

### STIF Plan 2025-27

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# 1. Qualified Entity

**Qualified Entity Name** 

Wheeler County

**Qualified Entity Address** 

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**STIF Plan Contact Name** 

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STIF Plan Contact Title Program Coordinator

**STIF Plan Contact Email** 

scole@co.wheeler.or.us

STIF Plan Contact Phone Number

(541) 468-2859

**Employer Identification Number (EIN)** 

93-6002317

Will any of the projects in this STIF Plan use funds jointly managed with one or more other Qualified Entities?

No

# 1.2 Sub-Recipients in STIF Plan

#### **Provider 1**

Are any Sub-Recipients included in this STIF Plan?

No

**Provider Name** 

Wheeler County

# 2. Advisory Committees

# 2.1 Advisory Committee Website

By checking this box, I agree that all the requirements for Advisory Committees set out in OARs 732-040-0030, 732-040-0035 and 732-042-0020 have been met, including, but not limited to the following:

Yes

• The Advisory Committee is guided by written bylaws that contain all the information required in OAR 732-040-0030(5)(a).

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- The Advisory Committee's bylaws, meeting notices, and meeting minutes have been made available to the public in a reasonable and timely manner and are retained for the period required by Oregon public records laws.
- The Advisory Committee has the membership composition required by OAR 732-040-0035.
- For all Projects submitted as part of this application and/or any sub-recipient application, the Advisory Committee has engaged in the review process described by OAR 732-042-0020, to recommend approval or rejection of all proposed Projects and to recommend prioritization of approved Projects.

#### Please include a link to an Advisory Committee Website.

https://www.wheelercountyoregon.com/transportation

If some or all of the information required by OARs 732-040-0030, 732-040-0035 and 732-042-0020 is not available on a website, please upload any additional documentation showing how you met the Advisory Committee requirements and how the Advisory Committee's bylaws, meeting notices, and meeting minutes are made available to the public.

STF Meeting Minutes 11-04-24.docx

STIF Meeting Agenda 12-18-24.docx

STIF Advisory Committee Bylaws.docx

WCCM 12.4.24.pdf

11-04-24 STIF Bylaws- Signed.pdf

STIF Meeting Agenda 11-04-24.docx

STIF Meeting Minutes 12-18-24.docx

TJ AD- Nov 2024.pdf

Did the QE's Advisory Committee or Governing Body convene an optional work group as outlined in OAR 732-040-0030?

# 3. Local Plan Compliance

# 3.1 Existing Local Plans from which project(s) are derived.

#### Local Plan 1

**Local Plan Name**Wheeler County Coordinated Human
Services Public Transportation Plan

Governing Body that adopted Local Plan

Wheeler County Court

Plan Adoption Date

11/2/2022

#### **Local Plan Web Address**

https://www.wheelercountyoregon.com

#### Upload copy of Local Plan if it is not available on a website.

Wheeler Count Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan.pdf

# 3.2 Local Plan requirements

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I agree that the Local Plan(s), either separately or together, contain all of the information required by OAR 732-040-0005(19). Yes

# 4. Accountability

# 4.1 Accountability methods

Qualified Entity Accountability: By checking this box, I affirm that all of the necessary policies and procedures are in place to provide reasonable assurance that compliance of the Qualified Entity with OAR 732, Divisions 40 and 42 is met, and to achieve the goals and outcomes specified in this STIF Plan, including, but not limited to: program and financial management, operations management, procurement, use and maintenance of equipment, records retention, compliance with state and federal laws, civil rights, and compliance with ADA.

Yes

Sub-Recipient Accountability: By checking this box, I affirm that all of the necessary policies and procedures are in place to provide reasonable assurance that compliance of all Sub-Recipients with OAR 732, Divisions 40 and 42 is met to achieve the goals and outcomes specified in this STIF Plan, address deficiencies in Sub-Recipient performance, and to provide reasonable assurance that the Qualified Entity can accomplish the applicable requirements of these rules, including but not limited to: audit and compliance requirements, accounting requirements, capital asset requirements, and reporting requirements.

Yes

#### 4.2 Sub-Allocation method

By checking this box, I affirm that all data used to develop the sub-allocation method was shared with each Public Transportation Service Provider and other potential sub-recipients, as relevant. Yes

Describe the Qualified Entity's method for sub-allocating STIF Formula Fund moneys and the collaborative process used to work with Public Transportation Service Providers and other potential Sub-Recipients, as relevant, to develop the sub-allocation method.

Wheeler County is the qualified entity. Wheeler County Community Transportation is the only public transportation provider in Wheeler County, therefore FY 25-27 STIF Formula Funds will be allocated to Wheeler County Community Transportation.

