

Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program

Application Training Webinar
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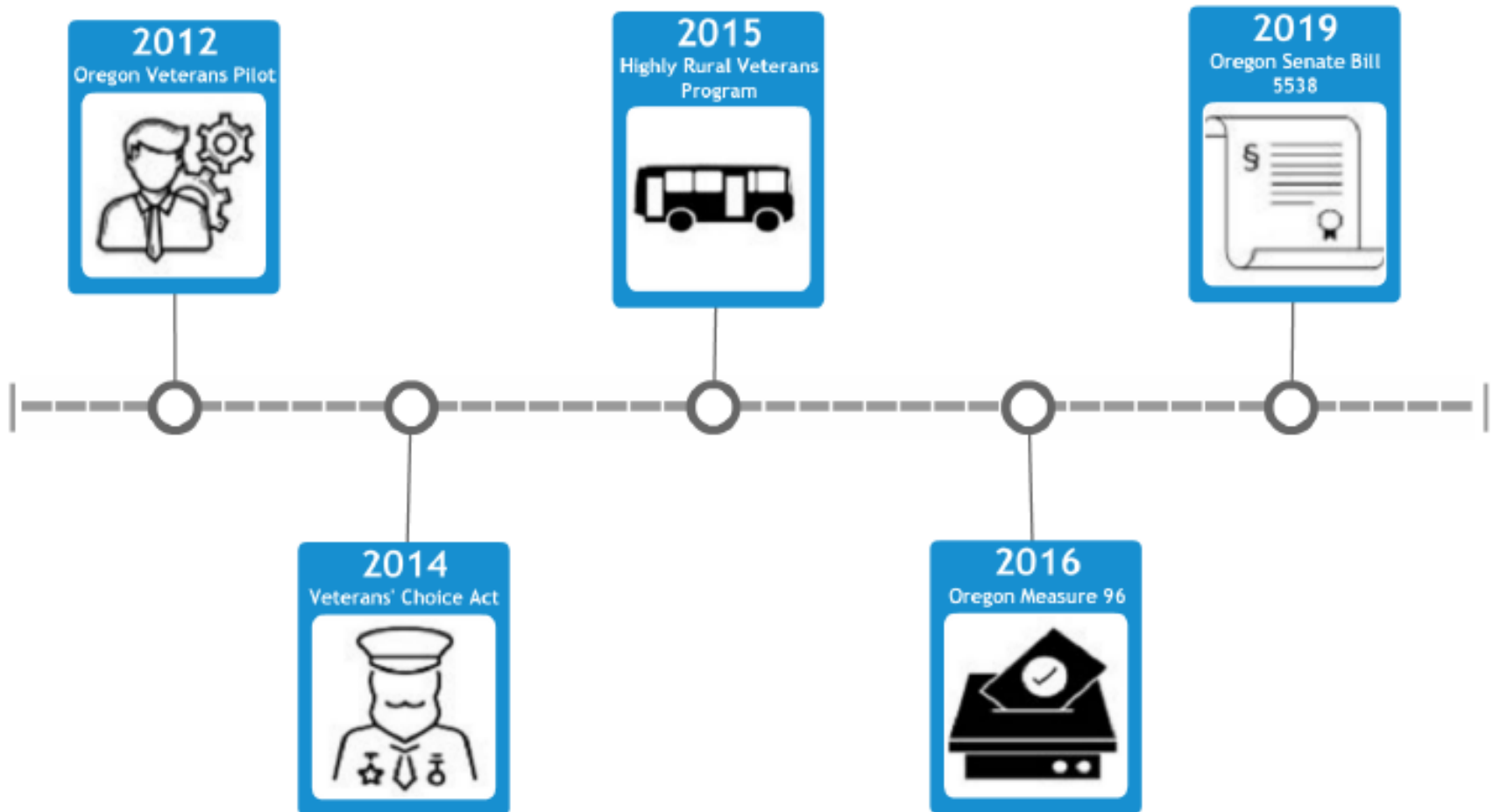


Agenda – scheduled for one hour

- Program History
- Goals and Objectives
- Eligible Program Recipients
- Funding & Coordination
- Reporting
- How to Apply
- Q&A



Program History:



Goals, Objectives, and Priorities.

