

## Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee

## About the RVTD Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee

Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) is looking for community members in Jackson County to serve on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee (STIF AC). The STIF AC will meet to review applications for funding that supports public transportation projects in the Rogue Valley.

The RVTD Board of Directors appoints members to the STIF AC to review potential STIF-funded projects for recommendation to the RVTD Board. The Advisory Committee will meet at least two times per year. RVTD is currently accepting applications to serve on the STIFAC, to apply please visit: <u>https://rvtd.org/data-resources/stif/</u>

## Background on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund

Section 122 of <u>Keep Oregon Moving</u> (Oregon House Bill 2017) established a new dedicated source of funding for expanding public transportation service in Oregon. Keep Oregon Moving includes a 0.1% employee payroll tax to fund public transportation. This funding source is called the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF). RVTD is the Qualified Entity to oversee the funds allocated to Jackson County.

STIF may be used for public transportation purposes that support the operations, planning and administration of public transportation programs including, but not limited to, the following:

- Creation of new systems and services with origins, destinations or stops in Oregon;
- Maintenance or continuation of new services in certain circumstances; and
- Planning for and development of a Local Plan or future STIF Plan to improve public transportation service.
- Additionally, STIF funds may be used as the local match for state and federal funds which also provide Public Transportation Service.
- Goals of HB 2017 are to expand access to jobs, improve mobility, relieve congestion, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Special focus on low-income populations.

Additional information can be found at: <u>https://rvtd.org/data-resources/stif/</u>