

**Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Discretionary and  
Statewide Transit Network Programs**

**Public Transportation Advisory Committee  
FY 2021-23 Funding Award Recommendation to  
Oregon Transportation Commission  
April 5, 2021**

**I. Executive Summary**

This report communicates the Public Transportation Advisory Committee's (PTACs) FY 2021-23 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary, STIF Intercommunity Discretionary, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) funding award recommendation to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Public Transportation Division (PTD) received [70 applications](#), with grant requests surpassing available funding by nearly \$7 million. Two applications were withdrawn during the selection process. The ODOT Selection Committee submitted a [report](#) to PTAC, which included a prioritized list of projects for funding. The Selection Committee solicited and considered input from Qualified Entities and the Area Commissions on Transportation, which can be found in Appendices B and C of the report. After reviewing the report, PTAC recommends that OTC award grants totaling \$22,613,596, which includes unobligated FTA Section 5311 funds in addition to available STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network funding. The chart below summarizes the projected fund availability by fund source for the 2021-23 biennium and PTAC's recommended award amounts by fund source.

**Recommended Award Summary**

<b>Fund Program/Source</b>	<b>Projected Fund Availability FY 2021-23</b>	<b>PTAC Recommended Total Awards</b>
STIF Discretionary Fund Program	\$10,500,000	\$10,488,500
Statewide Transit Network Fund Program	\$10,300,000	\$10,259,500
STIF Intercommunity Discretionary Fund	\$8,400,000	\$8,400,000
FTA Section 5311(f)	\$1,900,000	\$1,889,000
<b>Additional Funding Recommendation</b>		
FTA Section 5311 Unobligated	NA	\$1,865,596

**II. PTAC Prioritized Funding Recommendations**

PTAC recommended approval of the Selection Committee's funding recommendation, in full. PTAC also endorsed the use of unobligated FTA Section 5311 funds to fund additional projects that cannot be fully funded with available STIF funds. This would allow ODOT to fund approximately \$1.86 million in additional awards as shown in the above award summary.

The below tables present PTAC's recommended prioritization of project funding for the STIF Discretionary, STIF Intercommunity Discretionary, and FTA Section 5311(f) funds, respectively. These tables lists *all* recommended projects, including those that would require use of unobligated federal funds. Not all projects are eligible for federal funding, which will require reassignment of some projects to other fund programs. ODOT staff will coordinate with recipients, as needed, prior to moving project funding sources. ODOT will ensure that no project funded with unobligated federal

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funds will face higher match requirements or heavier compliance burdens than would be imposed under STIF. Pending the OTC's funding decision, ODOT will allocate available funding so that all PTAC-recommended projects may be funded.

**STIF Discretionary Fund Prioritized Funding Recommendation**

<b>Prioritized Rank</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Application Title</b>	<b>Recommended Awards</b>
1	Umatilla County	Til Taylor Park ADA Upgrade Partnership	\$46,952
2	Rogue Valley Transportation District	Hwy 99 Alameda Fire Recovery Partnership: Active Transportation and Bus Stop Facilities	\$1,000,000
3	Morrow County	Operating: Heppner - Boardman Connector	\$138,400
4	Morrow County	Vehicle Expansion	\$371,900
5	Linn County	Linn Shuttle Vehicle Acquisition	\$276,000
6	Washington County	Shuttle Stop Enhancement Project	\$252,080
7	Morrow County	Operating: Port of Morrow-Boardman Circulator	\$148,000
8	Tri County Metropolitan District of Oregon	TriMet Transit Priority Spot Improvements	\$348,000
9	Clackamas County	Integrated Website for Clackamas County Small Transit Providers	\$116,000
10	Mid-Columbia Economic Development District	Marketing the Gorge Regional Transit System through Gorge Pass	\$240,000
11	City of Wilsonville - SMART	FY2022 Transportation Master Plan Update	\$112,000
12	Benton County	Hwy 99W Transit Corridor Pilot	\$534,080
13	City of Pendleton	Pendleton Bus Barn Facility Planning Project	\$72,000
14	Yamhill County	Hwy 99W Transit Corridor Pilot	\$624,320
15	Salem Area Mass Transit District	South Salem Transit Center	\$600,000
16	Morrow County	Planning - Bus Barn	\$78,832
17	City of Cottage Grove	Enhance Lane-Douglas Connector Service	\$85,600
18	Grant County Transportation District	Replacement Bus Purchase	\$88,000
19	Sherman County	Sherman County Transit Business Plan	\$17,520
20	Lane Transit District	Lane Transit District Electric Bus Replacement Project	\$3,387,996
21	Sherman County	Construction of a Bus Shelter	\$480,000
22	Salem Area Mass Transit District	Small Buses for Cherriots Local Service	\$524,765
23	Tri County Metropolitan District of Oregon	Frog Ferry Pilot	\$500,000
24	Josephine County	Josephine County Transit Hub	\$364,000
25	Josephine County	Medical Rides for Medicaid Eligible Clients Only	\$40,000
26	City of Lebanon	Outlying Community Connector	\$76,000
27	Tillamook County Transportation District	NWConnector Transit Access Project: Phase 2 - Construction	\$598,035
28	City of Wilsonville - SMART	Bus and Bus Stop Technology Upgrades	\$198,416

