

Memorandum

To: Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners
From: Andrea Breault, Transportation Director of Cascades East Transit
Date: November 1, 2021
Re: 2021-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Update

Background

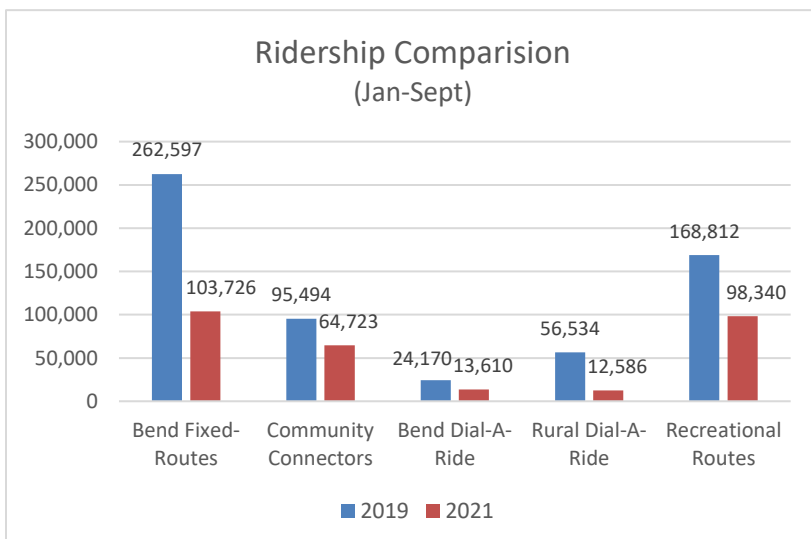
COIC administers the Deschutes County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) program that was created with the passage of House Bill 2017. The second STIF cycle allows COIC to: 1) transfer unused funds from the 2019-2021 biennium to the current biennium, 2) fund continued operations, as opposed to new service. CET will allocate a portion of the STIF funds to increase wages (drivers, dispatch, and Call Center staff) to address the labor shortage.

STIF Project Updates

- ❖ Planning underway for increased frequency along 3rd Street and Greenwood in Bend (two vehicles procured)
- ❖ Completed the second summer season of Route 31 (La Pine to Sunriver)—doubled last year’s ridership
- ❖ Bus stop design and construction for new northeast and southeast Bend routes is 40% complete (two vehicles ordered and expected to be delivered soon)
- ❖ Additional security services at Hawthorne Station
- ❖ Launch of the Sisters Shopper Shuttle in January 2021
- ❖ Mobility Hubs: CET is working closely with the City of Bend’s Core Area Manager to engage with developers and landowners and identify property for the City’s first Mobility Hub. The Deschutes Library has expressed interest in potentially hosting the second mobility hub at the new location in northwest Bend.
- ❖ Bus stop design for the City of Redmond deviated service is 60% complete. Schedules are being drafted and service is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2022.

2021-2023 STIF Projects	Project Cost
Continued Service Operations - CET	\$4,000,000
Mobility Hub Purchase & Match Funds - CET	\$2,000,000
STIF Admin, Support, and Marketing - CET	\$1,500,000
CET Local Match Funds - CET	\$1,000,000
Fare Revenue Recovery Fund - CET	\$750,000
Communications and Outreach - CET	\$100,000
Bend-Klamath Falls Service - Pacific Crest	\$518,000
2021-2023 Biennium Estimated Funds Available \$7,245,611	Total Cost \$9,868,000

Estimated remaining 2019-2021 biennium funds are included in the 2021-2023 total project costs



STF/STIF Consolidation

The Oregon Transportation Commission endorsed the Special Transportation Fund (STF)/STIF Consolidation Plan in November 2019 to reduce redundancy and increase administrative efficiency. Consolidation is expected to occur in summer 2022 and is not anticipated to impact available funding allocations for transit services in Central Oregon.

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CET is working with the City of Bend to ensure funds dedicated to transit are supporting mobility hub development and high capacity transit corridors.