

The Loop - Morrow County Transportation

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Meeting Minutes
July 20th, 2021 immediately following the STF meeting

Irrigon City Hall – Large Conference Room • 500 NE Main Ave. • Irrigon, OR 97844

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call

Welcome: 4:17

Aaron Palmquist

Katie Imes

Heidi Turrell

Scott Green

Sheryll Bates

Debbie Radie

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve Minutes

a. April 20th, 2021

Aaron moves to approve, Sheryll seconds, motion approved.

4. Update -Transportation Coordinator, Katie Imes

a. Covid-19 – Policy Update, CARES funding – passenger/driver barriers, sanitization equipment, hazard pay, advertising

b. Ridership/Drivers

c. Budget

d. Operating Plan FY 2021-2022

e. STIF Discretionary Agreements

Planning Bus maintenance/storage: Need a design build team. Need to identify what we need and lot size. Engineering outside team. We are looking to build in Boardman.

Aaron: How much land does the county have?

Katie: 5 acres

What would this include? Storage, Maintenance and Transit Hub

The next step is to have some land to apply to grant.

Debbie: The Dollar General that is going up in Boardman, won't allow certain businesses next door, maybe we can look there.

Katie: We are going to have a work session.

Aaron: We should plan on having a maintenance bay.

Debbie: I would like to have hub next to the rec center.

Scott: Next to the Port of Morrow exit, also likes the idea of a transit hub.

Aaron: If we own buses, I would say no the transit hub.

Operating – Heppner Boardman Connector – Next Fiscal Year: Already have a local match

Operating – POM Circular – Will need the buses by next summer.

STIF is not a self-sustaining. You have to have a backup plan, 5311 is sustaining.

- f. Other Agreements – Kayak, CareVan, 5304
- g. Morrow, Umatilla and CTUIR Strategic Plan Final Document
- h. Current Projects - RFQ – Vehicle Purchases
Purchasing vehicles: 3 – 14 passenger buses, 1 -22 passenger bus, and 1 – minivan.

Sheryll: With that 22 passenger bus will need a CDL driver?

Katie: Yes

Sheryll: it would be nice to train more than 1 person.

Katie: I am working on a training and incentives program for the drivers.

Sheryll: Bug Stevens is still a CDL trainer.

There is also Capeco training and Incumbent training.

Aaron: we send them to school and we pay for it.

Katie: Will be looking to ODOT from guidance, maybe in the spring of 2022.

5. Other Business

None

- a. STIF Committee Membership- One Vacancy to be filled
- b. STF/STIF Consolidation Timeline

Next Meeting:

October 19th, 2021 in Boardman, location to be announced.

Adjourn: 4:51