

Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting December 4, 2019 from 1:30-3:30 pm Redmond City Hall Room 208



Cascades East Transit – Regional Public Transit Advisory Committee & CET Transit Master Plan Project Steering Committee



3:30

Adjourn

Wednesday, December 4 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Redmond City Hall (Civic Room 208) 411 SW 9th Street, Redmond, OR



Agenda

1:30	Welcome and Introductions - Richard Ross, RPTAC Chair
1:40	Public Comment Period
1:45	Review and approval of September 20 meeting minutes – Richard Ross, RPTAC Chair
1:50	Overview of proposed Redmond deviated flex-route scenarios – Andrea Breault, CET Rachel Zakem, CET
2:40	2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) projects update – Andrea Breault, CET
2:55	Upcoming CET service changes – Andrea Breault, CET
3:10	Cascades East Transit Master Plan update – Andrea Breault, CET
3:20	RPTAC membership – Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET



Friday, September 20 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm COIC offices in Bend 334 NE Hawthorne Ave.



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Attendees:

Annie Marland – Age Friendly Sisters
Tyler Deke – Bend MPO
Nick Snead – City of Madras
Jordan Ohlde – RPTAC
Theresa Conley – ODOT
Gregory Bryant – CTAC
Susie Wright – Kittelson & Associates
Miranda Barrus – Kittelson & Associates
Deborah McMahon – City of Redmond
Brooke Eldrige – Abilitree (phone)

Members of the public:

Daniel Murray - Central Oregon LandWatch/Bend Central District

COIC/CET Staff:

Derek Hofbauer Andrea Breault Ashley Hooper Rachel Zakem

Welcome and Introductions – Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET

 Chair Ross was unable to attend this meeting; therefore, Mr. Hofbauer facilitated the agenda topics and discussion. Attendees were asked to sign in and make introductions to the group.

Public Comment

No public comments.

CET Updates - Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET

- Ms. Breault shared that ODOT approved all of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund
 (STIF) projects that were submitted by Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties, as well as
 Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. One major STIF project to be implemented in January
 2020 is Saturday service for most of CET's regional Community Connector services. Expanded
 Bend fixed-route service is programmed in year 2021 with procurement for new buses taking
 place in 2020.
- Mr. Hofbauer noted the next RPTAC meeting is currently scheduled on December 4 from 1:30-3:30 at Redmond City Hall in Civic Room 208.

- Ms. Breault requested input/comments from the committee regarding two possible service changes:
 - Route 4, which serves north 3rd Street, has experienced consistent difficulties staying on schedule due to an increase in traffic. CET has received comments from riders regarding Route 4 on time performance issues. Ms. Breault suggested changing the route from 30minute frequency to 45-minute frequency to improve on-time performance. CET staff may discuss this topic with the COIC Board at a future meeting.
 - No comments were made by the group pertaining to the possible service change on Route 4.
 - O Currently, the Route 29 Sisters to Bend service passes the Cascade Village Shopping Center but does not stop—meaning that riders on this route must transfer at Hawthorne Station before boarding a bus heading north along the same route. To avoid an unnecessary transfer and save riders time, Ms. Breault suggested adding a stop at Robal & Hunnell to access a popular shopping destination.
 - Ms. Marland responded that an additional stop would help people from Sisters
 access shopping destinations more quickly.
- Ms. Breault added that complaints of overcrowding have been received from riders on Community Connector buses that are used by many Redmond Proficiency Academy (RPA) students. The overcrowding is due in part to early/after school programs not yet starting. These programs may help disperse the ridership. In partnership with the RPA, CET is exploring strategies to help reduce overcrowding on the buses.
- CET staff provided a bus at ODOT for the "Disability for Day" event, which illustrates the mobility
 challenges faced by those who experience disabilities. Staff demonstrated how to use an ADA
 lift on the bus.
- Ms. McMahon asked if any STIF projects in the 130% list were funded.
 - Ms. Conley responded that any additional STIF funds on the 130% list will likely be used to fund Special Transportation Fund (STF) projects. It was mentioned ODOT is forming a Consolidation Advisory Committee (CAC) to consider and recommend changes needed to consolidate the two programs.
- Ms. Marland asked if there was an update on the Tumalo road project.
 - Mr. Deke responded that the Tumalo road project may include a roundabout and road improvements.
 - Ms. Breault mentioned that CET provided a written request regarding future transit stops in Tumalo, as well as a park-and-ride. Ms. Breault also added that CET is going through a NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process and once this is approved the agency can begin to design and improve bus stops in Sisters.
- Ms. Marland also asked for an update on the Ray's bus stop.
 - Ms. Breault responded that she has not heard back from the owners, so staff are exploring the possibility of placing a stop near the St. Charles medical facility.

