4.3 HIGH PERCENTAGE OF LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

*Explain how the STIF Plan defines and identifies communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households*

Curry County Transit Advisory Committee Bylaws state: “Low Income Individuals” or “Low Income Households” shall mean individuals or households with a total household income at or below 200% of the current Federal Poverty Level or Federal Poverty Guideline for the size of family including children and dependents. "Areas of High Percentage of Low-Income Households“ shall mean geographic areas within Curry County that are determined to have a high percentage of low-income households.

According to the Census Bureau (https://aspe-hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines) 200% of the federal low income amount for an individual is income at or below $24,280. Curry Public Transit’s Passenger Survey of August 2018 indicates that 79.4% claim income below $20,000.

US Census Bureau's Factfinder (https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml) data for 2016 indicates Curry County has 22,206 individuals with a household average size of 2.12, or 10,475 households, with 4,367 households under the 200% poverty level, or 41.7%. The Oregon percentage is 35.2%.

This would qualify the entire county as being below 200% of the current Federal Poverty Level Guidelines.

The transit service provides fixed route services along Highway 101 in Curry and Coos Counties three times a day, Monday through Friday, and a demand service transportation within a three mile radius of the major towns of Brookings and Gold Beach, Monday through Friday. The combined populations of the Brookings and Gold Beach zip codes is 19,024, or 86% of the population of the county. The transit service qualifies as servicing a majority of the eligible Low-Income Households.