

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: March 10, 2020 **Approx. Start Time:** 1:30 pm **Approx. Length:** 45 mins.

Presentation Title: Transit Projects Overview

Department: Transportation & Development (DTD) and Health, Housing and Human Services (H3S)

Presenters: Karen Buehrig, Long Range Planning Manager; Teresa Christopherson, Social Services Administrative Services Manager

Other Invitees: Dan Johnson, Director of DTD; Jamie Stasny, Principal Planner; Brenda Durbin, H3S Social Services Director; Kristina Babcock, Transit Coordinator; Brett Setterfield, Transportation Planner

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

No Action is requested. This item is an update only.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past few months, DTD's Long Range Planning team and the H3S Social Services transit team have been working together on several projects related to transit. This Policy Session is to provide the Board of County Commissioners a high level overview of each of the projects, and allow an opportunity for the BCC members to ask questions about the projects. The four projects that will be discussed are: (1) the Transit Development Plan, (2) Shuttle Planning, (3) HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee and 2020 STIF Plan Update, and (4) Transit Activities in Mt. Hood Area.

(1) Transit Development Plan (DTD – Long Range Planning)

In September of 2018, the DTD Long Range Planning Program was awarded a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Grant to develop a Clackamas County Transit Development Plan (TDP). It has taken the past year to identify a consulting team for the project and develop an IGA with ODOT to implement the project. Kittelson and Associates is the consulting team managing the project. A project advisory committee is currently being created to guide the project.

The TDP will guide future transit investments under House Bill (HB) 2017 – Keep Oregon Moving's Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) by identifying needed and priority connections in areas where there is currently no transit service provider. The TDP will be a single document that communicates a connected and coordinated vision for transit service, access to transit, and recommendations on actions to improve transit use in the County.

In the TriMet service area within the County, the TDP will provide a detailed analysis regarding the current level of service, which will help inform future STIF plans and TriMet service enhancement plans in Clackamas County. In unincorporated areas with no current transit service provider, the TDP will make recommendations for how transit service providers can cover these areas in the future. With seven transit providers in Clackamas County (TriMet, South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART), Canby Area Transit (CAT), South Clackamas Transportation District (SCTD), Sandy Area Metro (SAM), Mt. Hood Express administered by Clackamas County, and the Clackamas Community College Shuttle), the Transit Development Plan (TDP) is intended to

provide strategic guidance for service improvements within the TriMet district as well as between existing transit providers in areas of the county not currently served by transit.

The expected schedule for the project is:

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| A. Identify Needs: | February – June 2020 |
| B. Future Service Opportunities and Evaluation: | June – September 2020 |
| C. Draft Clackamas County TDP | September – December 2020 |
| D. Final CC TDP | January – February 2021 |

(2) Shuttle Planning (H3S – Social Services)

The purpose of the Shuttle Planning project is to develop and further expand transit within Clackamas County. The projects will support the Clackamas County Transit Development Plan (“CCTDP”) by using the Keep Oregon Moving’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (“STIF”) to identify or begin operation on specific shuttle routes that implement last-mile service in areas and corridors within Clackamas County. The H3S-Social Services team is currently finalizing the contract with the consulting team (Kittelson and Associates) to undertake this work.

Clackamas County has received approval to utilize STIF Funds and move forward on the following four (4) projects, with the assistance of Kittelson and Associates.

1. Oregon City Last Mile Shuttle Service (planning and begin operation)
2. Clackamas Industrial Area Last Mile Shuttle Service (planning and begin operation)
3. Tualatin/West Linn/Oregon City Commuter Shuttle (planning only)
4. Milwaukie Industrial Area Employee Shuttle (planning only)

The outcomes expected from the Oregon City Last Mile Shuttle and the Clackamas Industrial Area Shuttle projects is identification of shuttle routes, service boundaries, service hours, equipment, storage and operations facilities, vehicles, vehicle maintenance, personnel, and any other items needed to efficiently run the Oregon City and Industrial Area Shuttles. Financial modeling for both short term startup costs and long term cost structure will also be completed.

