

**Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation
Special Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 26, 2022
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

HYBRID MEETING: IN-PERSON AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

OCWCOG, Albany ABC Conference Room; 1400 Queen Avenue SE, Albany, OR
OCWCOG, Toledo Conference Room; 203 North Main Street, Toledo, OR

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| 1) 5:00 Welcome
<i>Note: due to this being a special meeting, CWACT Chairmanship will remain from 2022. New officers will be elected at the first formal meeting in February.</i> | Chair,
Commissioner
Pat Malone |
| 2) 5:05 Public Comments
<i>This time is reserved for members of the public to comment on issues related to the CWACT's activities (limited to three minutes per comment).</i> | Chair |
| 3) 5:45 2023-2025 STIF Discretionary Grant Project Review (Attachment A)
<i>Review the STIF Discretionary Grant applications within the CWACT region. Providers will be invited to share their projects.</i>

<i>ACTION: Review and Provide Feedback</i> | Nick Meltzer |
| 4) 6:55 Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit Nomination Forms for CWACT Representatives – Due Feb 03, 2023. | Staff |
| 5) 7:00 Adjournment
<i>The next regularly scheduled CWACT Full Commission Meeting is Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.</i> | Chair |

Last Name	First Name	Representing	Category
*Malone	Pat	Benton County	Primary
Bronstein	Sarah	Benton County – Private Sector	Primary
Olsen	Dick	City of Albany	Primary
Napack	Jan	City of Corvallis	Primary
Bedingfield	Lindsay	City of Depoe Bay	Primary
McMillen	Randy	City of Halsey	Primary
*Keaton	Adam	City of Harrisburg	Primary
Michelle	Steinhebel	City of Lebanon	Primary
Parson	Mitch	City of Lincoln City	Primary
Booth	Janelle	City of Millersburg	Primary
Cuthbertson	Jeanni	City of Monroe	Primary
Jan	Kaplan	City of Newport	Primary
*Lehman	Matt	City of Philomath	Primary
Sanchez	Angelita	City of Sweet Home	Primary
Samaniego	Joe	City of Tangent	Primary
*Kamikawa	Betty	City of Toledo	Primary
Townsend	Jerry	City of Waldport	Primary
Scott	Dennis	City of Waterloo	Primary
O'Shaughnessey	Mary Ellen	City of Yachats	Primary
Kentta	Robert	Conf. Tribes of Siletz Indians	Primary
Hall	Claire	Lincoln County	Primary
Gray	Cody	Lincoln County – Private Sector	Primary
*Nyquist	Roger	Linn County	Primary
Steele	Janet	Linn County – Private Sector	Primary
*Crawford	Savannah	ODOT	Primary
Sylvia	Gil	Port of Newport	Primary
Dahl	Zack	Port of Toledo	Primary

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2023-2025 STIF Discretionary Grants within the Cascades West Region

Below are the grant projects being submitted within Lincoln, Benton and Linn counties for the statewide discretionary programs. There is approximately \$28,000,000 for all the grants in Oregon this cycle. There are 80 applications that came in before the deadline.

Projects within CWACT Area

A. Albany Transit System

The city of Albany's project includes:

1. Linn Benton Loop Bus Replacement. This project Provides a Hybrid, low emission replacement 35-foot category A bus for the Linn Benton Loop Transit Service. This would be the first low emissions vehicle for the Linn-Benton Loop. Replaces a 2010 ARRA funded vehicle that has met its useful life and is no longer viable in daily service. The match for this is programmed to be split between Linn and Benton Counties STIF formula funding.
2. Albany Transit Bus replacement This project Provides a Hybrid, low emission replacement 35-foot category A bus for the Albany Transit System. This would be the first low emissions vehicle for the Albany Transit System. Replaces a 2010 ARRA funded vehicle that has met its useful life and is no longer viable in daily service. The match for this bus is programmed in the Linn County QE STIF formula funding.
3. Albany Station Restroom. This project Completes the necessary construction funding for the placement of a public restroom at the Albany Station. This project is shovel ready, all environmental and site work has been completed. There is an existing Federal Grant for this project and match has been secured. ODOT PTD and the City of Albany City Council both support this project. This project will be designed to be utilized by the customers of the public transit systems that share the use of the facility. Currently only Amtrak customers can use the restroom at the Albany Station, and the hours of the lobby are extremely limited.
4. Albany Call-A-Ride vehicle: this project provides a wheelchair accessible minivan for the Albany Call-A-Ride paratransit system. The minivan will be used to provide senior and disabled paratransit service in Albany and Millersburg.

B. Benton Area Transit

Benton County, like many transit agencies has an aging fleet. This grant, if awarded, would pay for the purchase of 4 replacement vehicles. Of the vehicles being purchased, one will be a propane/gas Category D vehicle used for fixed-route service and the other 3 will be hybrid/electric Category E vehicles to be primarily used for door-to-door paratransit and countywide demand-response services. All vehicles targeted for replacement are either currently, or will be, well beyond their useful life by the time the new vehicles are delivered:

Vehicles being replaced:

- 1) Bus 167, 227,782 miles, -0.4 useful life remaining
- 2) Bus 156, 162,236 miles, -4.9 useful life remaining
- 3) Bus 162, 73,060 miles, -2.5 useful life remaining
- 4) Bus 163, 123,239 miles, -2.2 useful life remaining

C. City of Lebanon/LINX

LINX Transit operates the Dial-a-Bus, LOOP deviated fixed route and the Brownsville Connector. Ridership has increased by 36% last fiscal year and on track to increase an additional 50% this fiscal year, with

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approximately 45,000 rides. Due, in part, to LINX Transit service expansions through STIF, LINX Transit has submitted two STIF Discretionary grants for consideration.

