February 2015 STF Program Status; Early Progress Report

The September 2013 Special Session of the Oregon Legislature added **\$5 million** in state general funds (**Supplement A**) to the Special Transportation (STF) Program. The legislature also requested that \$100,000 of the funds be used to continue a pilot project which currently tests activities to improve medical access for veterans.

In February 2014, the Legislature added another **\$4 million** in additional general funds **(Supplement B)** and in December 2014, the Legislature added another **\$1.68 million** in additional general funds **(Supplement C)** to the STF program. Total added funds are **\$10.68 million**. This increase in funds for the program brings the program up 2009 levels; restoring the program and positioning providers to build back and increase transportation alternatives for the growing populations of older adults.

The Special Transportation Program

Oregon's STF Program provides financial support to designated counties, transit districts, and Indian tribal governments for special transportation services benefiting seniors and people with disabilities. Special Transportation Funds are awarded using a population-based formula and are often used to leverage federal program dollars to match vehicle purchases and services. Some examples of funded services include training for how to use transit, access and operating support for volunteer and dial-a-ride services, expanding accessible fixed route transit, and providing information about options for those who can no longer drive.

Early results and planned improvements

The program is just beginning to implement the full measure of added investment. The following are some of the planned benefits for catching up and examples of improvements already completed or those in progress.

STF Agency Use of new funds.

The following information is gathered from a summary analysis of the applications provided in February 2015 by the 42 STF Agencies.

- Eight of 125 providers receiving support statewide are able to use the funds to match vehicle replacements. This suggests that restoring service is still the first need.
- All of the 42 STF Agencies and their 125providers will use the funds to sustain and restore operations to former levels.
- 45 (approximately 1/3) of the entities will use a portion of the funds to match federal grants that add services for seniors and people with disabilities.

ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division Updated 2013-15 STF Program Distribution

STF Agency Name	Initial 13-15		Supplements		Supplement		Final 13-15
	ST	F and STO		A and B		C	Total
Baker County	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Basin Transit Service	\$	237,217	\$	132,322	\$	26,172	\$ 395,711
Benton County	\$	298,252	\$	172,065	\$	33,310	\$ 503,627
Burns Paiute Tribe	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Columbia County	\$	185,271	\$	98,499	\$	20,098	\$ 303,868
Confederated Tribes of Coos, et al	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Confederated Tribes of Siletz	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Coos County	\$	225,494	\$	124,689	\$	24,801	\$ 374,984
Coquille Indian Tribe	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Cow Creek Tribe of Umpqua Indians	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Crook County	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Curry County	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Deschutes County	\$	541,896	\$	317,503	\$	60,866	\$ 920,265
Douglas County	\$	367,833	\$	214,514	\$	41,244	\$ 623,591
Gilliam County	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Grant County Transit District	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Harney County	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Hood River County Transit District	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Jefferson County	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Josephine County	\$	286,042	\$	164,114	\$	31,882	\$ 482,038
The Klamath Tribes	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Lake County	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Lane Transit District	\$	1,194,541	\$	702,257	\$	134,340	\$ 2,031,138
Lincoln County	\$	174,964	\$	91,787	\$	18,892	\$ 285,643
Linn County	\$	400,483	\$	234,023	\$	44,938	\$ 679,444
Malheur County	\$	129,595	\$	62,245	\$	13,587	\$ 205,427
Morrow County	\$	110,000	\$	50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Rogue Valley Transit District	\$	691,827		405,711	\$	77,732	\$ 1,175,270
Salem Area Mass Transit District	\$	1,347,439	\$	787,353	\$	151,195	2,285,987
Sherman County	\$	110,000		50,000	\$		171,332
Sunset Empire Transit District	\$	147,240		73,735	\$	15,650	\$ 236,625
Tillamook County Transit District	\$	111,051		50,000	\$	11,406	\$ 172,457
TriMet	\$	5,625,779		3,316,925	\$	633,360	\$ 9,576,064
Umatilla County	\$	268,823		152,902	\$	29,868	\$ 451,593
Union County	\$	113,700	_	50,000	\$	11,594	\$ 175,294
Wallowa County	\$	110,000		50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Wasco County	\$	111,599		50,000	\$	11,445	\$ 173,044
Wheeler County	\$	110,000		50,000	\$	11,332	\$ 171,332
Yamhill County	\$	341,644	_	199,356	\$	38,316	\$ 579,316
TOTAL	\$	15,220,690			\$	1,680,000	\$ 25,400,690

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