- Connect rural veterans to healthcare benefits they've earned
 - Think very broadly about what constitutes healthcare
- Inspire local innovations through the funding of up to 25 projects
 - Between \$10,000 and \$50,000 depending on quantity and quality of applications received
- Operations and contract purchased services projects



Eligibility:

Chapter 732
732-020-0050

Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division
Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Grant Program

(1) As used in this rule, “veteran” means a resident of the State of Oregon who served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(2) For purposes of Discretionary Program grants to provide medical access transit services for veterans, the eligibility criteria listed below apply. **An STF Agency is eligible to apply if:**

(a) It is an Indian Tribe; or

(b) It is not located, in whole or in part, in an area which will receive a Highly Rural Transportation Grant from the US Department of Veterans Affairs at any time during the period for which the Discretionary Grant is sought.

(3) A Project is eligible for a Discretionary Grant if it **will provide medical access transit services to veterans who reside in census tracts to which, as of July 3, 2019, the US Department of Agriculture assigned a primary Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) code of 4 through 10.**

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 184.619, 391.810

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 391.800 - 391.830



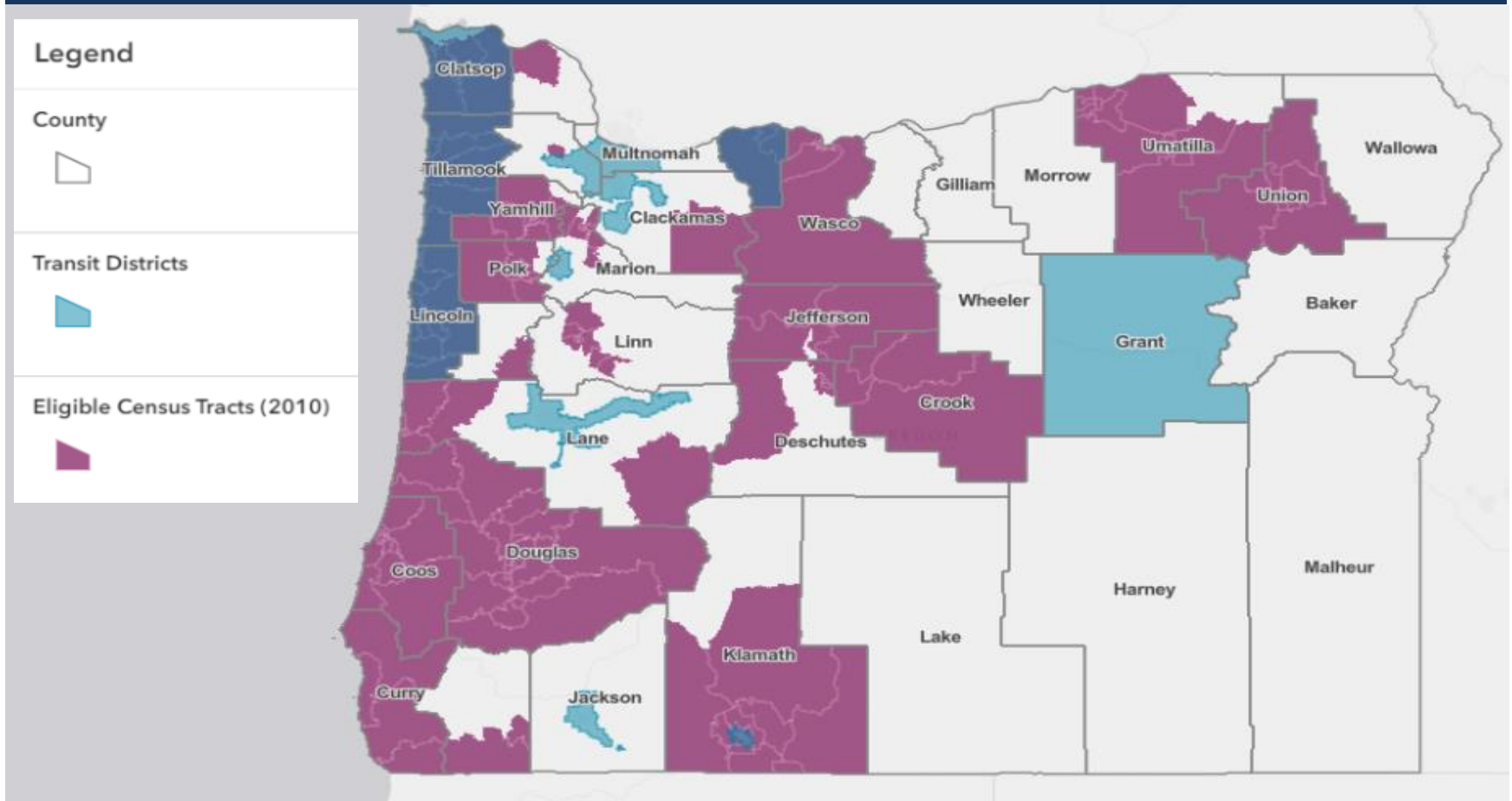
What's a RUCA?!?

