

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT

Friday, January 25, 2019

Pursuant to notice given to *The Register-Guard* for publication on January 17, 2019, and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, the Special Transportation Fund Committee of the Lane Transit District held a meeting on Friday, January 25, 2019, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at the Next Stop Center, 1099 Olive Street, Eugene, Oregon.

Present: Ruth Linoz, Chair
Alan Baas
Hoover Chambliss
Ed Necker
Lise Schellman

Absent: Pete Barron, Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL — Ms. Linoz convened the meeting and called the roll.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR — There were no comments.

AGENDA REVIEW — No changes were made to the agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION — No one wished to speak.

BIENNIAL GRANT INTERVIEWS — Accessible Services Specialist John Ahlen stated that the committee had completed interviews of all grant applicants and the purpose of the meeting was to review the draft spreadsheet of 5310 and STF funding recommendations that had been updated to reflect the committee's deliberations during grant applicant interviews.

Mr. Necker pointed out that under the Medical Transportation Management (MTM) application for RideSource and Shopper services, the amounts for 5310 and LTD match funds had both increased from the January 24 version of the spreadsheet, although the overall project costs had not changed.

Mr. Ahlen said that 12 grant applications had been reviewed by the committee. The River Cities Taxies and Pacific Crest Bus Lines applications, which provided Florence and Oakridge services, had already been presented to and approved by the LTD Board because they included 5311 funds with an earlier application date than the 5310 and STF funds. He said the remainder of the applications would be presented to the Board for approval at its February meeting.

Mr. Ahlen said the spreadsheet captured the total cost of providing a service, the amount of funding coming from LTD grants funds and other funding sources and, in the case of RideSource, the amount of LTD General Fund contribution required. He said his calculations indicated that an additional \$238,000 from the General Fund would be required in the next biennium, totaling about \$3.7 million in General Fund dollars to support the RideSource service. He said that was consistent with previous biennial increase of about seven percent. He noted that a significant portion of that increase would go toward vehicle replacement. He said approximately \$100,000 of

the increase would go toward programs. He felt that was a reasonable request to submit to the Board.

Mr. Ahlen further explained that the increase in 5310 contribution to MTM's RideSource and Shopper service was based on discussions with Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) regarding LTD's receipt of Older Americans Act (OAA) funds and volunteer escort donations. Those two funding sources would be used to offset the cost of volunteer escort programs so that less 5310 funds were required. That allowed additional 5310 funds to be made available to RideSource, thereby decreasing the amount of General Fund dollars that were required.

Mr. Ahlen reviewed the updated spreadsheet. He said in the last biennium STF funds were allocation to other programs, but match dollars from other sources such as in the volunteer escort program had made that unnecessary. The only changes on the spreadsheet from the previous version resulted from the receipt of OAA and donation funds from LCOG for the volunteer escort program and the consequent reduction in the General Fund contribution to RideSource.

Ms. Linoz asked if there would be changes to STF funding in the future. Mr. Ahlen said legislative changes were always possible, but advice from the Oregon Department of Transportation was to go forward with budgets based on current projection of funding levels.

Committee members discussed the importance of STF funds for the transportation programs it had reviewed.

Mr. Ahlen asked committee members to review the spreadsheet and provide him with any comments and suggestions. He would finalize the spreadsheet and the committee would make its formal recommendations to the LTD Board at the next meeting on February 1. He said the agenda for that meeting would also include a review of the updated Lane Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan.

Accessible and Customer Services Manager Cosette Rees thanked staff and committee members for their work on the discretionary grant applications. Mr. Ahlen also thanked the committee for its thoughtful review.

Ms. Linoz thanked staff for their support of the committee's efforts.

Mr. Ahlen determined there was consensus on the spreadsheet as presented.

NEXT MEETINGS: Friday, February 1, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Linoz adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

(Recorded by Lynn Taylor)