



BENTON COUNTY

STIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Approved Definition of Communities With a High Percentage of Low-Income Households

STIF Requirements (from ODOT Guidance)

1. *Oregon Administrative Rules*

Definitions

- 732-040-0005(15) "Low Income Household" means a household the total income of which **does not exceed 200% of the poverty guidelines** updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2) for the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia.

STIF Plan Contents

- 732-042-0015(1)(e) The STIF Plan must contain an explanation of how the plan defines and identifies communities with a **high percentage of Low-Income Households**.
- 732-042-0015(3)(c) Anticipated benefits and **discrete measurable outcomes** associated with each Project with specific reference to communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households

STIF Discretionary and Intercommunity Funds

- 732-044-0030(1) The Commission's investment priorities are: (a) Improvement of Public Transportation Service to **Low-Income Households**...

2. *How Low-Income Household Data is Used*

Advisory Committee Bylaws

- Definition of high percentage of Low-Income Households to inform project selection

Local Plan

- Current and future conditions analysis that includes locations of Low-Income Households to inform service planning

Formula Fund Allocations & Advisory Committee Project Selection Criteria

- Increase in frequency of bus service to communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households
- Increase in hours or days of service to communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households
- Expand new bus routes and services to service communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households
- Reduce fares in communities with a high percentage of Low-Income Households
- Measureable Outcomes
- Number of low income households served
- Annual report on actions taken to mitigate tax impacts on passengers in low-income communities

Definition of Communities With a High Percentage of Low-Income Households

Approved by the STIF Committee 11/5/18

“In Benton County, for purposes of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund, a community with a high percentage of low-income households is defined as a geographic area with, at minimum, a percentage of households below 200% of the 2016 Federal poverty level, that is equal to or greater than the 2016 Oregon State average of 35%. Said geographic area may be a town; a community; a neighborhood or collection of neighborhoods; or a subdivision or group of subdivisions; but in no event shall be smaller than a Benton County US Census block. Other augmenting indices of social and economic equity may also be used to help determine a community’s need for improved transportation services.”