



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10-21-062

ADOPTION OF THE 2020-21 DISCRETIONARY STIF PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Section 122 of HB 2017 Transportation Funding Package established a new dedicated source of funding for improving or expanding public transportation service in Oregon;

WHEREAS, this funding source is called the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund, or STIF;

WHEREAS the SPC was involved in the first round of funding for 2018;

WHEREAS, STIF revenues are allocated across four funds as follows:

- Formula Fund: The Formula Fund receives 90 percent of STIF funds. ODOT disburses Formula funds to mass transit districts, transportation districts, or counties without either a mass transit or transportation district, and to federally-recognized tribes based on formula allocation.
- Discretionary Fund and Intercommunity Discretionary Fund:
 - The Discretionary Fund receives five (5) percent of STIF funds. ODOT awards Discretionary funds to public transportation service providers based on a competitive grant process.
 - The Intercommunity Discretionary Fund receives four (4) percent of STIF funds. ODOT awards Intercommunity funds to public transportation service providers to improve public transportation between two or more communities based on a competitive grant process.
- Technical Resource Center: ODOT uses one (1) percent of STIF funds to establish and administer a statewide public transportation technical resource center to assist public transportation providers in rural areas and also to administer STIF.

WHEREAS, Projects eligible for funding under the STIF Discretionary Fund include, but are not limited to:

- Capital projects such as vehicles, facilities, equipment, and technology; and management, planning, and research.
- Transit-adjacent projects, such as infrastructure updates that improve safety of public transit users, may also be eligible where they have a reasonable connection to public transportation services.
- Pilot operations projects may be considered for funding if the application includes a feasible financial plan for ongoing operations beyond the initial pilot period, per OAR 732-044-0005. Incomplete pilot projects initiated with discretionary STIF funds in FY 2019-21 may be eligible, but these projects will not receive preference over other eligible projects.

WHEREAS, LTD is preparing four (4) applications for Discretionary and Intercommunity Discretionary Funds summarized as follows:

1. STIF Intercommunity Discretionary grant for Diamond Express – this project is an effort to move the Diamond Express service, currently being funded by federal 5311F (which requires a 50% match) to the STIF Intercommunity Discretionary fund as the STIF funds have a lower match requirement. The Intercommunity Discretionary funds only require a 20% match but may be more competitive. For that reason, LTD is likely going to apply for both the STIF and the federal funds (which happens through a separate process).



2. STIF Discretionary application for Interagency Software Project - a partnership with UO and the City of Eugene, this project will greatly assist people in planning, executing, and paying for trips in our community. Currently, they must consult several different resources to plan a multi-modal trip in our area (for instance, Google maps, LTD website, PeaceHealth Rides website or mobile app, TouchPass mobile app, our MOD applications, Uber or Lyft mobile app, etc.). This application will provide a "one stop shop" where users can plan and pay for their trip with one application, immediately seeing all of their alternatives compared for time, cost, and other factors.
3. STIF Discretionary Match for Electric Bus Purchase - this application seeks \$3.387M in STIF Discretionary funding to provide a match for \$9.035M in federal formula funds being used to purchase 11 electric buses.
4. STIF Discretionary Alternative Fuel Vehicle and Related Infrastructure Purchase for RideSource. This application seeks \$1M for a total project cost of \$1.2M. We are also separately investing in our own fleet procurement plan which will research and identify the most viable alt-fuel option. This is responsive to the Board's request that we investigate alt-fuel options for upcoming vehicle purchases for RideSource. This project would include \$200K in STF funds as match.

WHEREAS, these 4 projects align with the following LTD plans and goals: 1) fleet procurement plan, 2) sustainability goal, and 3) Mobility Management Plan;

WHEREAS, those applications are due to ODOT before the November 2, 2020 deadline;

WHEREAS, SPC passed a motion to recommend to the board that it approve submittal of LTD's four applications to ODOT at their October 6, 2020, meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane Transit District Board of Directors, adopts a resolution approving the submittal of the four project applications described above to ODOT on or before the November 2, 2020, deadline.

ADOPTED BY THE LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.


Carl Yeh (Dec 21, 2020 08:27 PST)

Board President, Carl Yeh