



**Friday, January 8, 2021**  
**Hood River County Transportation District**  
**STF/STIF Committee Meeting**  
**224 Wasco Loop, Board Conference Room**  
**Hood River, OR 97031**  
**3:30pm – 4:30pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

**Committee Members:** Bridget Bailey (CAT Board Member), Jeff Hecksel (Hood River County Administrator), Letti Valle Moretti (CAT Board Member), Rita Rathkey (opportunity Connections), Jason Kelly (ODOT), Kevin Liburdy (City of Hood River), Lexi Stickel (Columbia Gorge CCO)

**Staff:** Patty Fink, Amy Schlappi

**Welcome & Introductions**

Amy welcomed the group, and everyone briefly introduced themselves.

She updated the group that since the last meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the map used to detail the STIF definition of poverty has been updated. The colors on the map had been corrected to highlight the areas of Hood River County where 30% or more of households have an income level that is 200% or less of the federal poverty standards. The updated map and table were included in the meeting materials provided to committee members.

**Proposed STIF Projects for 2021**

Amy explained that since the last meeting the STIF Plan Project List excel spreadsheet was updated. The updated version was included in the meeting materials. Staff had removed the 130% allocation section as ODOT had informed them that the STIF FY21-23 monies would only be distributed at the 100% allocation. No projects were added to the STIF Plan Project List. She clarified that the carry over funds from FY19-21 would be spent before any of the FY22 or FY23 monies would be spent.

There was a discussion regarding when these funds would be available to be spent and different types of spending strategies. Jason stated that the STIF Plan is expected to be approved by ODOT in May 2021 and become active on July 1, 2021. If the project is in the plan, we can spend the funds. He suggested that you can allocate more money to be spent in the 1<sup>st</sup> year a little higher than the 2nd year, which gives you expenditure authority, but you cannot spend more money than what is in the bank. Patty explained that this would happen as part of the FY22 budget process which will begin this spring.

Advisory Committee Members stated they had reviewed the STIF Project List and had no other questions.



**Recommendation for Board Approval**

The HRCTD Board will be reviewing the updated Draft Bylaws to reflect the combination of the STF and STIF Committees and the STIF Plan Project List at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The committee will need to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at the next committee meeting.

Bridget made a motion to accept the STIF Project list as presented, the motion was seconded by Jeff and unanimously approved by the STF/STIF Committee.

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.**