

RVTD STIF Advisory Committee

Final Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 21 | 1:00pm-2:30pm | Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

STIFAC: George Adams, Amber Robles, Isleen Glatt, Brad Earl, Sandra Padilla

RVTD: Paige West, Julie Brown, Tim Fountain, Edem Gomez

Others: Jennifer Boardman, ODOT. Scott Chancey, Josephine Community Transit

Time	Lead	Topic	Materials
1:00	George	Meeting start-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions and agenda review.• Reviewed and adopted minutes from 8/25/2022 joint STIFAC/STAC meeting. Isleen moved to approve, seconded by Amber. The motion passes, August minutes approved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8/25/2022 Minutes• Agenda
1:15	George/ Paige	Review of past STIF Formula Projects and draft list for 2023-2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Paige:</i> Reviewed project cost estimations and methodology for developing estimates. Reviewed conceptual services and projects from previous biennia and potential future projects in 2023-25 biennium. Estimated cost per service hour have increased from \$65 to \$85 due to increase service and fixed costs.• <i>George:</i> Question regarding the future electrification of RVTD's transit fleet. <i>Julie:</i> RVTD is exploring many fuel types including electric, hybrid diesel, and hydrogen. The current technology of electric buses is still in its early phases and there are some concerns based on feedback from other agencies. <i>Paige:</i> Switching from CNG to electric would increase costs due to price of charging. RVTD board is currently weighing the options of zero Emission buses and discussing the issue.• <i>Paige:</i> Reviewed working spreadsheet of 2023-25 STIF projects. Estimated \$4m carryover from previous STIF biennium. Projects are broken into non-operating projects and service projects. Cost increases for capital projects due to increased material and labor costs. Reviewed population-based fund project scenarios. RVTD will be looking at applying for STIF discretionary funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project estimates and spreadsheets.
1:45	Paige/ STIFAC	STIFAC Review and Discussion of STIF Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Isleen:</i> Clarifying questions about the type of service the Ashland project will be. <i>Paige:</i> Ashland service could either be a return of the Ashland Connector or a fixed route circulator. Staff are still reviewing options but are leaning towards a return of the Ashland Connector, on-demand service. A micro-transit, on-demand service is also being considered for the Central Point service project.• <i>Paige:</i> Reviews in-district and out-of-district funds.• <i>George:</i> Asks about the effects of transferring out of district funds to in-district funds. <i>Paige:</i> Upper Rogue Connector was an out-of-district project with low ridership. There are no feasible available projects for	

		the low demand. Funds will be made of use by moving them into the in-district pot.	
2:10	STIFAC/ Scott Chancey	Opportunity for Public Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Scott Chancey</i>: Director for Josephine Community Transit, explained the Route 100 service between Grants Pass and Medford operated by JCT. Scott will be asking for out-of-district funds to support this service. Is asking RVTB to fund 45% of the route cost. <i>George</i>: Would funds be used to expand the service? <i>Scott</i>: Would be used to preserve the service, not increase at this time. <i>Julie</i>: Asked about the cost of the route. <i>Scott</i>: The cost is roughly \$250,000 but variable due to costs of labor, fuel, etc...Will plan on attending next STIFAC meeting. 	
2:30	George	Meeting Close-out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of meeting and STIF application process. Edem will send out poll to schedule next STIFAC meeting the week of November 7th. 	