

Transit Staff Report – November 2024

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From the Director

In 2017, HB2017 “Keep Oregon Moving” was passed and included a new funding source for transit agencies across the State. This funding is referred to as the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF). All State funds (formerly STF) are now rolled into the STIF Fund distribution each biennium. The following table is the breakdown of Sandy’s STIF Plan for 2026-2027.

In summary:

\$213,699 will continue to fund service on the Gresham, Estacada and Shopper Shuttle that were added when STIF was created in 2019. \$52,256 funds the Saturday Shopper Shuttle service.

\$20,000 is allocated for maintenance on all SAM vehicles. \$20,000 is allocated to cover administration costs associated with the STIF Program (audit requirements). \$30,061 is allocated as Program Reserve in case revenue or expenses experience unexpected negative returns (such as a revenue source is lost or a cost is significantly and unexpectedly higher).

\$423,491 are funds that were formerly Special Transportation Funds (STF) and are awarded through a competitive process. These funds cover the operations expenses for SAM’s Elderly and Disabled dial-a-ride program (SAM rides), Elderly and Disabled out of town medical rides program (ED) and the Estacada route.

\$978,261 are Regional Coordination funds and they cover all operating expenses of the new Clackamas Town Center route.

In total, the STIF Program funds \$1,737,768 of SAM service costs for FY26-27.

Project Number	Project name (50 characters)	Project Description	Priority Criteria the project addresses	Oregon Public Transportation Plan Goals supported by project	Total Cost	Local Plan Page Number	FY 26 July 2025 - June 2026	FY 27 July 2026 - June 2027
1	Expanded Services Continuation	Continue funding for existing STIF service on the SAM Gresham route from the City of Sandy to the Gresham Transit Center. This includes at least one hour of service Monday through Friday added during the FY19/21 funding cycle and all other operational costs.	2,5,6,7 expand bus services in communities with a high percentage of low-income households, improves connectivity inside the QE's service area while also coordinating with other public transportation service providers and serves the middle and high school student population.	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10	\$42,874.00	Transit Master Plan, pg. 24	\$20,416.00	\$22,457.60
2	Expanded Services Continuation	Continue funding for existing STIF service on the SAM Estacada route from the City of Sandy to Estacada City Hall. This includes at least one hour of service Monday through Saturday added during the FY19/21 funding cycle and all other operational costs.	2,5,6,7 expand bus services in communities with a high percentage of low-income households, improves connectivity inside the QE's service area while also coordinating with other public transportation service providers and serves the middle and high school student population.	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11	\$51,584.40	Transit Master Plan, pg. 28	\$24,564.00	\$27,020.40
3	Expanded Services Continuation	Continue funding for existing STIF service on the SAM Shopper Shuttle route in the City of Sandy. This includes at least two evening runs daily added during the FY19/21 funding cycle and all other operational costs.	2,5,6,7 expand bus services in communities with a high percentage of low-income households, improves connectivity inside the QE's service area while also coordinating with other public transportation service providers and serves the middle and high school student population.	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12	\$119,240.20	Transit Master Plan, pg. 19	\$56,782.00	\$62,458.20
4	Expanded Services	Funding for STIF service on SAM Shopper Saturdays. This includes operation costs for at least 5 hours of Saturday service.	2,5,6,7 expand bus services in communities with a high percentage of low-income households, improves connectivity inside the QE's service area while also coordinating with other public transportation service providers and serves the middle and high school student population.	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13	\$ 52,256	Transit Master Plan, pg. 19	\$ 24,884	\$ 27,372
4	Vehicle Maintenance	Vehicle maintenance costs associated with the SAM Gresham, SAM Estacada, SAM Clackamas Town Center, SAM rides, SAM Elderly and Disabled services.	Increased frequency of service to low income communities, student transportation	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	\$ 20,000		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
6	Administration Costs	Approved category to cover the costs of administering the STIF program, including project/plan development, ongoing operating costs, procurement, surveys of services, expand facilities plans, and audit costs.	Administration	Goal 9 and 10	\$ 20,000	N/A	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
7	Program Reserve	Approved program to cover costs of operations. Can be used to cover loss, decreases or flat funding in other revenue sources, increased costs of operations including maintenance or increased costs in contractor rates.			\$ 30,061		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,061
7	Carry Over	Carry Over Estimate - for Capacity Planning and Construction Project	Planning project- will improve frequency and reliability of service connections between communities and reduce fragmentation in the provision of transportation services	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 10		Sandy Transit Master Plan/Sandy Operations Center Master Plan, Pg 37		
	Total Formula Funding				\$ 336,016		\$ 161,646	\$ 174,370
8	Dial-a-Ride Operations	Operational Cost for SAM rides dial-a-ride program Monday through Saturday.	2,5,6,7 expand bus services in communities with a high percentage of low-income households, improves connectivity inside the QE's service area while also coordinating with other public transportation service providers and serves the middle and high school student population.	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12	\$ 310,364		\$ 155,182	\$ 155,182
9	Dial-a-Ride Operations	Elderly and Disabled	Capital purchases for increased frequency of service to low income communities, student transportation.	Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	\$ 11,201		\$ 5,600	\$ 5,601
10	SAM Estacada				\$ 101,926		\$ 50,963	\$ 50,963
11	Regional Coordination				900,000		450,000.00	450,000.00
12	Regional Coordination Carry Over				78,261		39,130.50	39,130.00
					\$ 1,737,768			