RPTAC review and approval of August 20, 2019 RPTAC meeting minutes – Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET

Mr. Hofbauer asked the committee to review and approve the August 20 meeting minutes.
 Minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

- Ms. Wright noted that Routes 1 and 4 along 3rd Street have the highest ridership and are the
 most productive.
- Mr. Hofbauer asked if traffic signal prioritization technology can be applied other places outside
 of Bend.
 - Ms. Wright explained there is not currently a regional traffic prioritization policy in place, but communities outside of Bend could potentially prescribe a policy.
 - Ms. Breault added that this technology would focus on holding the green light, but there
 are many options to customize the level of signal prioritizations.
 - Mr. Deke noted traffic signals on north 3rdStreet will be upgraded in the next two years and will be equipped with the necessary technology for traffic signalization.
- When analyzing future frequency changes, Ms. Wright explained the consulting team examined routes that have the most sensitivity to increased frequency on future ridership.
- She also added the consulting team explored route modifications to connect to high-demand
 destinations without necessarily connecting to Hawthorne Station. For example, connecting
 OSU-Cascades and Brookswood (residential area), with a future route that provides an EastWest connection, although the railroad crossing poses a challenge because due to trains
 switching.
- Ms. Wright added the consultant team is testing the idea of a transfer area around downtown or The Old Mill.
- She also explained the implications of a different transit center location.
- Ms. Conley asked if the consultant team explored potential impacts of different transit center locations on disadvantaged groups needing access to essential services.
- Ms. Breault mentioned the importance of getting input from Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the City of Bend regarding possible future transit locations.
- Ms. Marland asked how many stops are at St. Charles and if there is a direct connection with routes from Sisters.
 - Ms. Breault responded that riders from Sisters would use a Community Connector route to reach Bend. After arriving at Hawthorne Station, it takes 9 minutes to reach St.
 Charles. She added that as part of the planning process, the consultants are looking at popular destinations to eliminate transfers and reduce travel time.
 - Mr. Hofbauer added that CET has started initial conversations with Council on Aging staff to coordinate medical appointments for seniors.
 - Ms. Marland shared that volunteer drivers through Age-Friendly Sisters are helping to get seniors to medical appointments.

Mobility Hub Types and Strategy – Susie Wright/ Kittelson & Associates

- The consulting team explored the application of mobility hubs, microtransit, micromobility, and pedestrian/bicycle transit access enhancements. Additionally, the consultants looked at conceptual costs and benefits for using alternative mobility strategies to serve selected underserved areas.
- For northeast Bend, the consultants tested scenarios of different transit options, including
 options for a fixed-route extension (potential route along Boyd Acres), fixed-route extension
 with deviations, microtransit or shuttle (connection to central transit center and/or secondary
 transit hubs), and bicycle/pedestrian connectivity enhancements.
- Ms. Wright explained that a higher number of residents and employees can be reached with microtransit in a given service area compared to a fixed-route.

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- There are incremental operating costs for a fixed-route extension comparable to single vehicle microtransit operation (even assuming an hourly cost that is double that of microtransit).
- Given typical productivity (riders per service hour) for fixed-route transit and microtransit, these services could carry a similar number of passengers. However, if demand for microtransit service exceeds capacity of a single vehicle to provide timely, reliable pickups and drop-offs, operating costs would exceed fixed-route service operating costs.
- Ms. Wright added that when more than two microtransit vehicles are needed to fulfill demand, the cost equations shift and fixed-route transit becomes more cost effective.
- Ms. Conley asked Ms. Wright if she had any recommendations based on these options for northeast Bend.
 - Ms. Wright responded that she does not feel that enough data has been collected to determine the best options; however the "4A" scenario (Core- Non-Neighborhood Routes) could be an option. This option focused on higher density, which could be supplemented by microtransit.

