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**SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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# **AGENDA**

## **Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan Community Open House**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Sunset Meeting Room - Benton County Sunset Building, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis**

**12:00 - 12:30pm Food and Refreshments served**

**12:30 – 2:30pm Community Open House**

1. Call to Order / Introductions (Tim Bates, Vice-Chair)
2. Approve March 28, 2017 STAC Meeting Minutes (Tim)
3. Coordinated Plan Program (Jim Owens)
  - a) Presentation – Coordinated Plan Overview
  - b) General Audience Questions & Comments
  - c) Public Input Opportunity / Workstations
  - d) Coordinated Plan Questionnaire
  - e) Wrap-Up

Conclusion

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**NEXT STAC MEETING: Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**Benton County STAC Committee Members:**

Mary Marsh-King, Chair (Vol. Driver)  
Axel Deininger – Member (Disabled Rep.)  
Tom Wogaman – Member (Schools ret.)  
Lee K. Lazaro – STAC Staff

Tera Stegner – Member (Grace Center)  
Drew Foster – Member (City of AV)  
Steve Harder – Member (Dial-a-Bus)

Dave Zaback - Member (HomeLife)  
Tim Bates – Vice-Chair (CTS)  
Steven Black – Member (Vol. Driver)

**Benton County**  
**Special Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)**  
**Meeting Schedule**  
**For January to December 2017**

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 (Special Budget Meeting)  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 (Regular Meeting – Special Budget)  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 (Cancelled)

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 (Coordinated Plan Workshop)  
1:30 – 3:30 pm

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 (Coordinated Plan Community Open House)  
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Tuesday, May 23, 2017  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 27, 2017  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, July 25, 2017  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

August 22, 2017 Meeting (Cancelled)

Tuesday, September 26, 2017  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, November 28, 2017  
1:30 – 3:00 pm

December 26, 2017 (Cancelled)

**MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Meeting facility: Sunset Building, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR 97333**  
**In the Sunset Room on the first floor.**

The Sunset Building is accessible to the public.

This Agenda and the accompanying Minutes are available in alternate format upon request.  
For an alternate format, or if you have any questions, please contact Cathy Williams, STF Assistant, at  
<mailto:cathy.williams@corvallisoregon.gov> 541-766-6729 ext. 5012



**BENTON COUNTY  
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Special Coordinated Plan Meeting March 28, 2017**

**Present**

Mary Marsh-King, Chair  
Axel Deininger  
Tera Stegner  
Dave Zaback  
Steven Black  
Tom Wogaman

**Absent**

Drew Foster  
Steve Harder  
Tim Bates

**STF and City/County Staff**

Lee Lazaro, STF Coordinator  
Cathy Williams, STF Assistant (Recorder)  
Lisa Scherf, City of Corvallis  
Debie Wyne, Benton County Public Works

**Visitors/Presenters**

Jim Owens, Cogon Owens Greene  
Jean Palmateer, ODOT Rail & Public Transit  
Ann Hanus, Association of Oregon Counties

**1. Introductions**

Chair Marsh-King called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. Committee members present introduced themselves. Ms. Marsh-King also acknowledged that Axel Deininger was in attendance via speakerphone and she asked staff, guests, and other attendees to introduce themselves.

**2. Review and approval of meeting minutes**

The Committee reviewed the January 24th, 2017 minutes. Steven Black moved to accept the minutes and Dave Zaback seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

**3. Old Business**

Update on Grant Applications Submitted to Date - Mr. Lazaro reported that the following applications were submitted to ODOT, reflecting the STAC's priorities as approved by the Board of Commissioners in March:

2017-19 5310 Small Urban Grant  
2017-19 5310 Rural Grant  
2017-19 State STF Grant

Lee also noted that the City of Corvallis covered the \$12,000 shortage in funds for 5310 monies. Also rebudgeted some rollover STF discretionary funding from current biennium.