#### **Upload Response**

# 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.

Wheeler County's poverty rate is slightly higher than the state average, with 14% of the County living in poverty. According to the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2) for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia, a household with a total income of which does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level is considered to be a low-income household. We have a high demand for transportation services for these demographics. Wheeler County Community Transportation is the only public transportation service in Wheeler County. The program serves the entire area of Wheeler County. The promotion, enhancement and facilitation of access to these services is necessary. This project is important for improving health and livability outcomes for Wheeler County residents.

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#### **Upload Response**

# 5. STIF Plan Period and Adoption

# 5.1 Period Covered By STIF Plan

Provide start and end dates for projects proposed for funding in this STIF Plan. The earliest possible start date is July 1, 2025.

**Start Date:** End Date 7/1/2025 6/30/2027

# 5.2 STIF Plan Adoption

STIF Plan Advisory Committee recommendation STIF Plan Governing Body adoption date date 12/18/2024

12/18/2024

Website where Governing Body adoption document is located

https://www.wheelercountyoregon.com/transportation

Upload Governing Body adoption document if website is unavailable.

WCC Agenda 12.18.24.pdf

WCMM 12.18.24.pdf

Did the Governing Body modify the Advisory Committee's recommended STIF Plan?

# 6. Projects

You may upload Sub-Recipient Project Applications instead of manually entering the information for each sub-recipient. All uploaded Sub-Recipient Project Applications must have been submitted to the Qualified Entity's STIF Advisory Committee, approved by the Qualified Entity's Governing Body, and will be part of the Qualified Entity's STIF Plan.

In addition to this, any Qualified Entities with their own Projects may enter that information directly into the STIF Plan, or may choose to upload their own Sub-Recipient Project Application. In all cases, you cannot split information for a single entity between the STIF Plan and an uploaded Sub-Recipient Project Application. All project information for a given entity must be contained either solely within the Sub-Recipient Project Application or STIF Plan itself.

**Important note:** If you'd like to use this optional upload feature, please enter the total amount from each Sub-Recipient Project Application in the conditional boxes that will appear below (this information can be found in the last section of the Sub-Recipient Project Application). This will ensure that the sum of all Qualified Entity and sub-recipient projects are included in STIF Plan section 7. STIF Plan Summary.

Would you like to upload any approved Sub-Recipient Project Applications for this STIF Plan? No

# 6.1 Project Detail Entry

# **Project 1**

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#### **Qualified Entity or Sub-Recipient Name**

Wheeler County Community Transportation

#### **Project Name**

**Program Operations** 

#### **Project Description**

This project will continue to serve the public transportation needs of the older adults and individuals with disabilities through-out Wheeler County Dial-A-Ride services in Fossil, Mitchell, Spray and as well as rural health care transportation. Along with maintaining funding for operational expenses accrued during the biennium i.e., fuel, driver trainings, bus barn updates, advertisements, preventative maintenance for fleet, driver's payroll and utilities etc. Paid Drivers enhance our driver recruitment abilities and allows for continued ability to provide trips for riders. Being able to provide competitive pay has been vital to maintaining drivers. This project will continue to support the daily, weekly, quarterly and annual maintenance to our existing fleet. Operating in an extremely rural area puts wear and tear on our existing fleet. Having preventative maintenance funding keeps our vehicles road ready, safe and reliable for our passengers and community members.

#### Project using planned carry forward funding:

Do you plan to set aside funding that you receive during this biennium to pay for expenses related to this project in a future biennium?

# How much of the Project budget will be used to improve or expand services, and how much will be used to maintain existing services?

Improve or Expand Service 20%

**Maintain Service** 80%

#### Please explain why all or part of this project is maintaining an existing service

Project is being requested to continue providing day to day operational services of the existing transportation program for the elderly, individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals and the general public. Operational expenses include: fuel, driver's pay, preventative maintenance of fleet, training for drivers, bus barn utilities etc.

#### Local Plan from which this project is derived:

Wheeler County Coordinated Human Service Public Transportation Plan

Local Plan page number 2, 29, 30, 35, 36

# **Multi-Phase Project**

Is your project part of a larger, multi-phase project?
No

# 6.1.1 Project Scope

#### Task 1

**Task Description** 

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Fuel Expenses/Trainings/Utilities/Daily Operation Costs. Operating in an extremely rural area demands high fuel usage. Our normal trips average 150+ miles round trip. When having over 1,000 trips a year costs add up quickly.

Is this task supporting services for older adults and people with disabilities? Yes

Is this task supporting a pedestrian or bike project with a physical or functional relationship to public transit?

No

#### Category

Operations 30.09.00 (State Operating Assistance)

Specify the mode that this task will support.

**Demand Response** 

# **Operations Task Category**

Task Category Amount \$100,000.00

# 6.1.2 Expenditure Estimates

Enter estimates of all expenditures for activities in this task denoting both fund source and fiscal year of expenditure.

