

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: July 14, 2026

Approx. Start Time: 1:30 pm

Approx. Length: 30 min

Presentation Title: Performance Clackamas Strategic Goal Implementation Update - Transit

Department: Health, Housing & Human Services (H3S) and Transportation & Development (DTD)

Presenters: Mary Rumbaugh, H3S Director and Dan Johnson, DTD Director

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Board affirmation of definitions to be used in development of a plan for “efficient, accessible and affordable transit.”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The BCC adopted strategic goal for Transit states: *By 2027, the County will provide a plan for what efficient, accessible and affordable transit looks like in Clackamas County.*

During the Strategic Goal project update meeting held on February 3, 2026, the Board provided input into the definitions of “efficient, accessible and affordable”. The below language includes the changes (underlined) that were recommended by the Board previously.

Clackamas County believes that a thriving future depends on a transit system that is efficient, accessible, and affordable; a transit system that empowers residents to reach jobs, services, and community life while strengthening resilience and system connectivity.

- **Efficient:** A reliable and well-coordinated network that maximizes resources.
- **Accessible:** Designed and delivered so all individuals can safely and independently use and understand it.
- **Affordable:** Maintains fare and operational costs that do not create financial burdens for riders or threaten long-term system sustainability.

Next Steps:

Currently, a Request for Proposals (RFP) to update the County’s Transit Development Plan (TDP) has been published. The core work of the TDP update will focus on identifying **efficient** and **accessible** transit options which aligns with State transportation planning rule requirements to identify gaps and deficiencies of the transit system (OAR 660-012-0700). This portion of the project will be funded by local State Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) and is included in the County’s 2025-2027 STIF Plan.

Expanding the TDP to include a third element of “**affordable**” is beyond the initial scope and was not incorporated into the estimated cost for the project. To integrate a task related to identifying affordable transit options, additional funds would need to be made available. Presently, staff have included language in the RFP that would add a contingency to identify alternative models for providing transit service that align with the BCC transit goal of affordability. The additional analysis will focus on how transit service is provided within the area currently served by the TriMet service district within Clackamas County as well as the areas outside of existing rural and small transit provider service districts. It would analyze the impact of implementing various service models on cost, accessibility and efficiency. This additional task will be integrated into the contract if funding for the work is identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the cost? \$ 425,000

What is the funding source? 2025-27 STIF Plan

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department’s Strategic Business Plan goals?

H3S Strategic Initiatives: Equitable Access

Our work should strive to remove barriers and ensure equitable access to services for populations throughout the county. This may mean working to overcome barriers that derive from income inequities, language or cultural barriers, or the urban/rural divide – in all cases; we must ensure that our services are open and accessible to all.

- How does this item align with the County’s Performance Clackamas goals?

BCC Strategic Goal Transit: *By 2027, the County will provide a plan for what efficient, accessible and affordable transit looks like in Clackamas County.*

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

OAR 660-012-0700 Public Transportation System Planning requires Transportation System Plans to include a public transportation system element that meets the requirements of the rule.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Public engagement activities will be scheduled during the update of the Transit Development Plan.

OPTIONS:

Option 1: Affirm the definitions of Efficient, Accessible and Affordable as presented.

Option 2: Amend the definitions of Efficient, Accessible and Affordable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1: Affirm the definitions of Efficient, Accessible and Affordable as presented.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval N/A

Department Director/Head Approval Mary Rumbaugh and Dan Johnson

County Administrator Approval

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