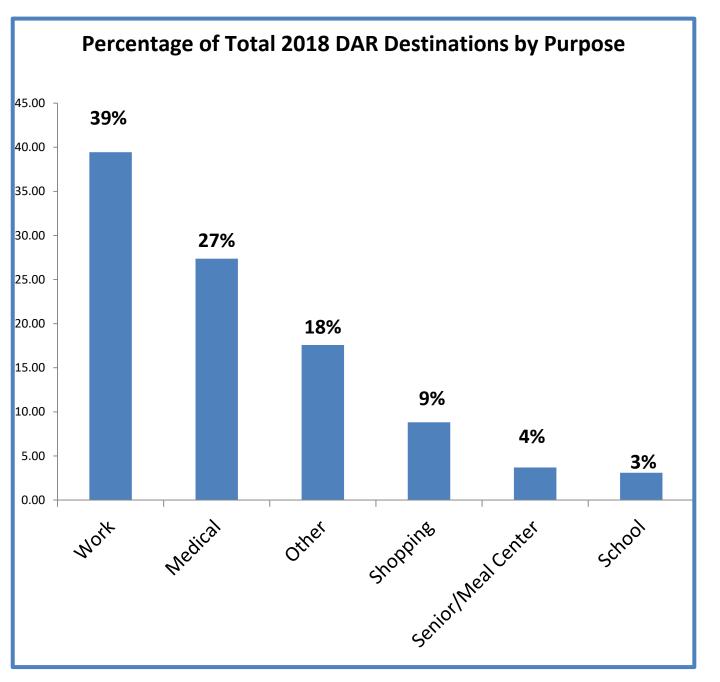
Next Steps – Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET

- Mr. Hofbauer mentioned COIC will likely recruit RPTAC members in early winter via an outreach
 process, with the goal of developing a more regionally-focused committee in the future. A need
 was also mentioned for RPTAC to engage more frequently with the COIC Board.
- Ms. McMahon asked if there were recommendations for railroad overpasses.
 - Mr. Deke responded that this subject is under debate.

Adjourn

Redmond Deviated-Flex Route Scenarios







Common Dial-a-Ride Destinations

Dining

- Bottoms Up Bar & Grill
- La Frontera
- McDonalds Redmond Hwy 97
- Subway Redmond South

Employment

- Central Oregon Heating and Cooling
- Consumer Cellular Call Center
- M Press Packaging
- Rock That Ink
- Senneca Holdings

Education

- Brown High School
- John Tuck Elementary
- Lynch Elementary School
- Redmond High School
- Redmond Proficiency
 Academy Middle and High
 Schools
- Ridgeview High School
- Tom McCall Elementary School





Common Dial-a-Ride Destinations Continued

Lodging

- Comfort Suites Redmond
- Hub Motel
- Sleep Inn Redmond
- Super 8 Redmond

Religious

- Highland Baptist Church
- Seventh Day Adventist
- St. Thomas Catholic Church
- Zion Lutheran Church

Recreation

- Cascade Swim Center Redmond
- Garage Fitness
- Redmond Library

Shopping

- Bi Mart
- Fred Meyer
- Grocery Outlet
- Lowes Home Improvement
- Possibilities & St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Stores
- Safeway
- WalMart





Common Dial-a-Ride Destinations Continued

Medical

- Best Care Redmond
- BMC Redmond Clinic
- Coppertop Dental
- DCBH Redmond Behavioral Health
- Mosaic Medical
- St. Charles Medical Center
- Regency Redmond Rehab and Nursing

Residential Complexes

- Cook Crossing
- Eagle Rock Apartments
- El Rancho Apartments
- Glacier Vista Apartments
- Greenwood Commons
- Ridgemont Apartments
- The Bluffs Apartments





Common Dial-a-Ride Destinations Continued

Social Services

- Amanda's Adult Foster Care
- Chris' Foster Home
- House of Hope
- Neighbor Impact -Redmond
- New Priorities Family Services
- Pam Noland Foster Care
- Remuda House
- Worksource
 Connection Redmond

Senior Services

- Brookdale Senior Living
- Brookside Place Assisted Living
- Senior Center Redmond
- Ashley Manor Assisted Living

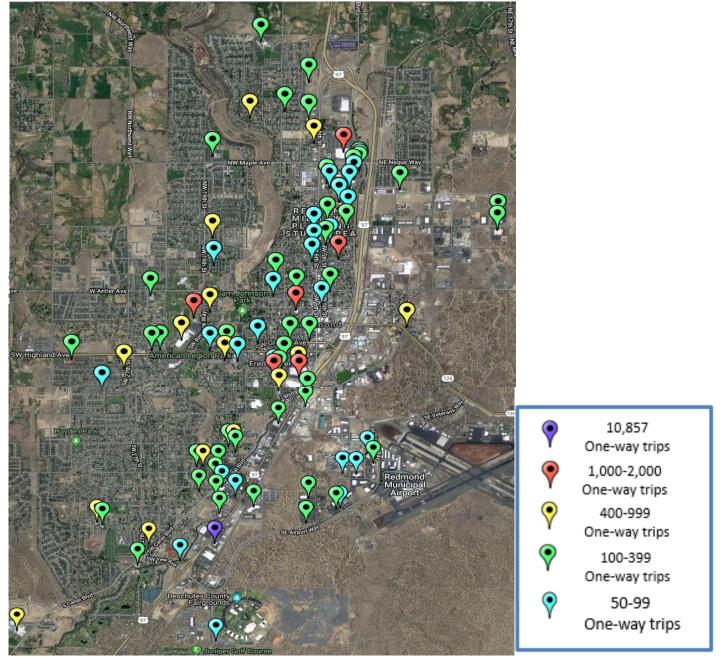
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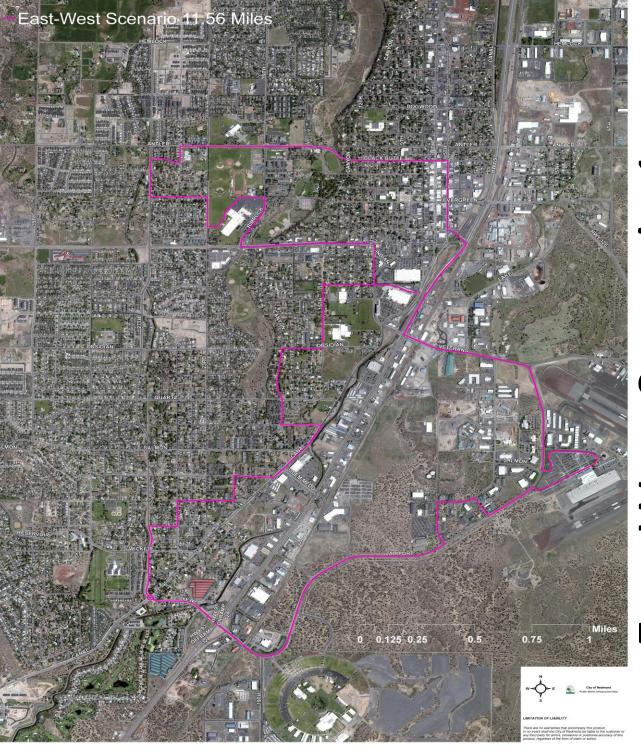
Redmond Hub





Map of CET DAR Locations





East-West Scenario

North-South Scenario



North-South Scenario

2020 CET Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Major Projects

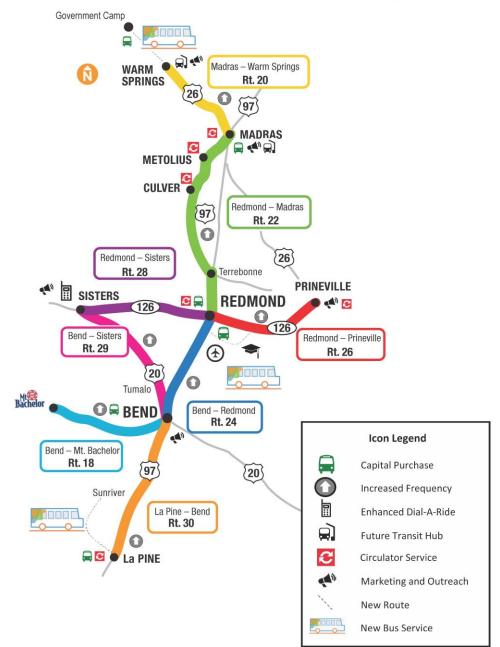
- Saturday Community Connector Service
- Redmond Fixed-Route Planning Study
- La Pine to Sunriver summer service
- Hawthorne Station improvements
- Marketing, outreach and travel training
- Vehicle purchases for 2021 service implementation
- Klamath Falls to Redmond Transit Feasibility Study (from STIF Discretionary Funds)

