

TAC Meeting Minutes 04/06/2023

Called meeting to order @ 1:05 pm

Present at meeting- Annie Holsworth, Marilyn Smith, Ted Frazier, Ken Bronson, Kindra Oliver, Dawn Mitchell, JoAnn McQueary, Reagan Maudlin, Jennifer Boardman, Barry Hoffman, Kristin Preston, Nick Meltzer

*Introductions: Ken, retired; Annie, visually impaired; Marilyn, Albany City Council; Kindra, Director of Lebanon Sr. Center/ LINX; Ted, City of Albany Senior and Disabled; Dawn, Linn Shuttle, Sweet Home Transportation, Senior Center; JoAnn McQueary, East Linn County; Reagan, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator; Jennifer Boardman, ODOT RTC Region 3; Barry Hoffman, Albany Transit Linn Benton Loop; Kristin Preston, City of Albany Public Works Director; Nick Meltzer, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments

*Adopt meeting minutes – Marilyn moves 01/19 minutes be approved as prepared, Kindra seconds, motion passes unanimously

*Public commenters- None

*Transportation Provider program updates:

Dawn Mitchell, Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Inc.:

- New CAT B Bus arrived, getting wrapped.
- Another vehicle on the assembly line
- 129% ridership increase, 38K rides so far for the FY, YTD

Ted Frazier, Albany Call-A-Ride:

- Ridership at 80% of pre-COVID numbers
- Steady ADA applications coming in
- New paratransit Van, Chrysler
- Call-A-Ride remains fareless
- Services some of Millersburg
- No services to Tangent yet
- ADA requires eligibility for ADA or elderly, 85% ADA/ 15% Senior ridership

Kindra Oliver, Lebanon LINX:

- Record month with 4,828 rides in March and 34K rides YTD
- WVRC DD services have started
- New driver and new dispatchers acquired
- Submitted a 5339 grant for one (1) low/no emissions van and charging station
- Low/no emissions fleet transition plan required for 5339 (completed)
- Servicing Brownsville 2 days per week

Barry Hoffman, Albany ATS:

- No fleet transition plan as of yet, prioritizing completion of projects that may have important contributions to a fleet transition plan
- The Loop is at 41K rides so far this year, 54% increase from last years expansion which is continuing to be maintained
- ATS 27K rides so far this year, 14% increase ridership from last year
- ATS completed construction of bus stops on City property
- Company took a bus ride to test new routes
- Still looking for drivers, have hired 1 of the 4 needed to staff the ATS expansion
- Project start date is hinged on drivers, optimistically beginning in July

Nick Meltzer, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments:

- Swiftly renewed
- Trackers for Sweet Home busses
- Human Services Coordinated Plans are out to their respective Counties

Reagan Maudlin provided a brief update on Volunteer Caregivers, Sunshine Industries, and Oregon Mennonite Residential Services.

*Update on STIF Discretionary Funds: Reagan reads PTAC recommendations to the OTC for STIF D and STIF F (materials provided in meeting packet). Discussion was had around some project specifics.

Jennifer talks about the STIF D and the STIF F timelines, stating it is on the ODOT radar for streamlining to better plan these symbiotic funding sources.

Discussions occurred on variable sources of match that might be available, citing the limited \$400K in the 23-25 Linn County STIF F Plan for this purpose. Some discussion around how and when to vet potential match resources along with challenges associated with occurred.

*STIF Topics: Reagan introduces STIF tools and historic documents regarding the Sub Allocation Method for review. Some discussion held regarding the materials.

*Next meetings: April 27th 1:30 – 3:30 PM to discuss the Linn County Human Services Coordinated Plan; June 1st 1:30 – 3:30 PM to finalize Linn County Coordinated Plan AND make recommendations for the match dollars in the 23-25 STIF Plan.

*Other Business- none

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Reagan Maudlin, LC Special/Rural Transp. Coordinator

Approved: 04/27/2023