

STF/STIF

November 9, 2020

3:00PM

- Call STF meeting to order
- Present were Darlene Needham, Jane Parks, Pete Runnels, Linda Kaesemeyer, Angie Lamborn and Angie Temple. Excused were Lisa Moody, Kathie Oatman and Darlene Wingfield. John Barrett is no longer in previous employment and voting to replace him with Angie Temple.
- Angie Lamborn introduced Angie Temple to the team. Angie T explained her job working with Developmentally Disabled individuals in the community. She explained many of her clients use our transportation system and she is interested in being part of shaping it. Jane nominated Angie T. for a position on the STF/STIF Committee. Pete 2nd and all were in favor.
- Minutes from February 2020 were reviewed and the committee agreed through consensus to accept them as written.
- Angie L. Shared numbers for the most recent quarter reflecting a significant down in ridership. She discussed the CARES funds coming in to help protect the operation. She talked about the original intent of STF to provide service for seniors and people with disabilities an STIF focused on working community. She talked about the blending of the two programs coming up in the next biennium. There was discussion regarding our county at the floor level of funding and that we won't lose funds with the blending.
- STF meeting adjourned at 3:17
- STIF opened at 3:18
- Update on STIF projects: Angie L. explained that with the onset of COVID ridership when down a great deal. STIF was originally intended to improve or increase transit services. The original seven projects for our county did that in different ways. However, loss of revenue and increase of cost to address safety is a statewide issue and the legislature approved STIF funds being used to maintain service if the QE committee agreed and

recommended it be used for that purpose. The committee asked if rides for kids 13-19 for free would be revoked and if the route bus would be at a charge to riders. Angie L. explained all of the services that affect riders directly will remain in play but things like more bike racks and advertising will not continue. Angie explained an eighth project was added for continuation of services and that is where we will report the funding. Angie T. motioned to move all of the remaining STIF funding from original projects to continuation of services during COVID. Jane 2nd and all were in favor.

- Angie L explained that the STIF (Bend trip) project was planned and began as the deviated fixed route and we were getting everyone trained to observe the hours etc. This allowed us to pick up folks in the communities between Burns and Bend. Then COVID struck and we suspended Bend trips for a short time. Then with resuming them we were only going for scheduled doctor appointments and turning around and coming right back. The funds to help us support the intercity trip and that is what we are using them for. As time goes by and the spiking of COVID goes down we will resume the deviated fixed route and engage the communities again.
- Angie L explained that it was time to start thinking about the coming biennium and she asked the committee for input on the plan.
- Jane suggested that for regular riders we have a program where they buy a card of 20 rides and we provide some number of rides free of charge. A sort of loyal customers' program.
- Darlene N. suggested that we provide the head start preschool children with free rides to the school and home. She stated the savings would really help the young families out.
- Pete asked about providing rides to and from the Kids Club free for all students as well. This would help out working families and give their children a safe place to be after school and in the summer and a safe way to get to and from the club.
- There was discussion about bus stop shelters. The issue remaining the maintenance of the structures would be transit provider responsibility and

there is no resource for that. There was discussion about the benches in the community and them being an option at \$500 a bench. They are slatted so they shouldn't gather snow and they are easy to tie down. Darlene N. suggested transit purchase these benches for each stop and see about getting them in different colors than around town. She also suggested the name and phone number to the transit program be on them.

- Angie T. stated that with COVID kids sports teams are being shuffled to various gyms to practice. She stated it is very difficult for the kids and working parents to get them where they need to go. She would like to see transit reach out to see if there was a way we could transport the kids to the changed gyms. This would allow parents to not have to take time off of work to transport the kids.
- Round table- there was no round table discussion.
- 3:45 meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Lamborn.