

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE #1 SUMMARY

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Agenda Items

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- Advisory Committee members opened with their name, organization, and what they're looking to get out of this plan.
  - Staci Kunz, Transit Consultant & Pendleton Transit Committee - asked by Linda Carter to attend as she's helping with Pendleton service. Excited to transit plan come to life.
  - Kris Boler, GOBHI – Looking for best way to coordinate.
  - Rod Harwood, GOBHI – Wants to ensure older adults and people with disabilities are reflected, and the coordinated plan is incorporated.
  - Laurel Sweeney, City of Milton-Freewater - Excited to see more organized connections between cities
  - Heidi Zeigler, ODHS - Community development coordinator, excited to see commuter improvements
  - Sunshine Mason, Umatilla County Veteran Services - Excited to see improvements for veterans and people with disabilities
  - Timothy Barrett, Walla Walla Valley MPO/SRTPO Assistant Planner - Excited to see collaboration between providers throughout the county
  - Megan Davchevski, Umatilla County - Excited to see connections for areas with gaps in the system
  - Katie Imes, Morrow County Public Transit Transportation coordinator – Looking for continues relationship and improved access to healthcare and social services
  - Karen Kendall, City of Pendleton rep via non-profit organizing their Let'er Bus - Excited to see better coordination between providers throughout the county
  - Mark Morgan, City of Hermiston - Works with CTUIR, Excited to see overall plan that maximizes resources, emphasizing sustainability and efficiency
  - Linda Carter, City of Pendleton - Excited to see connectivity and coordination to avoid duplications
  - J.D. Tovey, CTUIR Planning - Excited to see utilization of services, allocation of services, overall connections
  - Teresa Penninger, ODOT - Excited to see coordination between Morrow and Umatilla and implementation of prior work

- Teresa Dutcher, City of Milton-Freewater – Microphone not working.
- Krista provided the Project Overview and Overview of Existing and Future Needs
  - Ridership
    - CTUIR: 2019 was record year, numbers slowly going back up post-pandemic
  - Needs
    - Morrow: workforce challenges should be noted
  - Service Models
    - CTUIR: Wild Horse giving employees rides on their shuttles (2 or 3, 14-passenger) that was previously for casino visitors only
    - Rod Harwood: People Mover (Grant County) do a shuttle from John Day to Pendleton, gets passengers from Ukiah, Walla Walla
- Goals Workshop
  - CTUIR: hopes that the following translate to the public: connectivity to health-care, education, employment, retail
- Survey Updates
- Discussion: Is anything missing? What is the most important need and/or goal for those you represent?
  - Heidi/ODHS: Access/mobility is critical .
  - Sunshine/Umatilla Veteran: Agree, mobility is top of the list.
  - Megan/Umatilla: Mobility in a timely manner (where do people need to be and when?), land use that's supportive of transit (many cities and the county have outdated development codes)
  - Rod: Serve seniors/people with disabilities, not just for healthcare but groceries and recreation.
  - JD/CTUIR: Community with economic vitality, land use development
  - Katie/Morrow County: Workforce challenges and training, new CDL requirements, community outreach (think outside of box, try to do more non-traditional methods), infrastructure
  - Karen Kendall: Coordination. What does the community need?
  - Staci Kunz: Connectivity, marketing, and serving rural areas is key.
  - Tim/Walla Walla: Serving transit-dependent populations while maximizing choice riders is critical. Focus on regional connectivity
  - Teresa Penninger: health, safe access, land use development, infrastructure, ADA-friendly improvements (ramps) are important. Is the full trip accessible? What development code can be implemented, like what cities do with parking requirements?

- Teresa Dutcher: Coordination and connectivity, work commute, shopping, friends and family, ability to have social connections is critical.
- Linda Carter: Coordination of services, seniors and persons with disabilities. How do we give job access?
- Laurel Sweeney: Seniors and people with disabilities are the key target, fixed-route isn't necessarily for everyone. How can we use technology the way that those riding transit need it?
- Other major planning efforts/activities?
  - Staci Kunz: bus barn in City of Pendleton will be implemented soon.
- Next Steps/Adjourn

## Attachments

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- Memo #1: Existing and Future Transit Needs
- Memo #2: Vision and Goals