest speaker will be Alicia Lucke at the July meeting.
- e) **Regional Chapter of Linn-Benton-Lincoln Coordinated Plan** – no update this month.
- f) **Benton County Transportation System Plan – Transit Portion Update** – update was presented this month. There will be a meeting later in June.
- g) **ODOT & BenCo Transit Asset Management Plan – Transit Safety Plan** – no update this month.

8. Roundtable:

- a) **Majestic Theater** – Dave Zaback encouraged everyone to attend the 8th Annual Trout Short Film Festival, May 23 at the Majestic Theater. It's a free event with one session at 4PM and another at 7PM. They are short films about and starring people with disabilities. It lasts about 1 ½ hours plus popcorn, cookies, and coffee served.
- b) **Safe Routes to School – Webinar Grant Engaging Students with Disabilities** – Ms. Munoz informed the group of an event sponsored by South Benton Recreational Alliance and other partners who are looking at a SRTS infrastructure grant. They will be looking at Monroe schools, City, and County. The ODOT webinar will be held in a couple of weeks.
- c) **Get Outdoors Event** – Event to be held June 2, 2018 at Peavey Arboretum and Dial-A-Bus will provide shuttle service from Crescent Valley. This is an effort to engage low-income and English learner families to be outdoors. Contact Rocio Munoz for more information.
- d) **Dial-A-Bus Open House** –Dial-A-Bus will be holding an Open House from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM on June 22nd, 2018, in the Sunset Building Conference Room. They are hoping to recruit new volunteer drivers, introduce current drivers to the community, and provide answers and/or resource referrals to those needing assistance for services.

9. Conclusion: The meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 24th, 2018, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM.