

# HB 2017

# Keep Oregon Moving

## Public Transit Funding

Presentation to the Benton County  
Board of Commissioners

February 20, 2018



# Agenda For This Morning

1. Overview of HB 2017 Transit Program Purpose, Terminology, & Components
2. Status of Statewide Rule Development & Tax Collection Program
3. Three Key Tasks & Schedule for Benton County Commissioners
4. Next Steps / Questions?

# Purpose of HB2017 Transit Funding

- Intended to expand public transportation services in Oregon, not backfill existing funds
- Flexible statewide funds intended for all forms of transit, with emphasis on general public transit
- Goals: expand access to jobs, improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Special focus on low-income populations

# An HB 2017 Transit Lexicon, Part 1

**"STIF"** - Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund - statewide fund established by HB2017 to receive and distribute the new public transit employee tax revenues, and may also receive other funds from the Legislature in the future.

**"Qualified Entity"** - Mass Transit District, Transportation District, County Government, or Federally-recognized Indian Tribe which will receive funds from the STIF.

**"Public Transportation Provider"** - a Qualified Entity, city, county, special district, intergovernmental entity or other public entity that provides public transportation services (not a non-profit)

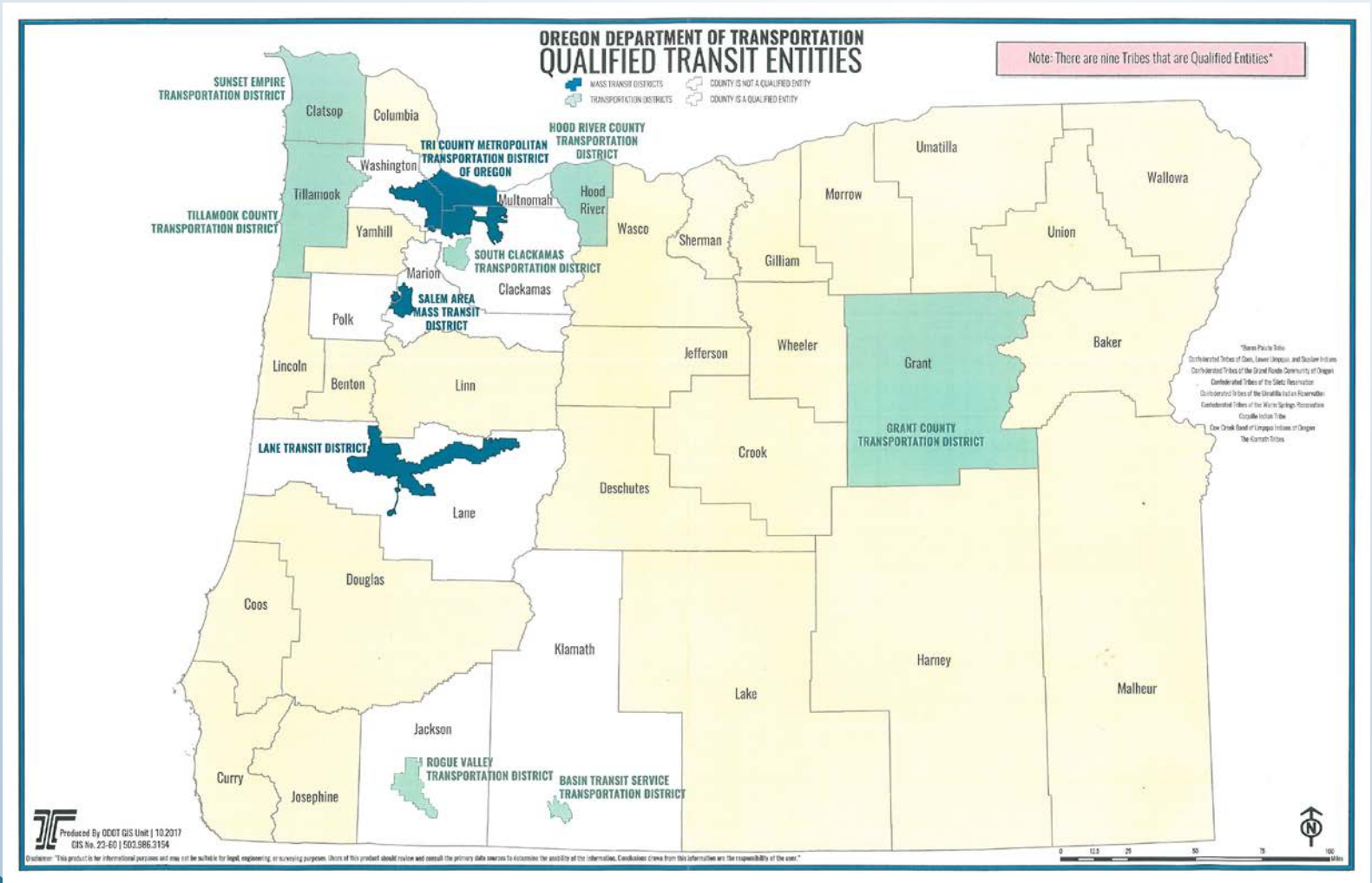
# An HB 2017 Transit Lexicon, Part 2

**"Sub-Recipient"** - a public transportation provider that has entered into an agreement to provide services or complete tasks using STIF funds - Providers may contract with non-profit or private transportation vendors to meet service objectives.

**"Advisory Committee"** - committee appointed by the Qualified Entity governing body (BOC) to advise and assist them in reviewing the STIF Plan, prioritizing projects, and recommending funding.