The outcomes expected for the Tualatin/West Linn/Oregon City Shuttle and Milwaukie Industrial Area shuttle projects will be to identify the key aspects of the shuttle (e.g. routes, service hours, interconnectivity with other transit providers, potential ridership, overall feasibility, sustainability, etc.) in order to best lay the groundwork for transit to be planned and implemented in the future.

(3) HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee and STIF Plan Update (H3S and DTD staff)

In November of 2018, TriMet, acting as the Qualified Entity for the tri-county area, submitted the first “Tri-County Public Transportation Improvement Plan.” This plan contains the transit projects to be funded by the HB 2017 transit funds for the fiscal years 2019-2021 within the tri-county area. Every two years, TriMet, as the Qualified Entity, is required to submit/update the “Tri-County Public Transportation Improvement Plan.” This plan is required to be submitted to the Oregon Transportation Commission to ensure that the projects funded by the new transit employee tax implement the intent of the legislation. The TriMet HB 2017 PTIP includes projects in Clackamas County, Multnomah County and Washington County, both in and outside of the TriMet district. Included in this plan are the transit projects identified by the small transit providers within Clackamas County, outside of the TriMet district.

The TriMet HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee has begun to meet to discuss and develop a recommendation for the area projects within the TriMet district for the 2022-23 funding cycle. They anticipate approximately \$3 Million will be available for one-time funding and that approximately \$3-\$5 Million will be available in ongoing funding. Commissioner Savas is a member of the TriMet HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee that will be meeting on a regular basis to discuss the next funding cycle.

For the areas outside of the TriMet district in Clackamas County, a separate Clackamas County HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee (CC HB 2017 TAC) was established to make recommendations for the projects implemented by the small transit service providers. The committee should be reengaged to discuss the projects for the areas outside of the TriMet district.

(4) Transit Projects in the Mt. Hood area (H3S Social Services team)

There are a variety of projects underway in the Mt. Hood area related to transit. These projects include:

- Mt. Hood Multi-Modal Plan Update 2.0
- Vision around the Mountain
- Transit Hub planning

The Mt. Hood Multi-Modal Plan update 2.0 and Vision around the Mountain are projects that are managed by ODOT Region 1 staff. The first Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan built on previous planning efforts to identify ways to enhance traveler access and help reduce congestion in the short-term (five years), as well as long-term (15 years) from 2014.

Some transportation demand management programs included in the plan, include:

- Increased transit
- Intelligent transportation systems
- Carpooling
- "One stop" traveler information
- Cell coverage expansion
- On-going transit-recreation provider coordination

The outcome of the project was a set of recommended programs and projects, along with an implementation/action and funding strategy.

The update to the Mt. Hood Highway Multimodal plan is underway. ODOT has begun to work with partners in February 2020 and the update is to be completed by the end of 2020. Chair Bernard is on the Project Leadership Group which will be having its first meeting at the end of March 2020.

The Vision around the Mountain is a separate project, but it will also serve to update the transit elements of Mt. Hood Multi-Modal Plan. It will be looking at the needs for connecting transit completely around Mt. Hood, including the service that connects the Gateway Transit Center to Multnomah Falls and onto Hood River, the service connecting Hood River to Mt. Hood Meadows, addressing the gap in transit service between Mt. Hood Meadows and Government Camp, the service provided by the Mt. Hood Express and connections to Sandy and back to the TriMet service area.

Finally, the H3S-Social Services team received funding through the HB 2017 STIF plan to initiate Transit Hub planning efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? Yes
What is the cost? N/A What is the funding source? Various funding sources

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- **How does this item align with your Department’s Strategic Business Plan goals?**

These projects align with the Long-Range Planning program’s purpose of providing land use and transportation plan development, analysis, coordination and public engagement services to residents; businesses; local, regional and state partners; and County decision-makers so they can plan and invest based on a coordinated set of goals and policies that guide future development.

- **How does this item align with the County’s Performance Clackamas goals?**

These projects align with the goal to “ensure safe, healthy, and secure communities” by providing improved access to transit.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION

Public outreach will be conducted as a part of each of the discussed projects.

OPTIONS

N/A – This item is informational only

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

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