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Special Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (STIF/STAC)

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

3076 NE Diamond Lake Blvd  
Roseburg, OR 97470

– ZOOM Meeting

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Dick Dolgonas, Tina Temple, JC Smith, Donice Smith, Justin Smith, Kat Stone, Ashley Hicks.

**ABSENT:** Roy Spurgeon, Natasha Atkinson

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Sheri Bleau UPTD Chief Financial Officer.

1. **Approve Minutes – Motion**

Draft Minutes from meeting held on November 4, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Dick Dolgonas made a motion to approve them with JC seconding. The minutes were then passed.

1. **Children’s Public Private Partnership – Janell Lee**

Janelle Lee, representing the Children's Public Private Partnership, was invited to discuss her organization's work and a potential proposal for using the STIF/STAC funds. Janelle explained that her organization aims to achieve permanency for children in foster care by addressing barriers to family reunification. Janell discussed the origins of the Community Partners organization, which started in 2019 and has been working in Marion and Douglas counties since 2021. The organization aims to catalyze collaborative efforts to enable permanent placement of children, addressing barriers such as housing stability, in-home child safety, and transportation. Janell highlighted the importance of reunification for children's safety and security, and the organization's role in the ecosystem. She also mentioned the challenges faced by families without reliable transportation, such as medical appointments, grocery shopping, and laundry. Janell proposed the idea of focusing on families who don't have access to reliable transportation. Desta, from the Oregon Department of Human Services, expressed his appreciation for working with Janell and CP 3 for the past 3.5 years.

Umpqua Family Shuttle Proposal Discussed - Janell proposed the idea of an on-demand, point-to-point transportation system called the Umpqua Family Shuttle, aimed at supporting families in Roseburg. She suggested a micro-pilot in Roseburg from January to July next year, with the goal of developing the program and referrals. Janell also proposed that the committee could apply for funding to enhance the pilot. She mentioned a successful model in Marion County and a similar initiative in Lane County, which received 5.2 million dollars from the bipartisan infrastructure bill. Janell expressed interest in establishing a collaboration link between Umpqua and Lane County. Desta, from the Foster Care system in Douglas County, offered to discuss the recent changes in the foster care system and the family reunification process. Janell then discussed the potential for a regional shuttle transportation system, designed to prioritize children and families in need, which could be scaled for broader use. Jennifer Boardman cautioned about the need to find a similar project within their master plan to secure funding. The team agreed to further explore the idea of a transportation system for families in need.

Addressing Transportation Challenges for Families - The meeting involved discussions about transportation challenges faced by families, particularly those with children in foster care. Tina Temple, a new committee member, shared her experiences working directly with these families, highlighting the difficulties they face in managing daily tasks such as doctor's appointments and substance use treatment. The team also discussed the potential for future funding and the need for innovative solutions to address transportation issues. Ashley raised concerns about the availability of transportation for students living in unincorporated areas of Douglas County, and the team agreed on the need to consider these areas in their planning. The conversation ended with a focus on the importance of connecting the dots to ensure proper service for all ridership within the district.

Pilot Program, Partnerships, and Funding Discussion - In the meeting, UPTD discussed the pilot program and the concept of selective enforcement. Desta expressed gratitude for the opportunity to discuss potential partnerships and mentioned the momentum in the human services world around family reunification and primary prevention.

UPTD then reviewed the ridership graphs and discussed the proposed projects for the current grant opportunities. Ashley asked about the budget for marketing and public relations, and UPTD explained that the 5310 funding could potentially cover this. Ashley also inquired about the dispatch issues, and UPTD mentioned that they were hoping to resolve this soon. The team agreed to accept the current allocations for the 5310 funding as presented, and UPTD suggested setting up another meeting to discuss the other projects.

Call Center and City Funding Discussion - The team discussed the approval of funds for the call center and the city of Reedsport, with a total of $895,000 for the call center, $78,000 for the city of Reedsport, and $56,000 for preventative maintenance. These funds are for an 8-quarter period and require a 10.27% match. The team also discussed the possibility of using the STIF Plan to cover the match. A meeting was scheduled for December 4th at 5:30 PM to further discuss the funding and the STIF Plan.

Next Steps –

* Sheri to submit 5310 funding application to ODOT by December 20th with approved allocations.
* Sheri to schedule next committee meeting for December 4th at 5:30pm to discuss STIF projects.
* Ben to develop marketing/public outreach ideas for future consideration
* Sheri to contact RingCentral about fixing call queue issue
* Sheri to initiate procurement process for diversifying vehicle maintenance providers
* Sheri to build STIF project to cover remaining funding needed for Reedsport contracted services
* Committee to further discuss potential new projects and 20% reserve allocation at December 4th meeting.

1. **Meeting Adjourned 6:57 p.m.**