Rural-Urban Commuter Area Codes (by census tract)

- 1 to 3: Metro areas (over 50,000) with varying levels of primary traffic flow between them;
- 4 to 6: Micropolitan areas (10,000 to 49,999) with varying levels of primary traffic flow within or between similar populations;
- 7 to 9: Small towns (2,500 to 9,999) with varying levels of primary traffic flow within or between similar populations;
- 10: Rural areas with primary flow of traffic to a census tract outside the classifications above



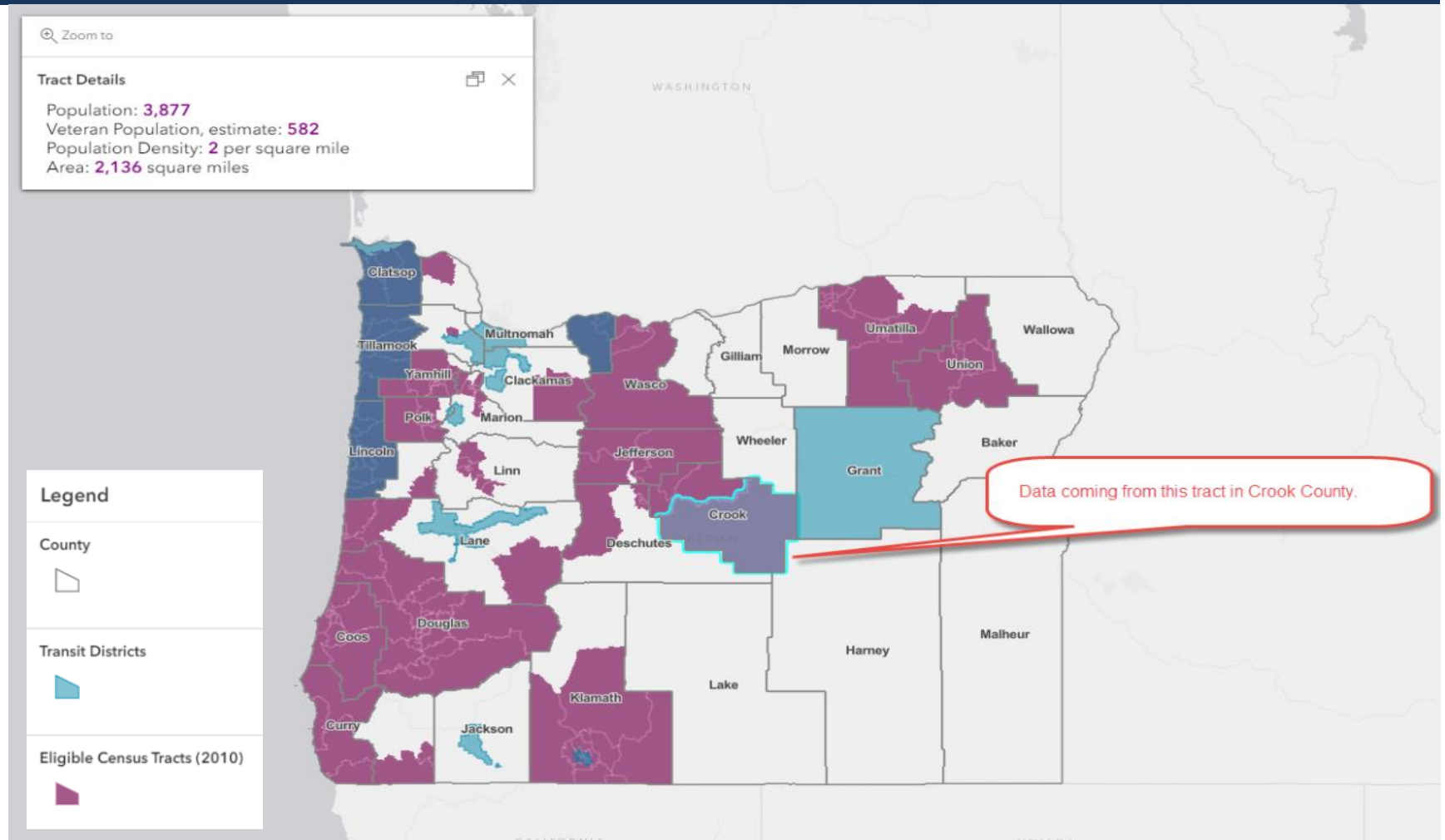
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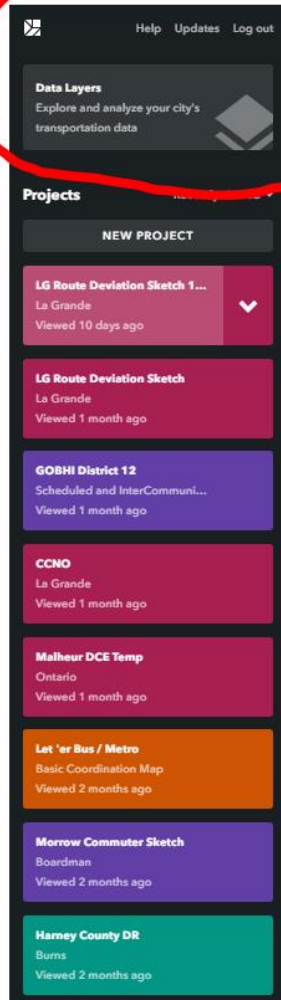
[Click here to access the interactive map](#)



