



ADVISORY COMMITTEE #3 NOTES

November 14, 2022 | 2:30pm – 4pm

Agenda Items

- Attendees
 - Staci Kunz, Eastern Oregon Go (EOGO)
 - Laurel Sweeney, City of Milton-Freewater
 - Heidi Zeigler, ODHS
 - Sunshine Mason, Umatilla County Veteran Services
 - Timothy Barrett, Walla Walla Valley MPO/SRTPO
 - Megan Davchevski, Umatilla County
 - Katie Imes, Morrow County Public Transportation
 - Tamra Mabbott, Morrow County Planning
 - Karen Kendall, City of Pendleton rep via non-profit organizing their Let'er Bus
 - Mark Morgan, City of Hermiston
 - Linda Carter, City of Pendleton
 - J.D. Tovey, CTUIR Planning
 - Teresa Penninger, ODOT
 - Angie Jones, ODOT
 - Teresa Dutcher, City of Milton-Freewater
 - Dan Dorran, Umatilla County Commissioner
 - Kittelson & Associates: Matt Hughart, Krista Purser, Desly Amurao
- Survey #2 Summary (Desly)
 - How many respondents were there?
 - About 100, roughly 2/3 were riders and 1/3 were non-riders
- Overview of Future Funding and Prioritized Projects (Memo 4) (Krista)
 - Federal, State, Local Funding
 - Projecting Existing Funding
 - Potential Funding Increases and Cost Savings

- Resulting Funding Scenarios
- Prioritization and Recommendations: short-term, mid-term, long-term, unconstrained
 - CTUIR: Still trying to coordinate services with Pendleton
 - Pendleton: In the process of handing out surveys for Let'er Bus
- Discussion
 - Morrow County Public Transit: Connector and Circular not mentioned in prioritizations / recommendations?
 - We accounted for these in the planned baseline, but will include this note in the short-term recommendations.
 - CTUIR: Regional coordination is key to form regional transit authority. Efficiency can be achieved through STIF from 4 counties. The memo should expand on the efficiency benefits first, as tax revenue may be a secondary action/benefit.
 - Umatilla: Also eliminates driver competition
 - EOGO: What's the process? Who would take over?
 - Morrow County Planning: If budget allows, conceptual outline of forming regional transit district, along with merits/value, would be very helpful.
 - CTUIR: This is an extensive planning effort. Need to get as many organizations involved as possible. A lot of political and public outreach would be need.
 - City of M-F: Hard to see how this impacts/connects to the City of M-F. City of M-F is working on a local plan but should be involved in the Umatilla plan.
 - City of M-F is highly interested in keeping what they have (i.e. not cutting off the leg to Walla Walla) but wants to monitor their stops and potential adjust those.
 - Walla Walla: Is Oregon adopting a low-emission/zero-emission vehicle threshold? Slowly happening in Washington (2035) and California. Grants will get increasingly competitive.
 - So far there is not an equivalent for rural agencies to have zero emission plans similar to those Washington state has.
 - Dan Dorran (Umatilla County): No comment.
 - Sunshine Mason (Umatilla County): No comment.
 - Teresa Penninger: No comment. Did ask about how much from the Walla Walla Plan was implemented into this plan.
 - Walla Walla CTP had a lot of discussion about bus stop access that hasn't risen to the same level here. There's potential for Walla Walla to drop below the MPO threshold that will have funding impacts to Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater
 - EOGO: Hermiston pays part of Pendleton Bus?

- Yes, they provide local match.
- EOGO: Is STF/STIF combined?
 - That's accounted for, continued to show separately to reflect different growth rates.
- City of Pendleton: What are the alternatives based on?
 - Response: Alt B was looking at eliminating the need for a transfer, but has reduced population and employment access. These alternatives were intended to be high-level options, and some stop and slight route adjustment is normal for any of these routes.
- City of Pendleton: Shelters and QR codes already added for real-time information at mentioned bus stops. What other improvements are you talking about?
 - Response: bike racks, trash cans, bike lockers, could be options for these major stops. Expanded waiting areas may also be needed in the future.
- Next Steps/Adjourn

Attachments

- Memo #4: Future Funding and Prioritized Projects