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# **Expenditures by Fund Source and Fiscal Year**

Fund Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total
STIF Population Funds	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00			\$28,000.00
STIF Payroll Funds	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00			\$72,000.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other State	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

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	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Prior Biennia Interest Accrued	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia STIF Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

By checking this box, I confirm that this task is only funded by STIF.

Yes

Check this box if you are using STIF funding in this task as a match another source of funding. Please make sure you have indicated that information in your task description above in section 6.1.1.

No

#### 6.1.3 Outcome Measures

# Minimum required measures for operations tasks

Revenue MilesRevenue HoursRides290,0008,200.001,400

Number of people with access to transit (within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of transit stop for fixed route) 0

Number of Low-Income Households with access to transit (within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of transit stop for fixed route)

0

Number of new shared stops with other transit providers (reducing fragmentation in transit services)

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0

Is this project supporting student transportation?

### Choose at least one

#### **Operations**

Number of rides provided to students in grades 9-12

#### **Operations - Demand Response**

Number of students in grades 9-12 served by demand response

Number of rides provided to students in grades 9-12

Number of students in grades 9-12 served by demand response

42

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### **Outcome Measures**

#### **Outcome Measure 1**

# Outcome Measures for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Revenue MilesRevenue HoursRides290,0008,200.001,400

Other Measure Service Miles Added

Number of Units:

10,000

#### Task 2

#### **Task Description**

Preventative Maintenance will continue to support daily, weekly, quarterly an annual maintenance to our existing fleet. Funding and match for §5310 will keep our vehicles road ready, safe and reliable for our passengers and community members.

Is this task supporting services for older adults and people with disabilities? Yes

Is this task supporting a pedestrian or bike project with a physical or functional relationship to public transit?

No

#### Category

Preventive Maintenance 11.7A.00

# **Preventive Maintenance Task Category**

Task Category Amount \$45.685.00

# 6.1.2 Expenditure Estimates

Enter estimates of all expenditures for activities in this task denoting both fund source and fiscal year of expenditure.

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money during the 2023-2025 biennium, which should be listed as "Prior Biennia Interest Accrued," for use during the 2025-2027 biennium.

# **Expenditures by Fund Source and Fiscal Year**

Fund Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total
STIF Population Funds	\$11,421.00	\$11,421.00			\$22,842.00
STIF Payroll Funds	\$11,421.00	\$11,422.00			\$22,843.00
Federal	\$7,190.00	\$7,189.00			\$14,379.00
Other State	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia STIF Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia Interest Accrued	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
	\$30,032.00	\$30,032.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,064.00

By checking this box, I confirm that this task is only funded by STIF. No

Check this box if you are using STIF funding in this task as a match another source of funding. Please make sure you have indicated that information in your task description above in section 6.1.1.

Yes

### **6.1.3 Outcome Measures**

# **Outcome Measures**

**Outcome Measure 1** 

# Outcome Measures for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Other Measure

Service Miles Added

**Number of Units:** 

10.000

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#### Task 3

#### **Task Description**

Paid Drivers enhance our driver recruitment abilities and allows for continued ability to provide trips. Finding and keeping drivers in our rural area is extremely difficult. Providing competitive pay has been vital to maintaining drivers.

Is this task supporting services for older adults and people with disabilities? Yes

Is this task supporting a pedestrian or bike project with a physical or functional relationship to public transit?

No

#### Category

Operations 30.09.00 (State Operating Assistance)

Specify the mode that this task will support.

**Demand Response** 

# **Operations Task Category**

**Task Category Amount** 

\$178,000.00

# 6.1.2 Expenditure Estimates

Enter estimates of all expenditures for activities in this task denoting both fund source and fiscal year of expenditure.

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# **Expenditures by Fund Source and Fiscal Year**

Fund Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total
STIF Population Funds	\$11,343.50	\$11,343.50			\$22,687.00
STIF Payroll Funds	\$77,656.50	\$77,656.50			\$155,313.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

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	\$89,000.00	\$89,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$178,000.00
Prior Biennia Interest Accrued	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia STIF Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other State	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

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Yes

Check this box if you are using STIF funding in this task as a match another source of funding. Please make sure you have indicated that information in your task description above in section 6.1.1.

No

#### 6.1.3 Outcome Measures

# Minimum required measures for operations tasks

Revenue MilesRevenue HoursRides290,0008,200.001,400

Number of people with access to transit (within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of transit stop for fixed route)

Number of Low-Income Households with access to transit (within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of transit stop for fixed route)

0

Number of new shared stops with other transit providers (reducing fragmentation in transit services)

0

Is this project supporting student transportation? Yes

#### Choose at least one

#### **Operations**

Number of rides provided to students in grades 9-12

#### **Operations - Demand Response**

Number of students in grades 9-12 served by demand response

Number of rides provided to students in grades 9-12

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10

Number of students in grades 9-12 served by demand response 42

#### **Outcome Measures**

#### **Outcome Measure 1**

# Outcome Measures for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

**Revenue Miles**290,000

Revenue Hours
8,200.00

1,400

Other Measure Service Miles Added

**Number of Units:** 

10,000

# 6.2 Allocation of STIF funds by project

Please identify what percentage of this STIF project budget is allocated to each of the criteria listed below by fiscal year.

Note: More information about requirements for criterion #7 can be found in OAR 732-042-0015(3)(j). More information about requirements for criterion #8 can be found in OAR 732-042-0010(1)(a).

### **STIF Criteria**

- 1. Increased frequency of bus service to areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 2. Expansion of bus routes and bus services to serve areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 3. Fund the implementation of programs to reduce fares for public transportation in communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 4. Procurement of low or no emission buses for use in areas with 200,000 or more.
- 5. The improvement in the frequency and reliability of service between communities inside and outside of the Qualified Entity's service area.
- 6. Coordination between Public Transportation Service Providers to reduce fragmentation in the provision of transportation services.
- 7. Implementation of programs to provide student transit service for students in grades 9-12.

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8. Services for older adults and people with disabilities.

FY 2026 STIF Total FY 2027 STIF Total

\$161,842.00 \$161,843.00

# Fund Allocation (Must not exceed 100% per criterion per fiscal year)

Criterion	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Criterion 1	10.0%	10.0%		
Criterion 2	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 3	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 4	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 5	37.0%	37.0%		
Criterion 6	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 7	1.0%	1.0%		
Criterion 8	52.0%	52.0%		
	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

# **6.3 Oregon Public Transportation Plan Goals**

Select the OPTP goals that apply to your STIF Plan Projects.

Goal 1 Mobility: Public Transportation User Experience

Goal 2: Accessibility and Connectivity

Goal 4: Equity Goal 5: Health

Goal 6: Safety and Security

Goal 9: Funding and Strategic Investment

# **6.4 Project Summary**

**Project Name** 

**Program Operations** 

**STIF Project Grand Total** 

\$323,685.00

FY 2026 STIF Project FY 2027 STIF Project

**Total Total** \$161,842.00 \$161,843.00

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# **Funds Supporting Student Transportation**

FY 2026 STIF Funds supporting student transportation \$1.618.42

FY 2027 STIF Funds supporting student transportation \$1.618.43

FY 2026 percent of STIF FY 2027 percent of **Funds supporting** student transportation

STIF Funds supporting student transportation

1%

1%

# **Funds Supporting Older and Disabled Persons Transportation**

FY 2026 STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation \$84,157.84

**FY 2027 STIF Funds** supporting older and disabled persons transportation \$84,158.36

FY 2026 percent of STIF FY 2027 percent of and disabled persons transportation

Funds supporting older STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation

52%

52%

# Funds from Previous Biennia "Old Money"

FY 2026 STIF Funds from Previous Cycle **FY 2027 STIF Funds** from Previous Cycle

\$0.00

\$0.00

# **Project 2**

### **Qualified Entity or Sub-Recipient Name**

Wheeler County Community Transportation

#### **Project Name**

**Program Administration** 

#### **Project Description**

This project supports the continuation of administration, planning, supporting, marketing and supervising the Wheeler County Community Transportation STIF program. These activities include: STIF program management, supervision, oversight, STIF quarterly reporting, STIF committee creation, STIF bylaw adherence, STIF outreach and promotion. This project will also support planning for future transit needs as well as grant matched support for other state or federal funds as needed.

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Project using planned carry forward funding:

Do you plan to set aside funding that you receive during this biennium to pay for expenses related to this project in a future biennium?

# How much of the Project budget will be used to improve or expand services, and how much will be used to maintain existing services?

Improve or Expand Service 20%

**Maintain Service** 80%

Please explain why all or part of this project is maintaining an existing service

In order for WCCT to operate effectively, having the continued supportive administrative staff and dispatching staff to deliver services is a critical component of mobility management.

Local Plan from which this project is derived:

Wheeler County Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan

Local Plan page number 29-30, 33-36

# **Multi-Phase Project**

Is your project part of a larger, multi-phase project?
No

# 6.1.1 Project Scope

#### Task 1

**Task Description** 

Program Coordinator/Dispatch Salary and match from §5310 Formula Funds.

Is this task supporting services for older adults and people with disabilities? Yes

Is this task supporting a pedestrian or bike project with a physical or functional relationship to public transit?

No

Category

Mobility Management 11.7L.00

# Mobility Management Task Category

**Task Category Amount** \$87,000.00

# 6.1.2 Expenditure Estimates

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Enter estimates of all expenditures for activities in this task denoting both fund source and fiscal year of expenditure.