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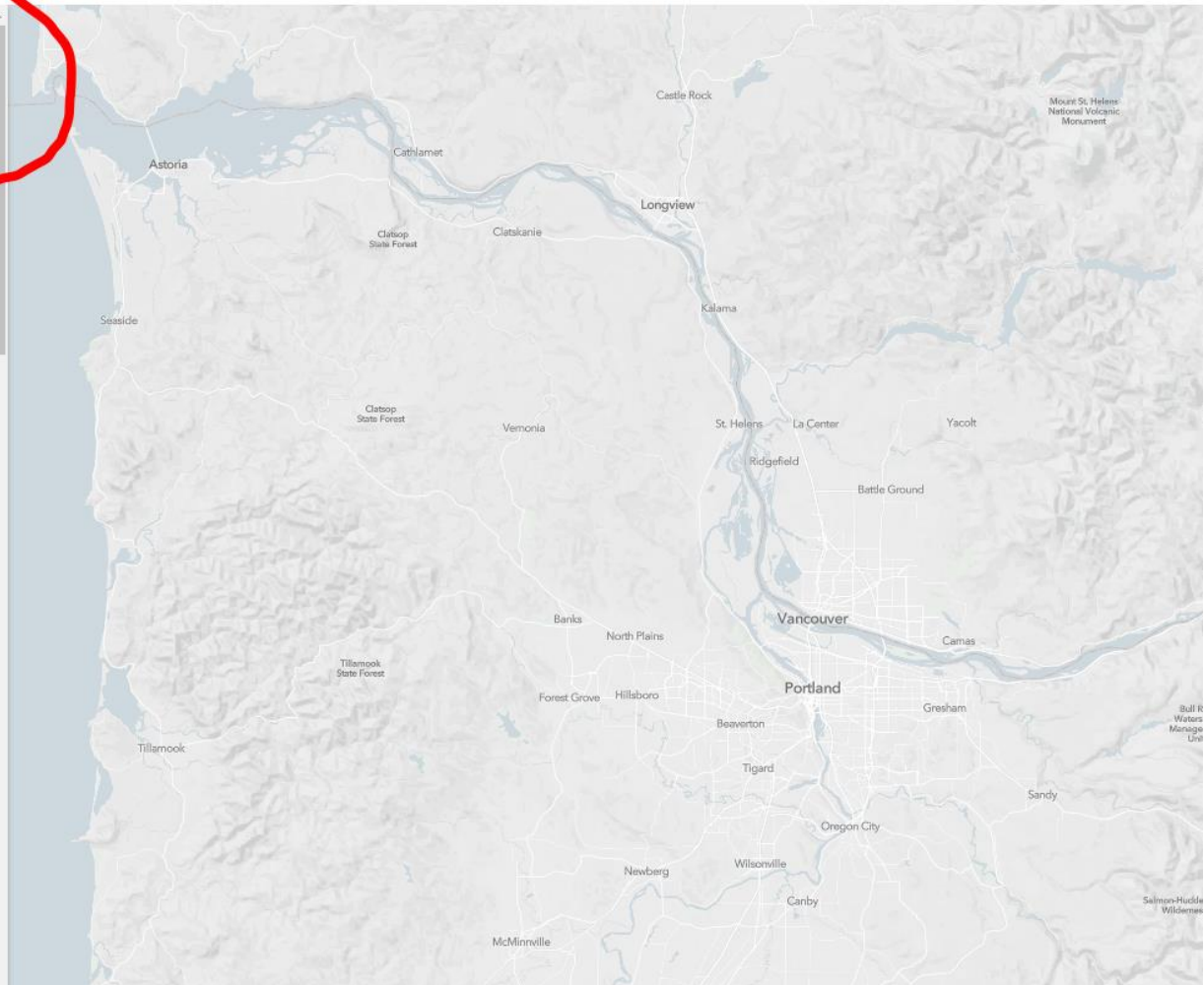
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Data Layers
Explore and analyze your city's transportation data