**"STIF Plan"** - means the local plan required by HB2017 which has been reviewed by an Advisory Committee and adopted by the local governing body.

# Oregon Qualified Transit Entities



# HB 2017 Transit Program Components

Establishes Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) to fund:

- Formula Program 90% - allocated to Qualified entities based on distribution of employee tax where employees work. Planning, administration, transit operations, facilities, capital vehicles, equipment, and technology are eligible for funding.
- Discretionary Program 5% - Statewide competitive grant program for capital vehicles, facilities, equipment, technology, planning, and research. Ongoing operations are not eligible. Will require a 10% local match.
- Inter-Community Grant Program 4% - Statewide competitive grant for transit service connecting communities. Ongoing operations will be eligible for funding along with all other activities. The OTC will set priorities for this program.
- ODOT Technical Resource Center 1% - to administer the statewide programs and provide assistance to local agencies with planning and data gathering.

# Role of Rules Advisory Committee and State Agencies

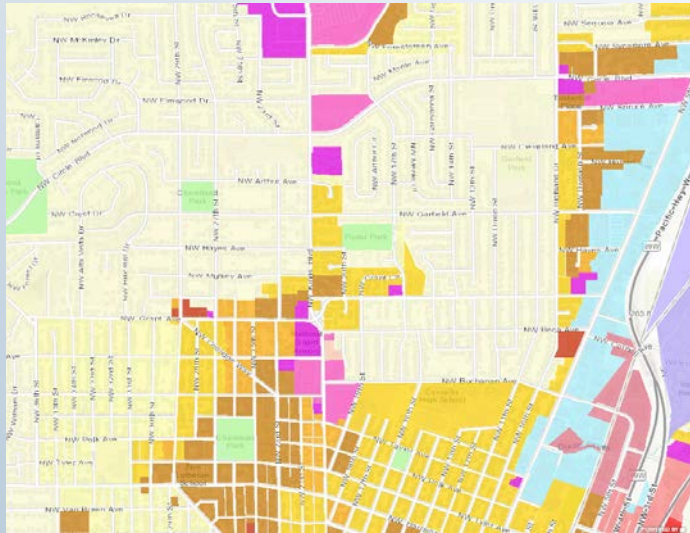
- RAC develops Administrative Rules
- ODOT staffs the RAC and issues the rules; administers the funds
- DOR implementation of employee tax / statewide estimates
- Revenues distributed based on where employee works
- Many details yet to be worked out on the financing side



# Three Key Tasks for Benton County Commissioners:

- 1. Develop a methodology for distribution, or sub-allocation of funds, within the County**
  - Sub-allocations to Providers be proportional to employee payroll tax revenue generated in their respective areas, but “not an entitlement”
  - Board must be the body to consider regional travel-shed needs – workers traveling into and out of the place of employment
  - Will need some basic data & reports from State to start this work, and technical assistance from County departments

# May need assistance from County Finance and GIS to develop distribution options...



## Department Employment and Wages by Industry

This tool is located on [QualityInfo.org](http://QualityInfo.org), a website of the Oregon Employment Department

### Industry Summary Report

Benton County, 3rd Quarter, 2017

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Source: Oregon Employment Department QualityInfo.org

Industry Description	Ownership	Units	Employment	Wages	Quarterly Avg. Wage
28	All	2,783	36,554	\$457,705,649	\$12,921
29	Private	2,851	28,081	\$328,542,756	\$11,629
30	Private	115	1,159	\$11,805,634	\$10,014
31	Private	112	1,135	\$11,268,504	\$9,946
	Private	51	542	\$4,407,778	\$8,132
	Private	9	(c)	(c)	(c)
	Private	28	240	\$3,024,964	\$12,604
114	Private	1	(c)	(c)	(c)
115	Private	23	288	\$3,341,667	\$11,603
	Private	3	24	\$317,340	\$13,222
212	Private	5	24	\$317,340	\$13,222
-	Private	194	1,174	\$15,618,805	\$13,304
236	Private	194	1,174	\$15,618,805	\$13,304
237	Private	94	655	\$6,408,508	\$13,601
237	Private	13	62	\$869,211	\$14,542
238	Private	67	456	\$5,821,086	\$12,710
-	Private	97	2,835	\$50,872,858	\$17,980
311	Private	97	2,835	\$50,872,858	\$17,980
311	Private	10	35	\$200,239	\$5,771
312	Private	10	115	\$1,080,725	\$9,398

# Three Key Tasks for Benton County Commissioners:

## 2. Appoint the Local STIF Advisory Committee

- Must be minimum of five, recommended 5 or 7 members
- Rules contain guidelines; some member categories are mandated, some are a "pick from" list
- Role – Review & prioritize proposals, oversee STIF Plan development, make recommendations to BOC for funding
- Will be a visible committee, sensitive function, appointments should be balanced

# Three Key Tasks for Benton County Commissioners:

## 3. Develop the Local STIF Plan and submit it to ODOT

- Can use existing Plans (Corvallis TDP; County Coordinated Plan; County TSP; Philomath TSP; etc.) as the basis for STIF Plan
- STIF Plan covers a four-year period
- STIF Advisory Committee develops in conjunction with County transit providers; then must be adopted by BOC
- May need technical assistance from County Planning staff for Plan development

# Next Steps for the County

- Take actions at March 6 Board meeting?
- BOC may wish to meet with other key jurisdictions? (Corvallis, Philomath, Monroe, OSU)
- Staff gathers data and begins work on methodology options
- BOC develops selection process for STIF Advisory Committee
- Attend training and familiarization sessions when offered by ODOT

Questions?

*Thank You!*

