

CET Funding Committee Process and Timeline

Updated: November 5, 2013

Committee Purpose: To develop recommendations for the COIC Board on four primary questions:

- Governance: Should transit continue to be operated at the regional scale by COIC, and/or should a transit district or districts be formed?
- Funding Geography: Should there be a single tri-county local funding solution, or a combination of funding solutions tailored to the service needs/priorities and willingness to pay of individual communities?
- Local Funding Tool: Considering the broad array of dedicated funding tools in use in Oregon, what/which are appropriate for CET? If a fee or tax is recommended, what should the rate be?
- Level of Service: Should the funding solution(s) be aimed at maintaining the current level of service, a highly expanded level of service, or somewhere in between?

| Meeting Date | Meeting Discussion Topics/Goals |
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| Meeting #1 – August 16 Committee Orientation and CET Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss committee goals, process and timeline • Orient participants to CET funding framework; Work to date on system vision, planning, and sustainable system funding concepts • High level review of governance options • High level review of funding mechanism options • Determine CET Committee need for additional information, data, research |
| Meeting #2 – September 6 Data and Info on Budget and Funding Mechanisms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of CET service level/cost scenarios • Detailed review range of transit system funding mechanism options • Determine CET Committee need for additional information, data, research, etc. |
| Meeting #3 – September 20 Data and Info on Governance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed review range of options for transit system governance • Review preliminary outcomes of regional public phone survey • Determine CET Committee need for additional information, data, research, etc. |
| Meeting #4 – October 4 Regional Options | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of geographic governance options • Review final survey outcomes and findings/meet with consultant firm • Determine CET Committee need for additional information, data, research, etc. |
| Meeting #5 – October 18 Facilitated Discussion – CET Sustainability Concepts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated Committee discussion regarding options for a sustainable funding approach. Preliminary identification of recommendations. • Determine CET Committee need for additional information, data, research, etc. |
| Meeting #6 – November 1 Develop Draft/Preliminary Recommendations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop draft recommendations on sustainable funding approach |
| Meeting #7 – November 15 Develop Draft/Preliminary Recommendations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop draft recommendations on sustainable funding approach • Achieve concurrence on recommendations to COIC Board |
| November 15–December 13 Outreach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide draft recommendations to COIC Board, city councils, County boards of commissioners, and stakeholders; solicit comment and feedback. |
| Meeting #8 – December 13 Develop Revised/Final Recommendations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on COIC Board questions and feedback, revise/refine recommendations • Discuss implementation concepts and next steps • Achieve concurrence on revised recommendations to COIC Board |
| January 9 Acceptance of Recommendations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COIC Board accepts final recommendations • COIC Board approves sustainable funding plan for CET system |