**4. New Business**

- **Approve 2017-19 Biennium STF 10% Add-Back List**

Mr. Lazaro was seeking approval that any incremental STF Grant addback amount up to 10% (\$49,908) granted by the State Legislature in the 2017 session should be put into

STF Operating Contingency. Dave Zaback moved to accept the proposal and Steven Black seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

Lisa Scherf (Vice Chair of Oregon OTA this year) provided an update on "Better Transit Oregon" initiative from the Oregon Transit Association. The Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation, Modernization, and Preservation traveled to communities all around the state last year and listened to people's input on transportation issues. The Committee then decided to continue meeting but split into three working groups; one was focused on bike/ped/transit issues and included several members of the OTA. The group came up with a proposed funding mechanism that would provide state funds for fixed route public transit, which will hopefully be included in a larger transportation bill for consideration this year. Those monies could be used as local match to secure federal grants.

**5. Coordinated Plan Workshop – Presented by Jim Owens & Jean Palmateer**

- a) Recap of changes made to plan strategies and priorities since last meeting
  - 1. Introduction – revised
  - 2. Plan Development Process – new section (includes discussion of Human/Health Services Community Engagement)
  - 3. Demographics – edits (most notable being revision of section on disabled persons Population)
  - 4. Public Transportation Services – minor edits
  - 5. Regional Public Transportation & Additional Services – minor edits
  - 6. Coordination with Emergency Preparedness – edits
  - 7. Demographic/Public Transportation Service Observations – edits
  - 8. Funding Summary – new section
  - 9. Needs, Strategies, & Potential Actions – addition of Vision Statement, edits throughout, elimination of high-medium-low priority categories, and significant revamping of Potential Actions
- b) Funding Summary; Gaps & Challenges; Funding Strategies & Options (listed in order of prioritization)
- c) Service Gaps Identification and Strategies
- d) Health & Human Service Community Engagement
- e) Regional Chapter of Plan – Discussion
- f) Planning for April Community Open House (to be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00PM to 2:30 PM, with food & beverages served from 12 PM to 12:30 PM)
- g) Next Steps – Finalizing Plan; Board of Commissioners Presentation (Comments needed in writing to Jim by May 5<sup>th</sup>)

There were additional suggestions by the Committee that Jim will add for the next draft.

**6. Roundtable (None)**

- 7. Conclusion:** Steven Black moved to adjourn the meeting and Dave Zaback seconded the motion, with all approving then motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM.



**TUESDAY ~ APRIL 25TH, 2017**  
**12:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

Regarding the

**Benton County Coordinated Public Transit  
Human Services ~ Transportation Plan**

**Sponsored by the Benton County Special  
Transportation Advisory Committee**

**Food & Refreshments served from 12:00 PM-12:30 PM**  
**Presentation & Public Input 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

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ANDY CRIPE, GAZETTE-TIMES

He opened up a new coffee shop in southtown Corvallis in January.

Company, Bespoken Roasters, also is now located at the southtown shop. The marriage was driving up to use a roaster after the new shop opened.

For more information, go to the business' Facebook page or go to [www.triedandtruecoffee.co](http://www.triedandtruecoffee.co).

Kyle Odegard can be reached at [kyle.odegard@lee.net](mailto:kyle.odegard@lee.net), 541-812-6077 or via Twitter @KyleOdegard.



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... years as an attorney and more recently as a contract officer at Oregon State University.

The award recognizes an outstanding publication related to library instruction published in the past two years. The award, donated by Emerald Publishing, consists of a plaque and a cash prize of \$3,000.



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**Advanced Planning for  
Healthcare Decisions**

Find out how to put end-of-life choices into effect with appropriate legal planning tools. Take control of your legal future by understanding your options.

**April 20, 2017 at noon**

Presenters: Kara Daley, Attorney; Stephen Neville, MD

Location: Benton Hospice Service, Annex  
2314 NW Kings Blvd, Suite B

A free event. Cookies & beverages provided.  
Brown bag lunch ok.

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## BENTON COUNTY COORDINATED PLAN (Public Transportation-Human Services Coordination Plan)

### COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT

Sponsored by the Benton County Special Transportation Advisory Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

12:00-2:30 PM

Sunset Building; 4077 SW Research Way; Corvallis, Oregon

#### OPEN HOUSE ON COORDINATED PLAN

The Benton County Special Transportation Advisory Committee invites interested parties to an April 25 Open House on the County's Coordinated Human Services-Public Transportation Plan. The Advisory Committee is seeking input on proposed strategies and priorities to improve coordination of human and health services and public transportation in Benton County.

