

Malheur County
Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF)

December 18th, 2025

Location: MCOA&CS Conference Room & Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Lorinda Dubois, Malheur County
Administrative Officer – Chairperson
Brittany White, MCOACS
Rachel Hernandez, MCOACS
Jane Padgett, DHS

Not Present:

Judge Dan Joyce, Malheur County Judge
Sue Robinett, MCCDC
Michelle Villreal, EOCIL
Arela Sanchez, WorkSource

Guest:

Angie Jones, ODOT
Sandy Shelton, MCOACS

Lorinda called the meeting to order. Weather conditions and attendance challenges were briefly discussed, including staff absences and technical difficulties. After roll call, a quorum was established with seven members present. Angie Jones and Sandy Shelton participated as a guests and did not count toward quorum.

Next, Lorinda announced the agenda for the meeting. Minor corrections were noted. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Moving forward with old business, Brittany provided updates regarding the new route redesign and the procurement process for two new buses. Final approval for the vehicle purchase is expected at the upcoming Executive Board meeting.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Brittany provided updates regarding STIF funding. She informed the committee that the STIF payroll tax increased to 0.02%. However, signatures were gathered to refer the proposed increase to voters and the outcome is currently unknown. Brittany stated that if the increase is approved, the current STIF Plan will need to be amended to reflect increased funding. Regardless of the increase outcome, an amendment will be needed to incorporate reserve funds not included in the prior submission. The amended plan will be presented to the STIF Advisory Committee for review.

Financial reports and project budgets were reviewed. Brittany explained that some reserve funding from the prior biennium may require county approval before being utilized differently within the amended plan.

Jane discussed unpaid invoices from 2024 and questioned whether certain past-due charges may qualify for payment under senior and disabled transportation funding. Coordination will continue to resolve billing concerns.

PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES:

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Operations projects remain largely unchanged. Planning efforts continue for route redesign implementation and associated staffing considerations.

Capital projects include awarding and purchasing new vehicles upon Executive Board approval. Following vehicle award, an RFQ will be issued for security equipment and onboard camera systems for the new fleet.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The committee reviewed the success of the Festival of Trees event, which generated approximately \$10,000 more than the previous year. New activities, including a junior and senior high school art exhibit, contributed to the increased fundraising success.

Discussion also included coordination with community partners regarding the low-income fare program and senior/disabled transportation voucher programs. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) will be established between Lifeways and MCOA, and between EOCIL and MCOA, to clarify funding utilization and pass issuance procedures.

Next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2026. Brittany will send out reminders.

No other items to discuss, Lorinda adjourned the meeting.