



**Wednesday, June 18th, 2025**

**Board of Directors of the Hood River County Transportation District  
Public Hearing – FY25-26 Budget Hearing**

**224 Wasco Loop, Board Conference Room  
Hood River, OR 97031  
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Greg Pack called the Board of Directors Meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

Tiah took roll call: Greg Pack - Board Chair, Meghan Larivee, Eleazar Reyes, Matt Althoff

**Absent:** Megan Ramey - Board Vice Chair, Tamra Taylor - Board Secretary/Treasurer,  
Gisela Ayala—Echeverria

**Staff:** Amy Schlappi, Jeff Acciaioli, Tiah Mayhew, Tim Ravins

**Public:** None

**3. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**4. FY25-26 Budget Hearing**

Tiah reviewed the included memo that describes the changes to the budget message. The Budget Committee approved to message on May 28th for recommendation to the Board. After the Budget Committee meeting, CAT staff identified some required updates. A loan will be required to purchase electric vehicles as part of the 2023 Low-No Grant program, the estimated expenses related to that loan were not reflected on Line 58 of the LB-20, creating a discrepancy in total expenses related to purchasing these vehicles. Also, staff were recently informed that the District was not awarded funding through the Washington Consolidated Grant Program. This grant supported the operation of the seasonal summer weekend White Salmon service and the seasonal Dog Mountain Shuttle service. As a result, the State Assistance for these services shown on Line 9 of the LB-20 has been removed. However, local partners have pledged support for the Dog Mountain Shuttle, so the anticipated funding has been added to Contract Revenue on Line 7.

To summarize, updates are increased Debt Services by \$65,818 from \$0 to \$65,818 (Line 58), which causes a decrease to the Contingency by \$194,603 from \$489,074 to \$294,471 (Line 59), decreased the State Assistance by \$153,785 from \$2,038,067 to \$1,884,282 (Line 9), and increased Contract Revenue by \$25,000 from \$117,000 to \$142,000 (line 7).



If the Board approves the update, there will be a decrease in available contingency funds by \$194,603 from \$489,074 to \$294,471. Matt asked about how these edits were realized, wondering if the budget committee might have missed something, but Amy explained that it was associated with the cost of the loan. Greg asked about electric vehicles and the Low-No Grant. Amy responded that it was recommended to be included even though the 6 million dollars does not yet have a contract signed. CAT cannot move forward with that award, but the award must be spent by September 2026. Currently CAT does not have any prospects for electric vehicle electric vehicles or buses that meet our needs. Matt clarified that the loan is included just in case electric vehicles are made available that do meet our needs.

## **5. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Meghan L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Eleazar.

**Approved by:** Greg, Meghan L., Eleazar, and Matt

**Opposed by:** None

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:12.**

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Prepared by: Tim Ravins, Administrative Assistant

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Approved by: Tamra Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer

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