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# **Expenditures by Fund Source and Fiscal Year**

Fund Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total
STIF Population Funds	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00			\$44,000.00
STIF Payroll Funds	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00			\$43,000.00
Federal	\$41,657.00	\$41,657.00			\$83,314.00
Other State	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia STIF Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia Interest Accrued	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
	\$85,157.00	\$85,157.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170,314.00

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Check this box if you are using STIF funding in this task as a match another source of funding. Please make sure you have indicated that information in your task description above in section 6.1.1.

#### Yes

# **6.1.3 Outcome Measures**

# **Outcome Measures**

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#### **Outcome Measure 1**

#### **Mobility Management**

Number of individuals that received transit training 20

Number of individuals that are served by a coordinated demand response call center 350

# Outcome Measures for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Other Measure Service Miles Added

Number of Units: 10,000

# 6.2 Allocation of STIF funds by project

Please identify what percentage of this STIF project budget is allocated to each of the criteria listed below by fiscal year.

Note: More information about requirements for criterion #7 can be found in <u>OAR 732-042-0015(3)(j)</u>. More information about requirements for criterion #8 can be found in <u>OAR 732-042-0010(1)(a)</u>.

### STIF Criteria

- 1. Increased frequency of bus service to areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 2. Expansion of bus routes and bus services to serve areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 3. Fund the implementation of programs to reduce fares for public transportation in communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 4. Procurement of low or no emission buses for use in areas with 200,000 or more.
- 5. The improvement in the frequency and reliability of service between communities inside and outside of the Qualified Entity's service area.
- 6. Coordination between Public Transportation Service Providers to reduce fragmentation in the provision of transportation services.
- 7. Implementation of programs to provide student transit service for students in grades 9-12.
- 8. Services for older adults and people with disabilities.

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FY 2026 STIF Total FY 2027 STIF Total

\$43,500.00 \$43,500.00

# Fund Allocation (Must not exceed 100% per criterion per fiscal year)

Criterion	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Criterion 1	4.0%	4.0%		
Criterion 2	1.0%	1.0%		
Criterion 3	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 4	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 5	20.0%	20.0%		
Criterion 6	20.0%	20.0%		
Criterion 7	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 8	55.0%	55.0%		
	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

# **6.3 Oregon Public Transportation Plan Goals**

Select the OPTP goals that apply to your STIF Plan Projects.

Goal 1 Mobility: Public Transportation User Experience

Goal 2: Accessibility and Connectivity

Goal 6: Safety and Security

Goal 9: Funding and Strategic Investment

Goal 10: Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination

# **6.4 Project Summary**

**Project Name** 

**Program Administration** 

**STIF Project Grand Total** 

\$87,000.00

FY 2026 STIF Project FY 2027 STIF Project

**Total Total** \$43,500.00 \$43,500.00

# **Funds Supporting Student Transportation**

FY 2026 STIF Funds FY 2027 STIF Funds

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supporting student transportation

0%

\$0.00

FY 2026 percent of STIF FY 2027 percent of Funds supporting student transportation

supporting student transportation

\$0.00

STIF Funds supporting student transportation

# Funds Supporting Older and Disabled Persons Transportation

FY 2026 STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation \$23,925.00

FY 2027 STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation \$23,925.00

and disabled persons transportation 55%

FY 2026 percent of STIF FY 2027 percent of Funds supporting older STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation

55%

# Funds from Previous Biennia "Old Money"

**FY 2026 STIF Funds** from Previous Cycle **FY 2027 STIF Funds** from Previous Cycle

\$0.00

\$0.00

### Project 3

**Qualified Entity or Sub-Recipient Name** Wheeler County Community Transportation

#### **Project Name**

Capital Projects and Capital Match

#### **Project Description**

Provide operating funding to either leverage other grant funding sources for capital projects or fund capital projects. Match could be for State or Federal grant opportunities. Capital Projects include projects such as signage, equipment, vehicle purchases, and possible upgrades to existing fleet.

#### Project using planned carry forward funding:

Do you plan to set aside funding that you receive during this biennium to pay for expenses related to this project in a future biennium? No

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# How much of the Project budget will be used to improve or expand services, and how much will be used to maintain existing services?

**Improve or Expand Service** 100%

**Maintain Service** 

0%

Local Plan from which this project is derived:

Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan

Local Plan page number 31.33. 35

# **Multi-Phase Project**

Is your project part of a larger, multi-phase project?

# 6.1.1 Project Scope

#### Task 1

#### Task Description

Purchase replacement vehicles for vehicles that have reached useful life and mileage.

Is this task supporting services for older adults and people with disabilities?

Yes

Is this task supporting a pedestrian or bike project with a physical or functional relationship to public transit?

