

TAC Meeting Minutes 04/18/2024

Called meeting to order @ 1:37 pm

Present at meeting- Ken Bronson, Annie Holsworth, Suzanne Driver, Nick Meltzer, Dawn Mitchell, Kindra Oliver, Kristen Preston, Reagan Maudlin

*Introductions: Dawn Mitchell, Linn Shuttle, Sweet Home Transportation, Senior Center; Ken Bronson, Senior/Retired, Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator; Annie Holsworth, Disabled Transit User; Kindra Oliver, Lebanon Senior Center Lebanon LINX; Kristen Preston, Albany Public Works Operations Manager; Nick Meltzer, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments; Suzanne Driver, Volunteer Caregivers

*Adopt meeting minutes – Annie moves to approve the 01/25/2024 minutes, Dawn Seconds, motion passes unanimously.

*Vice Chair Appointment- Tabled for next meeting

*Public commenters- None

*Provider Updates-

Dawn provides a ridership update and reports that they are in good shape on expenditures on grants so far through the biennium.

Kindra provides a ridership update, reports the fleet parking project is in progress and hopeful to be completed by first quarter next fiscal year; bus stop project is in progress but no expenses against the grant have been incurred yet; dispatching software is in a gathering information phase preparing for RFI's; Lebanon has applied for two vehicles through ODOT and are applying for an electric van and charging station.

Some discussion occurred around electric/low no emission vehicles and developing transition plans across providers in the room.

Kristen provided ridership updates on Albany's three programs, Kristen offered to send out the ridership information after meeting to interested parties via email. Albany City Council approved a bus purchase with STIF funds, progress to come; van purchases are also moving forward. The bus barn, formerly school district property, is currently in use for Albany Transit program needs.

Nick provided an update on Seamless Transit, anticipating exhausting the budget at the end of the quarter, but due to the billing and expense cycle, this will carry the project through the anticipated timeline. The Mobility Hub spent \$60K working on the design with construction estimated at \$1.2 million; Nick reports that the funding for this project is fully secured and construction is estimated to begin mid-May.

Some discussions occurred on various providers needing translations services to create Spanish documents, options were shared around the table.

Suzanne reported that Volunteer Caregivers are seeing an increase in distance of rides, citing a change in healthcare options and healthcare coverage changes.

*Financial Report Reagan provides a review of the cash position of the Transportation Program at Linn County. ODOT STIF estimates for 23-25 and 25-27 were reviewed. Discussion was held around the anticipated state of resources for transportation in Linn County through 2027.

*Emergency STIF Rule- Reagan shares information from ODOT regarding the intent and purpose of the Emergency STIF Rule. Because Linn County had followed early guidance in building the 23-25 STIF Plan, Linn County does not reflect a need to participate in the Emergency Rule option or amend the STIF Plan.

*Meeting Schedule for 25-27 Funding- Tabled for next meeting

*Other Business-

Next meeting TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Reagan Maudlin, LC Special/Rural Transp. Coordinator

Approved: 07/23/24