

Date: May 23, 2022

To: Gary Schmidt, County Administrator

From: Rodney Cook, Director, Health Housing and Human Services

RE: Board of County Commissioners- Request policy session to review transit projects funded by STIF

On behalf of the Social Services Division of the Department of Health, Housing and Human Services, we would like to request a policy session to review the proposed transit projects plan to be funded by Statewide Transit Improvement Fund (STIF).

In 2018, with the approval of HB23017 (Keep Oregon Moving), Oregon added a .01% employee payroll tax that is to be used to improve public transportation service in both rural and urban communities. This program, now referred to as Statewide Transit Improvement Fund (STIF) is distributed by formula to the tri-county region with TriMet as the direct recipient. Funds are then distributed based on where payroll taxes are generated.

We estimate that Clackamas County will receive \$3,008,188 in formula funds and \$2,283,513 in Regional Coordination funds for the biennium that includes FY23-24 and FY24-25. Staff at Social Services and Department of Transportation and Development (DTD), working in partnership, have developed a list of projects that maintain, enhance or plan for transit services in Clackamas County, including the last miles shuttles serving Oregon City and the Clackamas Industrial area and the Mt Hood Express. While these projects are included in previously approved local plans, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed and provided feedback and comment to the projects every biennium prior to proceeding with the formal approval process required by rule. These projects all focus on providing expanded transit service and capacity, maintaining existing transit service and providing for infrastructure to support transit operations and rider accessibility.

The projects will be reviewed by the Clackamas County HB 2017 committee in late June. We would like to request a policy session to review the draft project list as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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