

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Carla McLane, Planning Official
Date: July 19, 2024
RE: Support Documents for the Transit Component of the Upcoming Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update

The Boardman Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on July 18, 2024, to consider this action and is forwarding this proposal to the City Council with a “do adopt” recommendation. Included with this memorandum is the Planning Commission Final Findings of Fact, the request letter from Morrow County, and the three documents recommended for adoption by Resolution. Those three documents are as follows:

- Morrow County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, or Plan. This document, adopted by Morrow County in 2022, supports the funding and delivery of services to senior citizens, people with disabilities, veterans, and other defined groups outlined in the Plan. As the newest document to be included in this recommendation for adoption it provides an understanding of the demographics of those being served by Morrow County transit services.
- Hermiston-Boardman Connector/Boardman-Port of Morrow Circular. This services plan, adopted by Morrow County in 2021, captures what was envisioned as future transit routes and delivery modes for Morrow and Umatilla County’s. While this services plan is only three years old and is still a good representation of the intended goals of Morrow County transit there are several factors that have led to changes in how routes are being implemented. It is, however, a valuable input to understand the how’s and why’s of transit for the City of Boardman.
- Morrow County/Umatilla County Transit Development Strategies. This strategy document, adopted by Morrow County in 2018, was developed by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Morrow County, Umatilla County, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation. The intent at the time of development was to understand the myriad transportation issues in what was coined the Umatilla/Morrow travel shed. It was intended to take the work accomplished in the 2016 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plans for the two counties and look at work and other travel in the region on a broader scale.

It is the intent of this action to adopt these three documents as guidance for the pending TSP update. The formal action on the agenda is through Resolution 18-2024.

Please reach out if you have any questions.