Recommended Formula Project Descriptions
FY2018-19 – FY2020-21 STIF Plan

The Benton County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee (Committee) developed a sub-allocation methodology to guide the allocation of STIF Formula funds in Benton County to inform the selection of projects submitted by Public Transportation Service Providers (PTSP). That methodology was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on January 15, 2019.

As intended under the STIF Rules, the Committee used the approved sub-allocation methodology as a guide, but also considered a range of additional factors in developing the recommended list of projects for STIF funding.

One major consideration for the Committee was the need to incorporate important regional transit planning and operations projects, such as the Linn-Benton Loop and Oregon Cascades West Council of Government’s proposed 99W Corridor Evaluation project, into the prioritized project list. These entities could not be included in the sub-allocation methodology because they are not political jurisdictions that generate independent payroll tax revenues.

Formula project applications were received by the following Public Transportation Service Providers (PTSPs): Benton County, City of Corvallis (Corvallis Transit System), City of Philomath (Philomath Connection), Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), and the City of Albany (Albany Transit System and Linn Benton Loop). At its March 15, 2019 meeting, the Committee reviewed and recommended a ranked set of projects to advance to the Benton County Board of Commissioners for inclusion in the Benton County STIF Plan. This Plan must be submitted to ODOT by May 1, 2019.

The chart on page 2 compares the original sub-allocation methodology and the final project allocations, by agency, approved by the Committee. The shift of both Corvallis and Benton County monies under the sub-allocation methodology, to fund regional priorities in the 100% Project List, can be seen.
Att: A

Attachment B summarizes in table form information from each project application. Following is a brief description of projects recommended by the Committee, in ranked order.

100% Funding Project List

1. Linn-Benton Loop (Loop) Buses for Service Expansion ($264,000)

Acquisition of the buses will allow for expanded service that is described in the recent draft “Linn-Benton Loop Service Development Plan” approved by the Loop Technical Advisory Committee and Governing Board. The project is included in the Benton County Transportation System Plan and the Benton County Coordinated Plan. Funding will assist with the purchase of a new 40-foot mass transit vehicle for expanded Loop service and match to a STIF Discretionary grant for a second bus.

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(Grand Total Funding @ 130% Level): $5,228,600 $5,228,600
2. **Corvallis Transit System Service (CTS) Enhancement ($1,973,700)**

This project implements the Short Term projects identified in the recently-adopted Corvallis Transit Development Plan. It adds approximately 10,000 hours of CTS service per year, including Sunday service on all regular routes; extended weekday and Saturday hours on most routes; and expanded routes to serve downtown and provide a “cross-town” service.

3. **Corvallis Transit System Service/Benton County Transit Support Position ($202,000)**

In order to assist with implementation and maintenance of significant new services for both CTS and Benton County, this project will hire one full-time transit employee.

4. **Benton County Match for Federal 5330 Bus Grant ($44,100)**

In 2018, Benton County was awarded a competitive Federal 5339 Bus Grant from the FTA to purchase three new small cutaway buses; the grant amount total was $198,900, with required local match of $44,100.

5. **Albany Transit System (ATS) Bus Purchase for North Albany Service ($75,000)**

Albany recently completed its Transit Development Plan, which identified expanded service to North Albany in Benton County. This project provides partial funding for the acquisition of a new 35-ft mass transit bus to specifically serve residents of North Albany.

6. **Philomath Connection Bus Match ($89,400)**

Philomath has applied for a STIF Discretionary Bus Replacement grant, to replace a bus past its useful life. Matching funds are requested from STIF Formula funds.

7. **Boys and Girls Club “Training Teens for Tomorrow” Transportation Pilot ($40,000)**

This pilot project funds transportation assistance for a teen workforce development project created by the Corvallis Boys and Girls Club. The program provides job training, internships, and summer job opportunities for high school youth from Philomath, Adair Village, Monroe, and south Corvallis.

8. **Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) Match for 99W Corridor Feasibility Study, Vehicle Purchase, and Pilot Service ($82,750)**

OCWCOG has applied for a STIF Discretionary grant for $827,340 for a transit corridor feasibility analysis and potential bus purchase/pilot transit service, on the 99W corridor between Junction City and McMinnville. Matching funds for these three project tasks are requested from Benton County STIF Formula funds. If successful, OCWCOG will seek STIF matching funds from adjacent counties, in addition to Benton County, for on-going operations.

