### **Public Transportation Funding**

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## **Oregon Transit Funding**

- Federal funds go to large urban providers directly and to small urban and rural providers through ODOT
- The Statewide **Transportation Improvement** Fund created in HB 2017 provides state funds
- Chart includes state formula and discretionary funds



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## Oregon Public Transportation Expenses by Source



- Majority of funding is from local sources
- Federal funding typically applied to capital expenses
- Major expansion of federal funding during COVID pandemic – most agencies have spent this money
- State support increased significantly with STIF

### **Payroll Tax Revenue for Transit**

- 0.1% payroll tax--\$1 for every \$1,000 in payroll
- Increases about 5% per year on average with growth in overall payroll due to employment and wage increases



Payroll Tax Net Revenue to ODOT

### **Other Revenue Sources for the STIF**

### STIF also includes:

- ID card fees: \$2.7m/year
- Cigarette tax: \$2m/year
- Non-highway fuels tax (TOF): \$3.3m/year



### **Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Outcomes**

- STIF has
  - Expanded service and increased reliability
  - Provided greater access to lower-income Oregonians
  - Purchased lower and zero emission vehicles
  - Increased student access to free/reduced fares
  - Created local match for federal investments
- Increased funds to transit providers by 2-3 times
- STIF 2023-25 Formula plans have more than doubled elderly and disabled project funds from prior to STIF



### OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION QUALIFIED TRANSIT ENTITIES



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## **Statewide Public Transportation Network**



Oregon Intercity Transit Network FY 2023 - 2025



**STIF Funded Routes** 





## **STIF Formula Allocations**

### \$614M through Dec 2024

	FY 2023	FY 2024
Qualified Entity	Allocations	Allocations
Baker County	\$223,827	\$284,392
Basin Transit Service District	\$975,199	\$1,096,089
Benton County	\$2,167,908	\$2,238,601
Burns Paiute Tribe	\$200,000	\$194,376
Columbia County	\$513,841	\$619,382
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw	\$100,000	\$194,376
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of	\$100,000	\$194,376
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	\$0	\$0
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	\$100,000	\$194,376
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	\$99,999	\$194,376
Coos County Area Transportation District	\$1,018,253	\$1,094,239
Coquille Indian Tribe	\$100,000	\$194,376
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians	\$100,000	\$194,376
Crook County	\$373,899	\$457,364
Curry County	\$264,450	\$321,099
Deschutes County	\$4,523,531	\$4,820,183
Gilliam County	\$100,000	\$194,376
Grant County Transportation District	\$102,170	\$194,376
Harney County	\$102,114	\$194,376
Hood River County Transportation District	\$604,169	\$633,811
Jefferson County	\$262,990	\$358,948

Josephine County	\$1,204,588	\$1,353,242
Klamath Tribes	\$100,000	\$194,376
Lake County	\$110,337	\$189,134
Lane Transit District	\$7,544,326	\$8,014,602
Lincoln County	\$751,880	\$823,942
Linn County	\$2,195,568	\$2,397,066
Malheur County	\$527,937	\$577,363
Morrow County	\$324,633	\$390,279
Rogue Valley Transportation District	\$4,332,555	\$4,618,996
Salem Area Mass Transit District	\$8,854,590	\$9,745,245
Sherman County	\$100,000	\$194,376
Sunset Empire Transportation District (includes loan)	\$783,811	\$842,079
Tillamook County Transportation District	\$425,947	\$472,710
Tri County Metropolitan Transportation District	\$64,771,953	\$64,935,262
Umatilla County	\$1,373,775	\$1,488,530
Umpqua Public Transportation District	\$1,742,525	\$1,895,667
Union County	\$422,276	\$473,451
Wallowa County	\$112,427	\$188,811
Wasco County	\$525,293	\$556,829
Wheeler County	\$100,000	\$194,376
Yamhill County	\$1,705,081	\$1,888,528
Total	\$110,041,852	\$115,302,732

STIF biennium approved "Plan Maximums" result in timing changes from this table – some FY2023 allocated funds were distributed in FY2024

## STIF Plan Key Investments (2019 - Dec 2024)

### **Legislative Goals**

- \$109M Frequency increases (high % low-income)
- \$88M Expanded transit services (high % low-income)
- \$53M Reduced fares for low-income communities
- \$31M Older adults and people with disabilities transit
- \$29M Transit access for students in grades 9-12
- \$37M Zero and low-emission transit vehicles in large service areas
- \$54M Improved coordination & connectivity between communities
- \$0.27 Leverage funding for every STIF dollar (included in the above)



### **Major Changes, Budget Drivers and Risks**



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- - Costs, Supply Chain and Driver Retention



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 Staffing and Administration

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