October 8, 2018

Baker County Commissioners
Baker County, Oregon

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Program Funding Project Proposals


RECOMMENDATION: Submit the Application to ODOT by November 1, 2018 deadline.

CONTACT PERSON: Mary Jo Carpenter, Transportation/Traffic Safety Commission Chair.

FOR COMMISSION SESSION ON: October 17, 2018.

SUMMARY: The TTS Commission met on October 8, 2018 and reviewed the STIF Project Proposals from Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc (CCNO). The TTS Commission voted unanimously to recommend to Baker County Commission to send the application with the proposals submitted by CCNO on to ODOT by the deadline of Thursday, November 1, 2018.

Baker County as the Qualified Entity, and by definition a Public Transportation Service Provider, may contract with Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. to the provide transportation services proposed in these projects.

COMMITTEE ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: A new state payroll tax of one-tenth of 1 percent funds STIF transportation improvements in Oregon. The average employee will contribute less than $1 per week to generate $115 million per year for better public transportation. Section 122 of House Bill 2017 allocates the new revenue across four programs.
• **Formula program** - 90 percent of STIF funds will be distributed to qualified entities based on taxes paid within their geographic area, with a minimum amount of $100,000 per year to each qualified entity.

• **Discretionary program** - 5 percent of STIF funds will be awarded to eligible public transportation providers based on a competitive grant process.

• **Intercommunity Discretionary program** - 4 percent of STIF funds will be used to improve public transportation between two or more communities based on a competitive grant program.

• **Technical resource center** - ODOT will use 1 percent of STIF funds to create a statewide resource center to assist public transportation providers in rural areas with training, planning and information technology and fund ODOT administration of STIF.

Public Transportation Service Providers may apply for STIF Formula funds through their local Qualified Entity. A Qualified Entity is a county in which no part of a mass transit district or transportation district exists, or an Indian Tribe.

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: Baker County will retain a yet to be determined amount for administration of the fund.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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