#### **STIF Formula Fund Plan Update** LTD Board of Directors | November 16, 2022





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# **MISSION** Connecting Our Community

In all that we do, we are committed to creating a more connected, sustainable, and equitable community

Respect, Integrity, Innovation, Equity, Safety, and Collaboration





Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) -Summary



STIF Plan Development Timeline



LTD's Proposed STIF Projects

# Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF)

- HB 2017/Keep Oregon Moving created a dedicated funding source to make a significant investment in transportation including improving or expanding public transportation service in Oregon.
- Funding is generated through a state payroll tax of one-tenth of one percent. The bulk of the funds are distributed through a formula based on taxes collected within a geographic area.
- Fund to improve or expand public transportation service with a focus on low-income households, low-emission vehicles, intercommunity connectivity and students.
- New for FY24/F25 combining Special Transportation Fund (STF) program serving older adults and people with disabilities into the STIF program.
- LTD has a role as both the Qualified Entity, with general responsibility for the plan for Lane County; and also as a Public Transportation Service Provider, applying for funding for projects and services.

### **STIF** Criteria



CRITERION 1 Increase frequency to low-income households



CRITERION 2 Expand routes to serve low-income households



CRITERION 3 Reduce fares for low-income households



CRITERION 4 Procurement of low or no emissions buses

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**CRITERION 5** Increased frequency and reliability outside service area

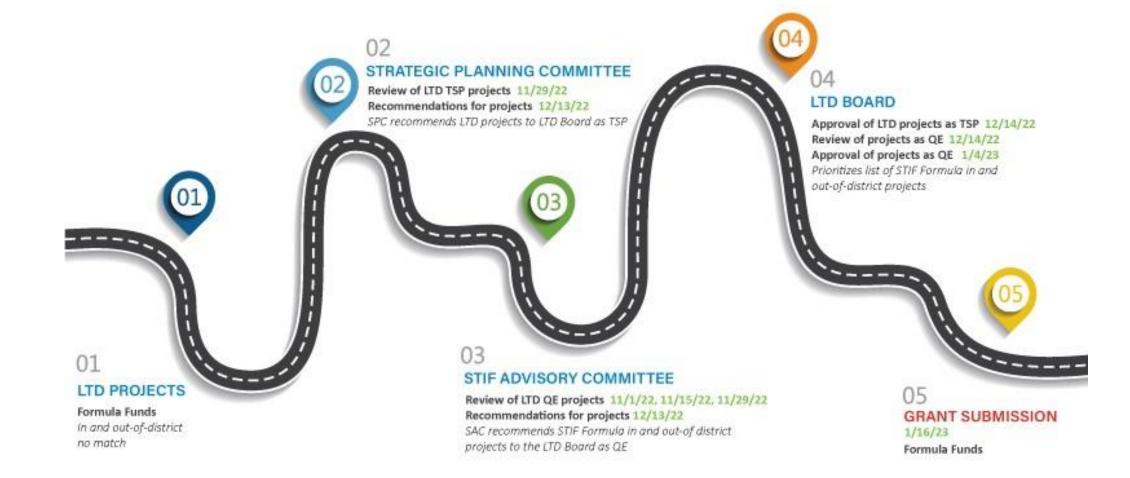


**CRITERION 6** Coordination between service providers



**CRITERION 7** Transit programs for students

### The STIF Trip/Formula Plan Timeline



# FY22/FY23 Formula Plan – In Review



- FY 22/FY23 Plan was created amidst uncertainty in a COVID environment
- Service reduced to essential trips only. Some services were paused, including RideSource Shopper, Cottage Grove Connector, and others.
- Anticipating service recovery would take time, a significant bus service addition was not included in the plan.
- Supply chain challenges and operator shortages have delayed expansion on services including Rhody Express in Florence, and Diamond Express serving Oakridge. Long supply lead-times and escalating costs meant vehicle replacement for metro fixed route and RideSource services were not fully realized.

# FY24/FY25 Proposed STIF Projects

#### In District

- Project 1: Specialized Services
- Project 2: Service Increases
- Project 3: Passenger Fare Programs
- Project 4: Administration
- Project 5: Vehicle Expansion and Replacement



# FY24/FY25 Proposed STIF Projects (Cont.)

#### Out of District

- Project 1: Vehicle Expansion and Replacement
- Project 2: Service Increases
- Project 3: Administration





# In District Project 1: Specialized Services

These programs were previously funded through the state Special Transportation Fund serving older adults and people with disabilities.

#### **Specialized Services**

RideSource ADA Paratransit and Shopper

ADA Paratransit – Metro

Vehicle Preventive Maintenance

Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement

Behavioral Health Transportation

**Crucial Connections** 

Veterans Transportation

Preschool Transportation

South Lane Operations

Travel Training

Transit Host Program

Transportation Eligibility Assessments

Florence Rhody Express Operations - Match

Oakridge Diamond Express Operations - Match



#### In District Project 2: Service Increases

#### **Service Increases**

ADA Paratransit – Cottage Grove/Creswell

Additional Fixed Route Service

Expanded RideSource Shopper Service

Expanded Cottage Grove Connector

Additional Mobility on Demand Pilot



#### In District Project 3: Passenger Fare Programs

**Passenger Fare Programs** 

Multimodal Trip Planner

K-12 Student Fare Program

Low-Income Fare Program

Integrated Fare Validation



#### In District Project 4: STIF Administration

#### **STIF Administration**

Sustainable Service Reserve

STIF Administration

#### **Vehicle Expansion and Replacement**

RideSource Shopper Vehicle

Specialized Services Replacement Vehicles - 75% match

Fixed Route Replacement Vehicles - 25% match

Diamond Express Bus Replacement (partial)

# Out of District Project 1: Vehicles

#### **Vehicle Expansion and Replacement**

Diamond Express Bus Replacement (partial)

Rhody Express Bus Expansion





### Out of District Project 2: Service Increases

**Service Increases** 

Rhody Express Service Expansion

Diamond Express Service Expansion (4<sup>th</sup> weekday trip) – Pilot

Diamond Express Service Expansion (Saturday Service) - Pilot

# Out of District Project 3: Administration

#### Administration

Sustainable Service Reserve