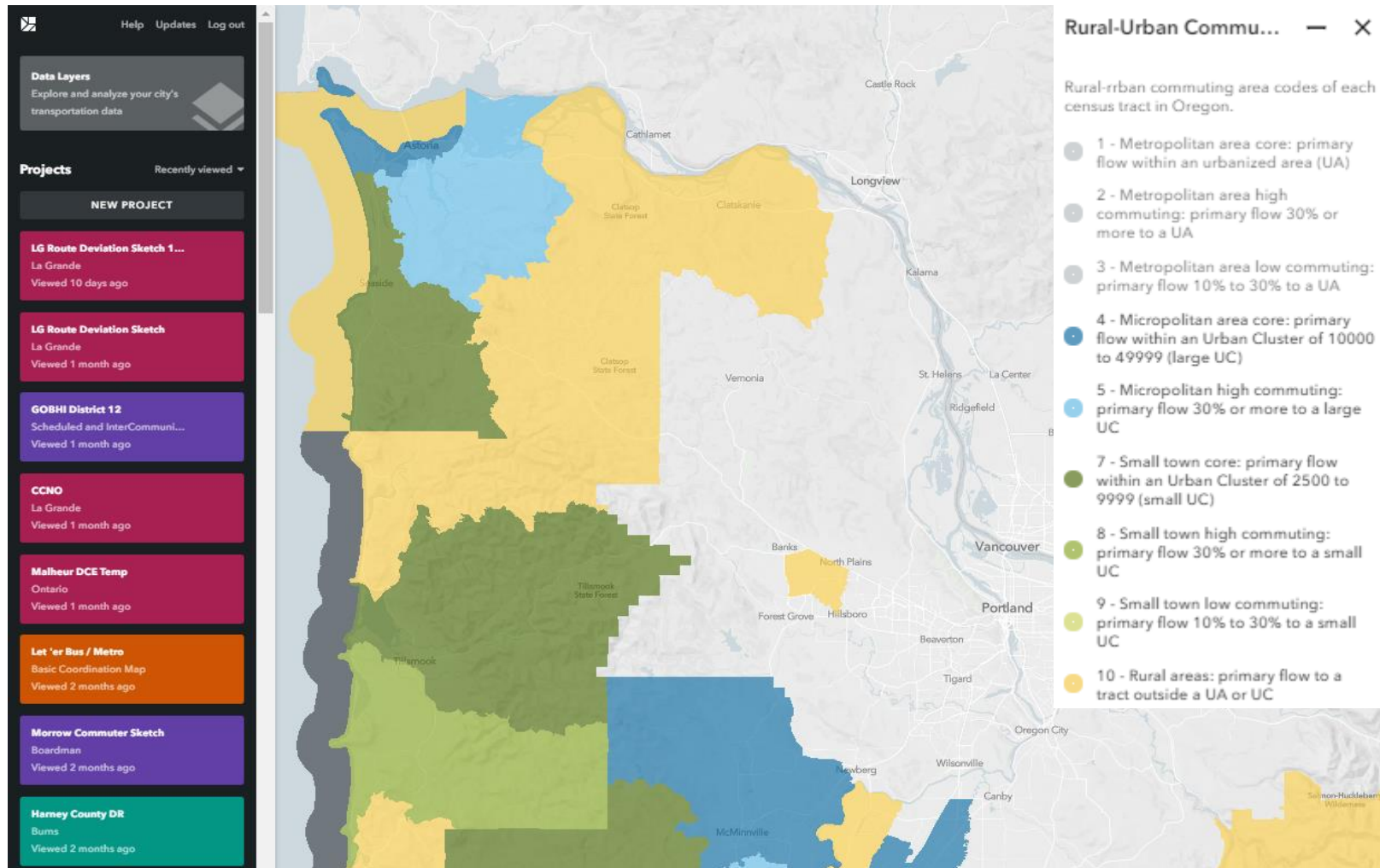
Projects

NEW PROJECT

- LG Route Deviation Sketch 1...**
La Grande
Viewed 10 days ago
- LG Route Deviation Sketch**
La Grande
Viewed 1 month ago
- GOBHI District 12**
Scheduled and InterCommuni...
Viewed 1 month ago
- CCNO**
La Grande
Viewed 1 month ago
- Malheur DCE Temp**
Ontario
Viewed 1 month ago
- Let'er Bus / Metro**
Basic Coordination Map
Viewed 2 months ago
- Morrow Commuter Sketch**
Boardman
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- Harney County DR**
Burns
Viewed 2 months ago