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<b>29</b>	Oregon Cascade West Council of Governments	Transit Technology Improvements for Demand Respond NEMT	\$96,000
<b>30</b>	Lake County	Safe Access for All	\$49,600
<b>31</b>	Benton County	Camera System Installation	\$80,000
<b>32</b>	Umpqua Public Transportation District	2 Expansion Buses	\$208,000
<b>33</b>	Gilliam County Transportation	Right Size Fleet with Hybrid/Gas vs Gas Vehicle	\$120,000
<b>34</b>	Coos County Area Transportation District	Coos Tri-Cities Low Floor Transit Bus	\$120,000
<b>35</b>	City of Sisters	Sisters Multi-Modal Transit Hub	\$80,000

**STIF Intercommunity Discretionary Prioritized Funding Recommendation**

<b>Prioritized Rank</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Application Title</b>	<b>Recommended Awards</b>
<b>1</b>	Grant County Transportation District	Bend Run	\$88,000
<b>2</b>	Umatilla County	Hermiston Hopper	\$345,407
<b>3</b>	Grant County Transportation District	Ontario Run	\$32,640
<b>4</b>	Lane Council of Governments	Eugene-Florence Intercommunity Route	\$800,000
<b>5</b>	Lane Council of Governments	Florence-Yachats Connector	\$392,000
<b>6</b>	Mid-Columbia Economic Development District	Gorge TransLink Alliance Mobility Management Project	\$285,766
<b>7</b>	Umatilla County	Pilot Rocket	\$179,246
<b>8</b>	Clackamas County	I205 / Borland Rd / Bridgeport Village Transit Service	\$720,000
<b>9</b>	Hood River Transportation District	Columbia Gorge Express - I84 Corridor Service	\$1,060,080
<b>10</b>	Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council	Central Oregon Community Connector Service	\$265,151
<b>11</b>	Josephine County	Rt 100 Commuter Service	\$280,000
<b>12</b>	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Walla Walla Whistler	\$328,126
<b>13</b>	Sunset Empire Transportation District	Lower Columbia Connector	\$784,000
<b>14</b>	Oregon Cascade West Council of Governments	Addressing Regional Transit Network Gaps	\$224,000
<b>15</b>	Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council	Bend Mobility Hub Development	\$1,792,000
<b>16</b>	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	La Grande Arrow	\$273,518
<b>17</b>	Coos County Area Transportation District	Coos Bay to Florence Connection	\$276,952
<b>18</b>	Harney County	Free Weekly deviated fixed route between Harney and Deschutes Counties	\$61,901
<b>19</b>	Coos County Area Transportation District	Coos Bay to Roseburg Connection	\$96,813

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20	City of Woodburn	Woodburn Volunteer Out-of-Town Medical Transportation Program (WVMT)	\$114,400
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**FTA Section 5311(f) Prioritized Funding Recommendation**

Prioritized Rank	Applicant	Application Title	Recommended Awards
1	Tillamook County Transportation District	TCTD Route 60X: Coastal Connector - Lincoln City-Grand Ronde-Salem	\$486,500
2	Tillamook County Transportation District	Coastliner - Tillamook to Portland Intercity Service	\$686,000
3	Lane Transit District	Oakridge Transportation Services	\$312,000
4	Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.	Baker Intercity	\$69,000
5	TAC Transportation, Inc.	Redmond-Chemult Amtrak Thruway and Eugene-Bend Daily Bus Service, vehicle replacement	\$240,000
6	Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.	Wallowa Intercity	\$66,000
7	TAC Transportation, Inc.	Preventative Maintenance and Capital Expense	\$281,600

**III. Reduced and Conditional Funding Recommendations**

PTAC recommends that four projects should receive reduced or conditional funding awards, consistent with the Selection Committee’s recommendation. This list of projects and the rationale for reduced or conditional awards can be found on pages 6-7 of the Selection Committee’s [report](#) to PTAC.

**IV. Do Not Fund Recommendations**

PTAC recommends that six submitted proposals are not awarded funding, consistent with the Selection Committee’s recommendation. PTAC did not provide additional feedback in its decision to recommend that these projects not be funded. This list of projects and the Selection Committee’s rationale for its “do not fund” recommendations is located on pages 7-8 of the Selection Committee’s [report](#) to PTAC.