First, we are proposing improvements to be made at our city-owned Maintenance Shop, to provide secure parking for our growing LINX fleet for up to 15 buses and 20 parking spaces which allows for future growth and will maximize useful life. The project includes site planning and prep for the 35,000 square foot parcel, conduit to prepare for electrification of fleet, asphalt and new bay door and pit area to perform vehicle maintenance. Project total is \$594,650, which includes a 10% contingency and \$61,000 pledged from the City of Lebanon toward the project.

Second, we have submitted a grant for \$150,000 for transit scheduling and dispatching software, tablets for vehicles and staff training to assist with increased demand and to help streamline the scheduling process for riders, dispatchers and drivers. The scheduling and dispatch software would help to schedule rides more efficiently and effectively, allowing LINX to provide more rides per service hour, provide real-time ride assignments for drivers, reduce wait periods for return ride requests, automate data for reporting and reduce time spent on the phone for individuals scheduling rides.

D. Linn Shuttle

Linn County, on behalf of the Senior Citizens of Sweet Home, Inc./ Linn Shuttle, had submitted a STIF Discretionary grant in the amount of \$175,000.00 for a Category D bus. This is SCOSHI's first STIF- D grant application.

The bus will allow more flexibility to "right size" a vehicle to the route being driven. This will also allow SCOSHI to utilize a non-CDL licensed driver, thus increasing employee options to fill the trip schedule.

SCOSHI has been fortunate that during the COVID-19 pandemic, it was able to maintain its STIF expanded Linn Shuttle 10-route M-F service and 6 trip Saturday service. The Linn Shuttle was about the only fixed route program in Oregon that did not reduce service during the height of the pandemic. This was critical for the Linn Shuttle to maintain its level of service, since it is the regional link between East Linn County and Albany (and Corvallis/OSU with a transfer at LBCC or Albany Transit Station).

For reference: 50% or 7 out of the 14 vehicles that SCOSHI owns are past their useful life. The bus that is slated to be replaced by this Cat D bus is a diesel bus with approximately 490,000 miles and is suffering frequent breakdowns. SCOSHI was the first rural program in the state to move from diesel powered vehicles to propane (clean fuel) vehicles (as manufacturers are able to provide them). SCOSHI currently has 9 propane vehicles in its fleet.

E. OCWCOG Mobility Hubs

OCWCOG has a 2021-2023 STIF Discretionary Grant to complete design of two transit hubs at Oregon State University and Linn Benton Community College. This grant moves that project forward and is a grant to construct the two transit hubs at both schools. Each location is served by more than 5 separate routes per day, operated by 3 or more separate agencies. These hubs will provide a safe and comfortable place to wait for local and regional transfers, provide secure bike parking, real time information on bus arrivals, and allow for additional bus layovers and mobility options in the future.

OCWCOG has secured letters of agreement with both schools for the land the hubs will be built on, and their commitment to maintain the facilities over their useful life. The project has regional support from AAMPO, CAMPO and the Linn Benton Loop.

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*Projects that are in portions of CWACTION's Area***F. Link Lane/Lane Council of Governments**

The Florence-Yachats Connector currently runs 4 round trips per day: Monday through Saturday. It begins at the Grocery Outlet, a key transit hub in Florence, stops at the Carl G. Washburne State Park and ends at W. 3rd St and Pontiac St in Yachats. Expansion plans in this STIF biennium include adding Sunday service.

The Florence-Yachats Connector route links the rural, coastal communities of Florence and Yachats along Oregon's HWY 101 and serves as an important car-free transportation option for local community members and visitors along Oregon's premier coastline. It is a vital link in the statewide transportation network as it connects with transit to its northern and southern terminal stops to provide continual transit availability along HWY 101 throughout Oregon and beyond. Ridership has steadily increased since the route began in September 2018 as a pilot project. LCOG has managed this route since 2019 and remains committed to providing a steady and reliable service.

G. Tillamook County Transportation District

The NW Connector Transit Access Project Would provide supplemental funding for Phase 2 of NW Transit Access Project, which includes project management, design, permitting, plan review, and construction of three transit stops supporting routes from multiple NW Oregon transit providers.

Summary

The table below contains a summary of project applicant, title and funding request.

Label	Applicant	Project Title	Region	Total Amount Requested
A1	City of Albany/LB Loop	Hybrid Bus replacement for Linn-Benton Loop service (1)	Region 2B	\$900,000.00
A2	City of Albany	Vehicle Purchase- ATS System Hybrid Bus (1)	Region 2B	\$900,000.00
A3	City of Albany	Multimodal Station Restroom Structure	Region 2B	\$190,000.00
A4	City of Albany	Paratransit Van replacement (1)	Region 2B	\$79,000.00
B	Benton County	Vehicle Purchase-4 -Replacement vehicles	Region 2B	\$770,000
C1	LINX Transit	LINX Transit Scheduling Software	Region 2B	\$150,000.00
C2	LINX Transit	LINX Transit Secured Fleet Parking	Region 2B	\$594,650.00
D	Linn Shuttle/SCOSHI	Vehicle Purchase- Linn Shuttle	Region 2B	\$175,000.00
E	Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments	OSU and LBCC Mobility Hub Construction	Region 2B	\$3,000,000.00
F	Tillamook County Transportation District	NW Connector Access Project	Region 2A	\$650,000
G	Link Lane/Lane Council of Governments	Florence Yachats Connector Sunday service	Region 2A/2B	