Last updated in 2009, the Coordinated Plan focuses County and regional resources on meeting the transportation needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, low-income persons, veterans and minority populations. A key goal of the Coordinated Plan is to engage the human and health services communities in collaboratively addressing how best to match public transportation services to human and health services, and vice-versa.

Current budget constraints are a major impetus to make better use of public transportation services without major new investments. Understanding the needs for public transportation, and developing strategies and priorities to respond to those needs, results in more efficient and effective use of available funding.

#### INPUT BEING SOLICITED

Stakeholder engagement has been a critical part of the planning process and the County's Special Transportation Advisory Committee is seeking input on a Draft Plan before finalizing its recommendations and sending the Plan to the County Board of Commissioners for adoption. The April 25 open house will be an opportunity to provide input on questions such as:

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To receive a copy of the Coordinated Plan or to obtain information on about the Plan or upcoming public input opportunities, contact:

- Lee Lazaro, Benton Lincoln County STF Coordinator: 541-754-1748; lee.lazaro@corvallisoregon.gov
- Jim Owens, Coordinated Plan Project Manager: 503-201-4205; jim.owens@coganowens.com

- What would make public transportation access to medical or social services and to employment more efficient?
- What are the most important locations that public transportation could be used to access?
- What are the highest priorities for the use of federal and state funding for public transportation?
- How should the County respond to potential reductions in federal and state funding for public transportation?



The purpose of the Coordinated Plan is to support coordination between public transportation and human and health services, focusing on older adults, people with disabilities and persons of low income.

Coordinated Plans are a requirement for federal and state funding for transit services for the elderly, individuals with disabilities and persons with limited income. Transit and other public transportation projects submitted for federal and state funding must be included in the Coordinated Plan.



## BENTON COUNTY COORDINATED PLAN (Public Transportation-Human Services Coordination Plan)

### Community Open House Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in this open house on the County's Coordinated Plan. The purpose of the Coordinated Plan is to support and improve coordination between public transportation and human and health services, focusing on older adults, people with disabilities, persons of low income, veterans, and other special needs populations. Your input on the Draft Plan will help us develop a Final Plan for approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

1. How well is public transportation serving the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, persons of low income, veterans, and other special needs populations in the County?  
 Very Well \_\_\_\_ Adequately \_\_\_\_ Room for Improvement \_\_\_\_ Poorly \_\_\_\_

Comments:

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2. What are the major challenges facing public transportation in the County, now and in the future?

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3. How could access to medical or social services and employment via public transportation be made more efficient and convenient?

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4. What are the most important locations that public transportation is not currently serving or where existing service should be improved?

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5. If there are any significant reductions in federal and state funding, how should the County respond in terms of the public transportation it currently provides, e.g. consider increasing the Transit District's tax rate, reducing or curtailing certain services, reducing services overall, etc.?

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6. The Draft Plan proposes the following strategies for public transportation in the County for the next 5+ years. Each is accompanied by a set of potential actions to be taken to implement the strategy.
- a. *Seek funding to sustain existing levels of public transit services within the County as the highest priority.*
  - b. *As funding permits and as demand is demonstrated, expand access to and convenience of public transportation through expansion of and/or improvements to existing services.*
  - c. *Improve freedom of movement and quality of life for special needs and other transit dependent populations and focus transportation services on access to jobs, health care, education and other basic services.*
  - d. *Continuously strive to coordinate the planning for and provision of public transportation services with the provision of human and health services and with other land use and transportation planning.*
  - e. *Continue to pursue opportunities for regional collaboration and expansion of the regional public transportation system.*
  - f. *Expand efforts to inform the public, including seniors, low income persons, veterans and limited-English speaking populations of available public transportation services.*

Is this the right set of overarching strategies to guide the County's efforts to provide public transportation services to its special needs populations? Are there other key strategies that should be considered?

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7. How would you rate coordination between the human and health services and public transportation services provided by Benton County?

Very Good \_\_\_\_ Adequate \_\_\_\_ Room for Improvement \_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_

Comments:

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8. How could coordination between human and health service providers and public transportation providers be improved?

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9. Other comments:

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THANK YOU!