



Wednesday, April 29th, 2020

**Hood River County Transportation District
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
224 Wasco Loop, Board Conference Room
Hood River, OR 97031
4pm – 5pm**

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Attendees

Board Members: Marbe Cook, Mark Reynolds, Leti Valle, Rob Brostoff

Public: Teresa Gallucci (Our Team Accounting)

Staff: Patty Fink, Amy Schlappi

Marbe Cook called the special meeting to order at 4:02PM and welcomed all attendees.

Supplemental Budget FY20: Patty Fink reviewed the LB20, which includes the Supplemental Budget that staff will be asking the Board to adopt at the May 20th Board Meeting. She highlighted the original Estimated Budget for 2020 (columns C) and the Estimated Supplemental Budget for 2020 (column D) by discussing the reasons for the biggest differences in the two columns, including:

- The decision to discontinue with the expected marketing and advertising campaign for the GORge pass in Portland due to COVID-19
- Reduced contract revenue due to changes at DDS and reduced trips.
- Unexpected CARES Act funding, which allows CAT to make up for lost revenue and keep employees as whole as possible during health crisis.
- The overestimation of how much the FLAP program would cost when the Budget for FY2020 was created.

Discussion of Next Year's Budget FY21: Patty Fink continued to review the LB20 document but focused on the Budget for FY2021 and the different options available for recovery (columns F-K). It is important to note that the budgets for the Columbia Gorge Express and the Gorge To Mountain services are separated out from the General Budget. Option 1 (column J) assumes a slower operational recovery and less CARES funds available. Option 2 (column K) assumes a moderate operational recovery and more CARES funds available. The group discussed the two different recovery options and where the biggest differences were and what that would mean from an operational standpoint. Most of the Board thought it was important for staff to present a moderate recovery to the Budget Committee to encourage ridership as much as possible. Staff feels confident that CAT will be able to make up the \$250,000 at the end of the year with grant revenue that was promised to the Board last year.

- ❖ Patty Fink will present the Budget for FY2021 to the Budget Committee on May 13th, which will reflect a hybrid of the slower and moderate recovery options.

At 5:03PM, Mark Brostoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, this was seconded by Rob Brostoff and unanimously approved by the Board.