

Umatilla County Public Transit Announcements

Umatilla County is proud to announce public transit funding for the upcoming biennium FY2022-2023.

ODOT News Release provided by [Marsha Hoskins, Public Transportation Policy and Implementation manger.](#)

The Oregon Transportation Commission approved funding more than \$233 million in projects from several different programs – all aimed at supporting multimodal transportation options across the state. All the programs are housed in ODOT’s Public Transportation Division, and Administrator Karyn Criswell praised the work of those involved in getting to this point.

“These awards represent a culmination of hundreds if not thousands of cumulative hours of effort on the part of staff, our advisory committees and local agency partners,” Criswell said. “The rigor and thoughtfulness that our team and our partners bring to identifying and prioritizing needs, formulating project selection criteria that advance our mobility, social equity, safety, climate and other goals, and carefully scoring and ranking applications is truly inspiring and frankly, just amazing! And you did it all during a pandemic, which added complexity to our processes.”

Here is the breakdown of programs and total amounts approved. Links provide more information about each program.

- [Oregon Community Paths Program](#): Commissioners [approved 21 projects](#) in this new program, ranging from the Belt Park Greenway Trail in Hermiston to the Berkeley Park Path in Eugene; \$15.1 million.
- [2021-23 STIF Plans for Formula Funds](#): This includes approving 41 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund plans, which will help counties, tribes and transit districts improve their transportation options; \$194,229,876.
- [STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Fund programs](#): These approved projects from counties, tribes and transit districts include things like adding signage, building shelters, purchasing buses and more; \$22,613,596.
- [5304 Statewide Transportation Planning Grant Program](#): These grants allow entities to develop and update transit and public transportation plans; \$1,014,424.

Here is the list of Umatilla County public transit projects:

STIF Formula Funds projects

- Umatilla County
- City of Hermiston
- City of Milton-Freewater
- City of Pendleton
- CTUIR/Kayak Public Transit

STIF Discretionary/Intercommunity fund

- Till Taylor Park ADA upgrade Partnership, Ranked #1 in the State of Oregon
- City of Pendleton – Pendleton Bus Barn Facility Planning Project
- CTUIR/Kayak Public Transit – Hermiston Hooper
- CTUIR/Kayak Public Transit – Pilot Rocket
- CTUIR/Kayak Public Transit – Walla Walla Whistler
- CTUIR/Kayak Public Transit – La Grande Arrow

5304 Planning Grant - Umatilla County to prepare a first ever Transportation Development Plan