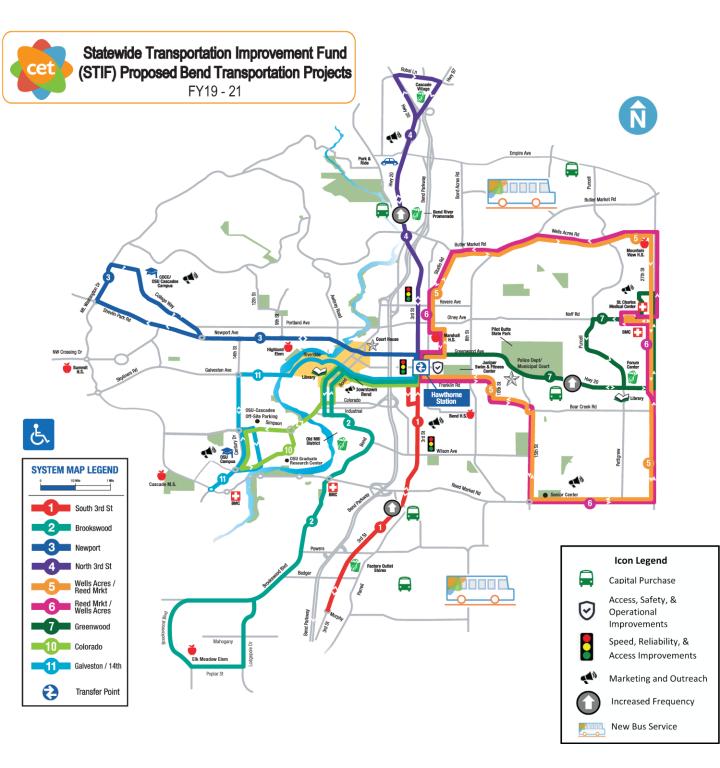




Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Proposed Regional Transportation Projects

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2020 CET Service Updates

- Route 4 will be on a 45 minute schedule during peak hours
- Minor changes to the Route 2 schedule
- A revised Bend system map is being developed
- Schedule change notices will be posted throughout December
- Changes will occur January 2, 2019







ROUTE 4 SERVICE UPDATE

As part of a system efficiency measure, Route 4 will run on a 45-minute frequency during peak hours starting

Thursday, January 2, 2020. Please find the updated schedule bolded below.

Hawthorne Station	N 3rd at Kearney	N 3rd at Wagner Mall	Bend River Promenade	Empire at Jamison	Cascade Village Mall	ODOT Park and Ride	N 3rd at O.B. Riley	N 3rd at Seward	Hawthorne Station
6:00	6:02	6:04	6:07	6:10	6:15	6:18	6:21	6:24	6:27
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7:30	7:32	7:35	7:38	7:42	7:49	7:54	7:57	8:02	8:07
8:15	8:17	8:20	8:23	8:27	8:34	8:39	8:42	8:47	8:52
9:00	9:02	9:05	9:08	9:12	9:19	9:24	9:27	9:32	9:37
9:45	9:47	9:50	9:53	9:57	10:04	10:09	10:12	10:17	10:22
10:30	10:32	10:35	10:38	10:42	10:49	10:54	10:57	11:02	11:07
11:15	11:17	11:20	11:23	11:27	11:34	11:39	11:42	11:47	11:52
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To learn more about this service change or how to plan your trip, contact CET at 541-385-8680 or email us at

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For more information, visit www.CascadesEastTransit.com



ROUTE 2 SERVICE UPDATE

A 1-minute discrepancy was identified for multiple runs on the Route 2 schedule. As part of a system efficiency measure, a minute will be added to these runs starting on **Thursday**, **January 2**, **2020**. Please find the updated schedule **bolded** below.

