

Mayors Questions for June 2, 2025 Meeting-SMART

I am going to ask you a series of questions to Staff which reflect my understanding of some of the issues before us this evening. If I am incorrect I would ask Staff bring this to my attention in order that I can make a thoughtful and informed decision this evening.

1. I have gone back and examined the City Budgets for FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and this current budget 2025-26. **It appears to me the** Transit Fund Stability has been consistently strong. **Is my understanding a correct one?**
2. **___Is it correct** that SMART is not funded through the City's General Fund in any way, so there would be no impact to the general fund with respect to SMART Current and future operations whatever they may be.
3. **___Is it correct** that Smart is funded by STIF funds and not by the general fund?
4. **___Is it correct** that STIF is a statewide program, and STIF funds reflect 100 % outside dollars dedicated to transportation.
5. **___Is it correct that** City financial 5 year forecasts often appear increasingly negative over time due to conservative revenue assumptions, rising long-term costs, the exclusion of potential future policy changes, and an emphasis on growing uncertainty.

6. **___Is it also correct** that the further out obviously the less certainty?
7. **___As I understand it the case of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF), revenue projections are especially displayed conservative, given that it is a relatively new funding source with limited historical data. Is my understanding correct?**
8. **___Is this correct to say** that the actual STIF revenue allocated to the City is more than likely to outpace current projections?
9. **___Is it also correct** that the risk of losing STIF funds is extremely low and the current draft of the transportation legislation or TRIP 25 contains a STIF increase of 80% annually?
10. **___Am I understanding correctly** that the FTE Positions used for the Clackamas Town Center Route that while 10 % of Smart STIF funds would support these positions within Smarts Service area, that the Lion share or 90% of the route would be funded through STIF Regional Coordination which is provided by TRI MET.
11. **___Is it correct to say** that with respect to the Customer Services Representatives, their salaries and benefits are covered 100 % of STIFF funds, and not out of the City's General Fund.

12. ___**Is it also a correct understanding** that this transit center is meant to serve as a regional customer service center hub, and 4 other service providers will be sharing in the costs associated with the two representatives, thus reducing Smart's over all contribution.
13. ___**Is it correct** that the Wilsonville -Clackamas Town Center Route has been listed in City Budgets going back to FY 2022-23. 4 budget cycles?
14. ___**Is it also correct** that it was part of the Transit Master Plan Updated past in 2023 by the previous City Council?
15. ___**Is it also correct** that it was brought before City Council on June 17, 2024 when discussion the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund for FY 26-27 Biennium?