9. **Expanded Linn-Benton Loop Operations ($156,500)**

This project will assist with implementing expanded Loop service described in the draft Linn Benton Loop Service Development Plan. This includes extended hours and increased frequency, as well as re-design of routes.

10. **Philomath Connection Service Enhancement – Phase I ($55,000)**

This service expansion, described in the recently-adopted Philomath Transportation System Plan,
includes extended weekday hours for the route connecting Philomath to Corvallis. A route change is anticipated that will provide service to a developing high-density area of Philomath.

11. **ATS Service Expansion (North Albany) ($75,000)**

Following acquisition of a new bus (Project 5 above), extended service hours would be implemented in the North Albany area. This project provides for a proportional Benton County contribution for the cost of this new service.

12. **CTS and Philomath Connection (PC) Service Garage Expansion ($550,000)**

All CTS and PC buses are maintained at the City of Corvallis garage facility. The existing garage was not originally constructed to service large urban buses. Expansion of garage facilities will provide additional service bays and equipment to work on multiple buses at one time.

13. **Benton County Transit Service Capacity Expansion ($134,370)**

This project provides a foundation for expanded County transit service capacity for both fixed route rural general public and demand-response service to seniors and persons with disabilities. Funds will provide an increase in the contract with the service operator (Dial-a-Bus) to assist with relocation to a larger facility and allow for additional driver wages to aid in increased recruitment and retention.

14. **Benton County Computer-Aided Dispatch System ($120,000)**

This project replaces the County’s legacy transit dispatching system with a modern dispatching, driver information, reporting, and GPS vehicle location system. The current system does not support service growth or electronically updated route and passenger manifest information. It does not provide any GPS tracking ability for County buses.

15. **Midlife Rebuild for Two CTS Buses ($90,000)**

This project will provide funds for a major rebuild (engine and transmission) of two existing CTS buses. A major rebuild will extend the useful life of these costly capital assets.

16. **Benton County Match for Coast to Valley Expansion Grant ($39,400)**

Benton County and Lincoln County Transit co-manage the existing Coast to Valley Express service, with each agency operating two round trips per day between Newport, Corvallis, and the Albany Amtrak station. Grant applications for the STIF Discretionary program were submitted by both Counties to expand the current Coast to Valley Express system, adding additional daily runs to the Amtrak station. Matching funds are requested from STIF Formula funds.

17. **Philomath Bus Stop Amenities ($12,600)**

This project will allow for the addition of amenities such as lighting, benches, bike racks and trash receptacles.

18. **CTS Bus Stop Amenities – Phase I ($33,190)**

This project will allow for some passenger shelter replacements and the addition of amenities such as lighting, benches, bike racks and trash receptacles.
130% Funding Project List

1. Midlife Rebuild for Three CTS Buses ($130,000)
   This project will provide funds for a major rebuild (engine and transmission) of two existing CTS buses. A major rebuild will extend the useful life of these costly capital assets.

2. CTS Bus Stop Amenities – Phase II ($42,810)
   This project will allow for some passenger shelter replacements and the addition of amenities such as lighting, benches, bike racks and trash receptacles.

3. CTS Onboard Camera System Enhancement ($55,000)
   This project would upgrade the current on-board camera system to provide wireless video transmission on each bus, to provide real-time streaming of on-board events.

4. Benton County Dispatch System – Phase II ($10,000)
   This enhancement to Project 14 in the 100% list will add automatic reporting of vehicle mileage, data useful for the County’s vehicle preventive maintenance management system.

5. Linn-Benton Loop Bus Stop Amenities ($10,000)
   This project will allow improvements to a number of existing LB Loop bus stops with features such as trash receptacles, lighting, and schedule holders.

6. CTS Fleet Electrification – Infrastructure ($90,000)
   In order to begin moving to electrification of the CTS fleet, this project provides electric charging infrastructure for vehicle charging at the Corvallis Public Works compound, where the fleet is stored.

7. CTS Fleet Electrification – Bus Purchase ($810,000)
   This project will fund purchase of the first electric CTS bus. These buses are more costly than diesel buses, but should experience significantly reduced fuel and maintenance costs.

8. Philomath Connection Service Enhancement – Phase 2 ($47,000)
   This project would continue service improvements for the Philomath Connection, as described in Project 10 of the 100% list.

9. Reserves for Future Projects
   This reserves the remaining funds identified in Benton County’s 130% allocation for future projects, including the communities of Adair Village and Monroe.