Νo

#### Category

Vehicle Purchase 111-00

By checking this box, I affirm that all projects requesting funds for capital expenses are in compliance with the Capital Asset Requirements outlined in OAR 732-042-0040. Yes

What type of capital vehicle purchases are included in this task? Replacement

# Vehicle Replacement 11.12

# **Replacement Vehicle Information**

# 1. Vehicles to be Replaced

Year Make/Model	Category	VIN	Total Seats / ADA Seats	Current Miles
2,017 Dodge Grand	E	2C7WDGBG7HR56288	5/2	177,574

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	Caravan	(11.XX.15)	6		
2,017	Dodge Grand Caravan	E (11.XX.15)	2C7WDGBG7KR52140 7	5/2	163,779
2,017	Dodge Grand Caravan	E (11.XX.15)	2C7WDGBG3HR83856 2	5/2	105,815
2,013	Ford Modified E350/Braun	E (11.XX.15)	1FTSS3EL7DDA65076	7/1	53,103

# 2. Condition of Vehicles

VIN	Condition	Vehicle Maintenance History (Issues, Repairs, etc.)
2C7WDGBG7HR562886	Poor	TRANSMISSION DAMAGE
2C7WDGBG3HR802208	Poor	HIGH MILES
2C7WDGBG3HR838562	Poor	HIGH MILES
1FTSS3EL7DDA65076	Poor	12 YEARS OLD

# 11.12 Vehicle Information

Vehicle ALI	Make/Mod el	Quanti ty	Cost Each	Total	Lengt h	# of seats / # ADA station s	# of Fuel Syste seats m with ADA deploy ed
11.12.16 Sedan / Station Wagon	Van/SUV	2	\$45,000.00	\$90,000.00	<20 ft.	7/0	7 Hybrid-Gas
11.12.16 Sedan / Station Wagon	Van/SUV	2	\$45,000.00	\$90,000.00	<20 ft.	7/0	7 Gas

\$180,000.0 0

# **6.1.2 Expenditure Estimates**

Enter estimates of all expenditures for activities in this task denoting both fund source and fiscal year of expenditure.

"Federal," "Other State," "Local," and "Other Funds" categories may be used for funding other than STIF funding that is allocated to this task, including when STIF money is being used as matching funds for another funding source.

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# **Expenditures by Fund Source and Fiscal Year**

Fund Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total
STIF Population Funds	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00			\$45,000.00
STIF Payroll Funds	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00			\$45,000.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other State	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia STIF Funds	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00			\$90,000.00
Prior Biennia Interest Accrued	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180,000.00

By checking this box, I confirm that this task is only funded by STIF.

Check this box if you are using STIF funding in this task as a match another source of funding. Please make sure you have indicated that information in your task description above in section 6.1.1.

No

### 6.1.3 Outcome Measures

# **Outcome Measures**

Outcome Measure 1

# Outcome Measures for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Other Measure Vehicles Purchased

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#### **Number of Units:**

4

#### Task 2

#### **Task Description**

Satellite/Cell phone remote Wi-Fi/Mi-Fi traveling internet capabilities for internet/cell phone use feature added to our transportation vehicles.

Is this task supporting services for older adults and people with disabilities?

Is this task supporting a pedestrian or bike project with a physical or functional relationship to public transit?

No

#### Category

**Equipment Purchase** 

By checking this box, I affirm that all projects requesting funds for capital expenses are in compliance with the Capital Asset Requirements outlined in OAR 732-042-0040. Yes

# **Equipment Purchase**

# **Equipment Information**

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
MOBILE WIFI/MIFI ROUTER/INTERNET FOR VEHICLES	12	\$666.67	\$8,000.04

\$8,000.04

# 6.1.2 Expenditure Estimates

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# **Expenditures by Fund Source and Fiscal Year**

Fund Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total

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	\$4,000.02	\$4,000.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.04
Prior Biennia Interest Accrued	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia STIF Funds	\$0.02	\$0.02			\$0.04
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other State	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
STIF Payroll Funds	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			\$4,000.00
STIF Population Funds	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			\$4,000.00

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Yes

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No

### 6.1.3 Outcome Measures

# **Outcome Measures**

**Outcome Measure 1** 

# Outcome Measures for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

**Other Measure** 

Service Miles Added

**Number of Units:** 

10,000

# 6.2 Allocation of STIF funds by project

Please identify what percentage of this STIF project budget is allocated to each of the criteria listed below by fiscal year.

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Note: More information about requirements for criterion #7 can be found in OAR 732-042-0015(3)(j). More information about requirements for criterion #8 can be found in OAR 732-042-0010(1)(a).