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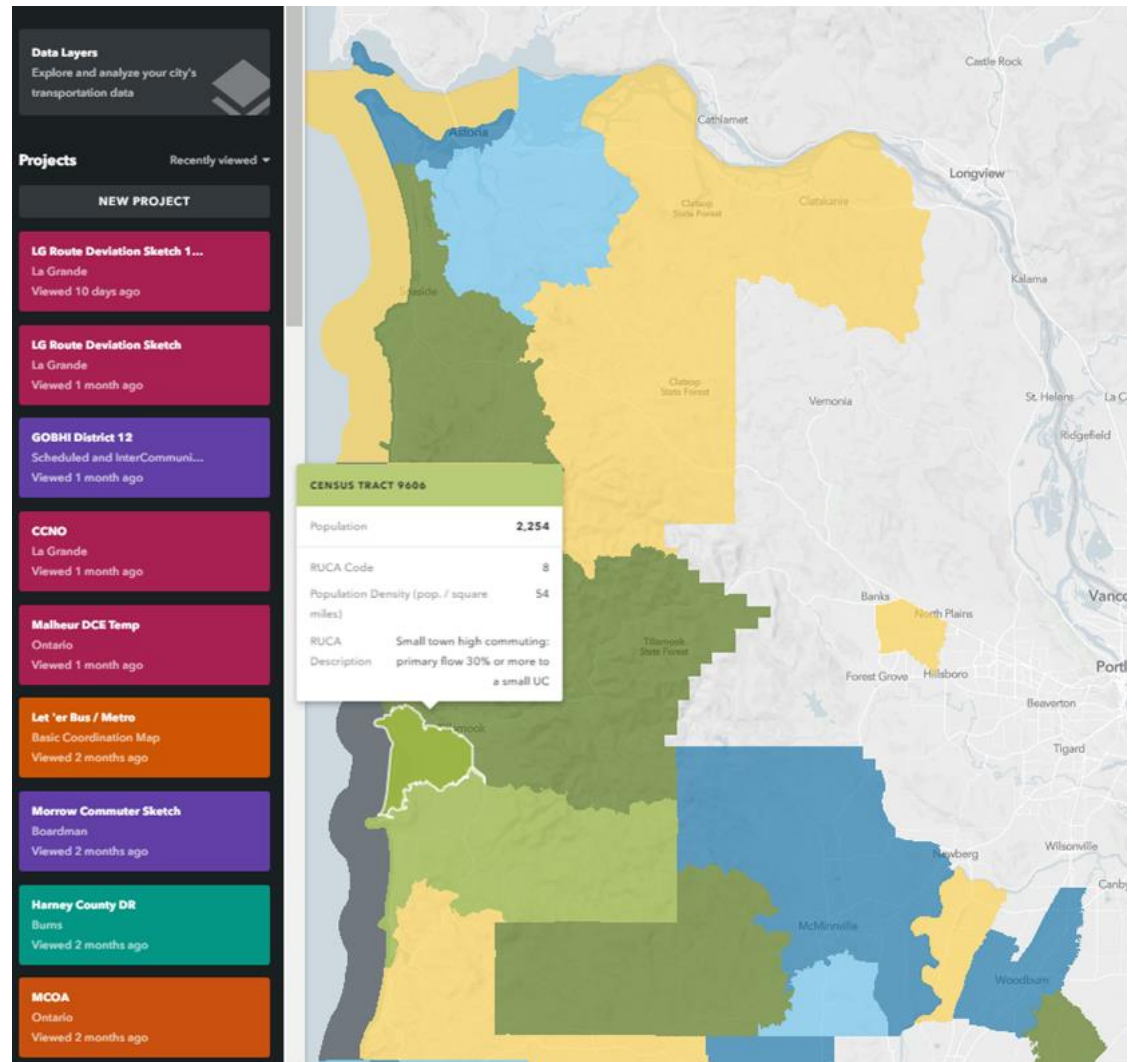


RUCA Made Easy!

You can even pull RVHT informative data by clicking on a census tract you may be interested in.

In the image to the right I've picked Track 9606 just south of Tillamook.

Remix returns the population, RUCA Code, density, and what the RUCA code indicates about traffic orientation at a glance!



Question Break?

QUESTIONS?



Funding and Coordination:

Available Resources	\$500,000
Nine Tribes @ base	\$90,000 (18%)
Remaining supplement to base	\$48,035 (10%)
Distribution to be weighted for population of veterans in eligible census tracts	\$361,965 (72%)

There is NO local match requirement with this program!