Hawthorne Station	Franklin and Lava	Wall St at Library	Bond at Industrial	Bond at Old Mill	Brookswood at Powers	Lodgepole at Mahogany	Poplar at Brookswood	Brookswood at Lodgepole	Bond at Scalehouse	Bond at Colorado	Franklin at Lava	Hawthorne Station
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2040 CET Transit Master Plan Update

- •Focus on Bend-specific planning elements during summer/fall of this year to align with Bend's TSP
- Consultant team is developing service and capital plans for review by local TACs and the PSC
- Local TACs+PSC meetings and an online open house are being scheduled during late winter, 2020
- Project schedules and draft memos available can be found at www.centralsitPlan.com





















APRIL - MAY 2019

OUTREACH

- On-Board Survey
- Operator Survey

JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2019

DELIVERABLES

Bend Needs

OUTREACH

- Review and obtain input on Bend Needs
- Extra Bend Local TAC Meetings
- Extra Bend Focused Steering Committee Meetings

OCTOBER 2019

DELIVERABLES

- TOD Strategies
- Regional Needs

OUTREACH ROUND #3

- Review and obtain input on TOD Strategies and Regional Needs
- Regional TAC Meeting

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

DELIVERABLES

- Service Plan
- Capital Plan

JANUARY - MAY 2020

OUTREACH ROUND #4

- Review Transit Service Plan and Capital Plan
- Online Open House #2
- Local TAC Meetings
- Project Steering Committee Meeting

JUNE - JULY 2020

DELIVERABLES

- Draft Implementation Plan
- Draft Development Plan
- Draft Community Pullout Sections

OUTREACH ROUND #5

- Local Agency Briefings
- Project Steering Committee Meeting

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2020

ADOPTION

- COIC Board Adoption
- Local Agency Adoption

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
TOD - Transit Oriented Development



RPTAC Membership Update

- Committee has evolved to include Transit Master Plan Project Steering Committee (PSC) members and STIF members from each Qualified Entity
- Existing bylaws cover expanded membership
- Anticipated timeline:
 - <u>December 2019</u>: Develop application materials
 <u>January 2020</u>: Active member recruitment and formal application process
 - February 2020: Application review and scoring
 - March 2020: CET staff recommendations to the COIC Board for RPTAC appointments
 - April 2020: COIC Board appointments for members



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Staff Report

To: COIC Board

From: Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET Outreach and Engagement Administrator

Date: November 22, 2019

Re: Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee Update

Background:

COIC's Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee (RPTAC) was established in 2010. Committee members are appointed by the COIC Board to review, advise, and assist the transportation program regarding public transportation needs, services, planning efforts, and policies, in addition to serving as a forum for citizens to provide comments regarding service expansions, reductions, alterations, and/or rider appeals.

Bylaws:

The RPTAC bylaws were approved by the COIC Board in 2010 and accurately reflect the current membership structure, criteria, and term limits, as well as officer duties and voting procedures.

RPTAC Evolution:

RPTAC has evolved over the past year to incorporate CET's Transit Master Plan Project Steering Committee and include one member from each Qualified Entity's Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Advisory Committee. These additional subgroups have contributed to improved regional collaboration and a highly visible public outreach process for both STIF and the Transit Master Plan.

RPTAC Member Recruitment:

A new RPTAC member recruitment process is anticipated to begin in January 2020 to ensure members are appointed prior to the adoption of the Transit Master Plan, which will likely occur during the summer of 2020. The recruitment process will be announced through a variety of public, partner, and stakeholder communications that include a press release, newsletter, social media posting, website information, email announcements, posters, flyers, and updates at relevant partner meetings.

Timeline:

The anticipated timeline for the RPTAC member recruitment process is as follows:

- <u>December 2019</u>: Develop application materials and announce the timeline and recruitment process at the December 4 RPTAC meeting in Redmond
- January 2020: Active member recruitment and formal application process
- February 2020: Application review and scoring process
- March 2020: CET staff recommendations to the COIC Board for RPTAC appointments
- April 2020: COIC Board appointments for RPTAC members



Thank You!

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