#### **STIF Criteria**

- 1. Increased frequency of bus service to areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 2. Expansion of bus routes and bus services to serve areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 3. Fund the implementation of programs to reduce fares for public transportation in communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 4. Procurement of low or no emission buses for use in areas with 200,000 or more.
- 5. The improvement in the frequency and reliability of service between communities inside and outside of the Qualified Entity's service area.
- 6. Coordination between Public Transportation Service Providers to reduce fragmentation in the provision of transportation services.
- 7. Implementation of programs to provide student transit service for students in grades 9-12.
- 8. Services for older adults and people with disabilities.

FY 2026 STIF Total FY 2027 STIF Total

\$94,000.02 \$94,000.02

# Fund Allocation (Must not exceed 100% per criterion per fiscal year)

Criterion	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Criterion 1	15.0%	15.0%		
Criterion 2	10.0%	10.0%		
Criterion 3	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 4	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 5	20.0%	20.0%		
Criterion 6	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 7	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 8	55.0%	55.0%		
	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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# 6.3 Oregon Public Transportation Plan Goals

Select the OPTP goals that apply to your STIF Plan Projects.

Goal 1 Mobility: Public Transportation User Experience

Goal 2: Accessibility and Connectivity

Goal 4: Equity Goal 5: Health

Goal 6: Safety and Security

Goal 7: Environmental Sustainability

Goal 10: Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination

# **6.4 Project Summary**

**Project Name** 

Capital Projects and Capital Match

**STIF Project Grand Total** 

\$188,000.04

FY 2026 STIF Project FY 2027 STIF Project

Total Total \$94,000.02 \$94,000.02

# **Funds Supporting Student Transportation**

FY 2026 STIF Funds supporting student transportation

FY 2027 STIF Funds supporting student transportation

\$0.00

0%

\$0.00

FY 2026 percent of STIF FY 2027 percent of **Funds supporting** student transportation

STIF Funds supporting student transportation

0%

# **Funds Supporting Older and Disabled Persons Transportation**

FY 2026 STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation \$51,700.01

FY 2027 STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation \$51,700.01

FY 2026 percent of STIF FY 2027 percent of Funds supporting older STIF Funds supporting and disabled persons transportation

older and disabled persons transportation

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55%

# **Funds from Previous Biennia "Old Money"**

FY 2026 STIF Funds from Previous Cycle \$45,000.02 FY 2027 STIF Funds from Previous Cycle

\$45,000.02

55%

#### **Project 4**

#### **Qualified Entity or Sub-Recipient Name**

Wheeler County Community Transportation

#### **Project Name**

Carry Over Program Reserve Funds

#### **Project Description**

Unprogrammed carryover funding from FY 21-23 and FY 23-25. Carry over funds into an STIF program reserve fund in order to be used in assistance with future capital purchases with the use for expansion of existing services. This Project supports the continuing WCCT STIF Projects, such as operation, preventative maintenance, admin, capital projects and capital match projects as needed. Also provides grant match support for other state or federal funds as needed.

#### Project using planned carry forward funding:

Do you plan to set aside funding that you receive during this biennium to pay for expenses related to this project in a future biennium?

# How much of the Project budget will be used to improve or expand services, and how much will be used to maintain existing services?

**Improve or Expand Service** 100%

**Maintain Service** 0%

Local Plan from which this project is derived:

WHEELER COUNTY COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Local Plan page number 2, 26

# **Multi-Phase Project**

Is your project part of a larger, multi-phase project?
No

# 6.1.1 Project Scope

#### Task 1

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#### **Task Description**

Program reserve fund in order to be used in assistance with operations, preventative maintenance, mobility management and capital purchases.

Is this task supporting services for older adults and people with disabilities? Yes

Is this task supporting a pedestrian or bike project with a physical or functional relationship to public transit?

No

#### Category

Program Reserve/Contingency 11.73.00

# Program Reserve/Contingency Task Category

Task Category Amount \$289,761.00

# 6.1.2 Expenditure Estimates

Enter estimates of all expenditures for activities in this task denoting both fund source and fiscal year of expenditure.

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# **Expenditures by Fund Source and Fiscal Year**

Fund Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total
STIF Population Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
STIF Payroll Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Other State	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Local	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

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	\$144,880.50	\$144,880.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$289,761.00
Prior Biennia Interest Accrued	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Prior Biennia STIF Funds	\$144,880.50	\$144,880.50			\$289,761.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00

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No

#### 6.1.3 Outcome Measures

#### **Outcome Measures**

**Outcome Measure 1** 

# Outcome Measures for Older Adults and People with Disabilities

**Other Measure** 

Reserve Funds Created

**Number of Units:** 

10,000

# 6.2 Allocation of STIF funds by project

Please identify what percentage of this STIF project budget is allocated to each of the criteria listed below by fiscal year.