Coordination is Key

Tacit assumptions:

- Some STF Agencies will propose Contract Purchased Services projects;
- Some STF Agencies will coordinate with others to jointly deliver projects of mutual interest on tight initial budgets;
- Some STF Agencies may not wish to participate
 - RPTD understands the challenges of standing up a new program with a small budget and uncertain future



Reporting

- Operations and contract purchased services require minimal support documentation
- A simple spreadsheet based report is being developed to track hours, miles, rides, and a brief narrative quarterly
 - Think, what can veterans do in your community as a result of this money that they couldn't do before.
- Spreadsheet will attach to Reimbursement Requests – all data is reportable in OPTIS APRs



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How to Apply

[Application](#) is in Cognito Forms

- Eligible STF Agencies are prepopulated in dropdown box
 - If you're coordinating your application with one or more neighboring STF Agencies, ONLY THE LEAD COUNTY needs to apply
 - Please check each participating STF Agency not listed in the dropdown

The rest of the application will be familiar and intuitive!

Applications are due May 18 to fund projects starting August 1, 2020



How to Apply

STF Agency Mailing Address (Street or PO Box) *

Address Line 1

City

State



Zip Code

STF Agency Web Address

Name of Application Contact *

Title of Application Contact *

Email of Application Contact *

Phone of Application Contact

Name of Application Recipient (Person signing Grant Agreement) *

Title of Application Recipient (Person signing Grant Agreement) *

Email of Application Recipient (Person signing Grant Agreement)

Phone of Application Recipient (Person signing Grant Agreement)



How to Apply

B. STF Advisory Committee

Do all of the committee members reside within the boundaries of your STF agency service area? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Enter each member's organization in the table below (click to add additional lines).

Pick the category of membership that best describes each member, pursuant to OAR 732-005-0031.

Minimum requirements: Counties and districts - five members. Tribes - three members.

	Member Name *	Organization *	Member Category *
✕			▼
✕			▼
✕			▼
✕			▼
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+ Add Member



How to Apply

Enter projects in the order of STF Agency priority

- Each project features a recipient agency
- A recipient agency may participate in more than one project

C. Transit Agency and Project Descriptions

✖ Project 1

Fund Allocation

Recipient Agency Name *

Recipient Agency Contact Name *

Recipient Agency Contact Title *

Recipient Agency Address *

Address Line 1

City

State

Zip Code

Recipient Agency Contact Email *

Recipient Agency Contact Phone *



How to Apply

Input fields for items we're scoring have been limited to 500 characters

Item	Counts For
Project Description	Up to 10% of total score
Project Need	Up to 20% of total score
Improved Veteran Connectivity	Up to 30% of total score
Outreach and Education	Up to 30% of total score
Public Support for Project	Up to 10% of total score

Supporting documents can be attached



Application Advice

Pay attention to the provided guidance (for example):

Project Need (Score Value: 20%) *

Describe the need for this project. How was this need determined or assessed? If this project did not receive funding, how would this impact the Veteran community?

Limit: 500 Characters

- What days and hours will this project run?
- Which counties or communities might it serve?
- If this project is the result of a needs assessment, tell us that!
- Don't forget to tell us how the veteran community would be impacted if the project wasn't selected for funding



Application Advice

Two important fields on scalability:

What is the minimum award amount to make this project viable?

Is this project scalable? (If more funding becomes available can this project be scaled up.) *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Scalable up to: *

150%



Minimum viable project may (or may not) be your proposed budget. If your project can scale down, this is where you'd let us know.

If the project can scale up, we've provided a Yes/No option and a dropdown box up to 200% (at 5% intervals).



Summary:

- Operations and contract purchased services available for support of veterans medical access services
- Tight turn around to submit applications BUT the apps are as simple as we can make them – aided by a formulaic approach
- Coordination strongly encouraged
- Reporting burden on recipient agencies has been intentionally minimized
- Moving the needle quickly may give our funding partner an opportunity to ask for sustainability resources



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