Note: More information about requirements for criterion #7 can be found in OAR 732-042-0015(3)(j). More information about requirements for criterion #8 can be found in OAR 732-042-0010(1)(a).

# **STIF Criteria**

- 1. Increased frequency of bus service to areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 2. Expansion of bus routes and bus services to serve areas with a high percentage of Low-Income Households.
- 3. Fund the implementation of programs to reduce fares for public transportation in communities with a

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high percentage of Low-Income Households.

- 4. Procurement of low or no emission buses for use in areas with 200,000 or more.
- 5. The improvement in the frequency and reliability of service between communities inside and outside of the Qualified Entity's service area.
- 6. Coordination between Public Transportation Service Providers to reduce fragmentation in the provision of transportation services.
- 7. Implementation of programs to provide student transit service for students in grades 9-12.
- 8. Services for older adults and people with disabilities.

FY 2026 STIF Total FY 2027 STIF Total

\$144,880.50 \$144,880.50

# Fund Allocation (Must not exceed 100% per criterion per fiscal year)

Criterion	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Criterion 1	5.0%	5.0%		
Criterion 2	25.0%	25.0%		
Criterion 3	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 4	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 5	10.0%	10.0%		
Criterion 6	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 7	0.0%	0.0%		
Criterion 8	60.0%	60.0%		
	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

# **6.3 Oregon Public Transportation Plan Goals**

Select the OPTP goals that apply to your STIF Plan Projects.

Goal 2: Accessibility and Connectivity

Goal 4: Equity

Goal 6: Safety and Security

Goal 9: Funding and Strategic Investment

Goal 10: Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination

# **6.4 Project Summary**

**Project Name** 

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Carry Over Program Reserve Funds

**STIF Project Grand Total** 

\$289,761.00

FY 2026 STIF Project FY 2027 STIF Project

Total Total \$144,880.50 \$144,880.50

# **Funds Supporting Student Transportation**

FY 2026 STIF Funds supporting student transportation

**FY 2027 STIF Funds** supporting student transportation

\$0.00

\$0.00

0%

FY 2026 percent of STIF FY 2027 percent of **Funds supporting** student transportation 0%

STIF Funds supporting student transportation

# **Funds Supporting Older and Disabled Persons Transportation**

FY 2026 STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation \$86.928.30

**FY 2027 STIF Funds** supporting older and disabled persons transportation \$86.928.30

FY 2026 percent of STIF FY 2027 percent of and disabled persons transportation

Funds supporting older STIF Funds supporting older and disabled persons transportation

60%

60%

# Funds from Previous Biennia "Old Money"

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FY 2026 STIF Funds from Previous Cycle **FY 2027 STIF Funds** from Previous Cycle

\$144,880.50

\$144,880.50

# 7. STIF Plan Summary

**STIF Plan Grand Total** 

**Planned Carry Forward** 

\$888,446.04

**Total** 

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\$0.00

**STIF Plan Total (Plan Maximum)** 

\$508,685.00

FY 2026 Total Prior
Biennia Funds
\$189,880.52

FY 2027 Total Prior
Biennia Funds
\$189,880.52

FY 2026 Total STIF FY 2027 Total STIF

**Funds Funds** \$444,222.52 \$444,223.52

FY 2026 Total STIF
Funds from SubRecipient Applications
FY 2027 Total STIF
Funds from SubRecipient Applications

\$0.00 \$0.00

FY 2026 Student STIF FY 2027 Student STIF

**Funds Funds** \$1,618.42 \$1,618.43

FY 2026 Percent of STIF FY 2027 Percent of STIF Funds supporting student transportation student transportation

0.36% 0.36%

Unless it is not practicable, each year, the percentage of STIF Funds supporting student transportation must equal or exceed 1% of the FY Total STIF Funds.

Please explain why your allocation of STIF Funds to support student transportation is less than 1%

In Wheeler County, the majority of our riders are seniors, individuals with disabilities and low income individuals. Student transportation is typically covered by individual school districts. Because we do not have fixed route transportation services in Wheeler County, student transportation is a very minimal demographic for riders of Wheeler County Community Transportation.

FY 2026 Older and Disabled Persons STIF Disabled Persons STIF

**Funds Funds** \$246,711.15 \$246,711.67

FY 2026 Percent of STIF FY 2027 Percent of Funds supporting older STIF Funds

and disabled persons supporting older and

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transportation 55.54%

disabled persons transportation

55.54%

The amount of STIF Funds that support transit services for Older and Disabled Persons. This amount must equal or exceed the Qualified Entity's allocation of population-based formula funds.

#### **Effective Date**

This STIF Plan shall become effective as of the date it is approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission and it shall terminate as of the end date specified in Section 5 of the approved STIF Plan.

#### **Signature**

This STIF Plan serves as a legally binding agreement between the Qualified Entity and the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Department of Transportation.

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