

CTSI Transit/Transportation STTS

Meeting Summary - STTS September 2025

Quick recap

The Transportation Committee meeting began with discussions about Transit meetings and the group reviewed tribal transit funding sources and compliance requirements, including updates on ODOT projects and financial reporting, while also addressing concerns about transportation costs for tribal elders. The conversation ended with discussions about upcoming projects, staff handover arrangements, and scheduling of future meetings, including plans for an open forum to improve transit opportunities for tribal members.

Next steps

- Nathan to update transit inventory records and ensure accuracy.
- Nathan to continue traffic counts to secure appropriate funding.
- Ian to send out ODOT project information related to Aboriginal lands to interested committee members.
- Ian to share conceptual designs for Swan Avenue and parking lot improvement projects with the committee once available.
- Nathan to meet separately with Cynda Bruce from Lincoln County Transit.
- Nathan to provide an update on transit services at the next meeting.
- Maggie to discuss with Nathan about handling the white trip log forms.
- Committee members to come to the next meeting with ideas to improve transit opportunities for tribal members.
- Committee to review and become familiar with Civil Rights Act requirements for compliance.
- Ian to schedule the next quarterly meeting for early December.

Summary

Technical and Attendance Challenges Meeting

The meeting participants discussed technical difficulties with audio and computer hardware, particularly noting that Nathan was experiencing low volume despite

maxed-out settings, possibly due to an older computer. They also discussed the absence of several attendees, including Richard and Heidi, and confirmed that meeting invites had been sent to 477 and ICW, though there was some uncertainty about the identity of the 477 contact.

Committee Meeting Agenda Discussion

The meeting began with CTSI discussing the agenda and welcoming participants, including Nathan, Maggie, Eran, and Heidi. Nathan raised a personal issue regarding his daughter's school transportation, which CTSI promised to address after the meeting. Cinda Bruce from Lincoln County was expected to join but was delayed. Eran mentioned that Amanda was absent, and CTSI confirmed that Amanda's inclusion in the committee was discussed in a previous meeting. The meeting was expected to be brief, and participants awaited Cynda's arrival to proceed with the agenda.

Tribal Transit Funding and Compliance

The Transportation Committee discussed tribal transit funding sources, including federal and state funding through FTA and ODOT, which are passed to Lincoln County Transit for specific routes serving tribal areas. Nathan Metcalf, the new tribal Transportation Coordinator, is working on compliance issues with ODOT, including financial reporting and Title VI civil rights requirements, for which a corrective action plan has been submitted. The committee also discussed regional ODOT projects affecting tribal lands, particularly in the Medford area, and Nathan is updating the transit inventory and conducting traffic counts to secure additional funding. The next meeting will focus on gathering ideas to improve transit opportunities for tribal members, with an open forum for suggestions.

TriMet Senior Bus Pass Concerns

Maggie discussed TriMet's annual bus pass for seniors and elders, which costs \$308 per year. CTSI expressed concern about the cost for tribal elders and suggested exploring ways to cover it. The group also discussed upcoming transportation projects, including a new Transportation Public Works facility in Dundas and improvements to Swan Avenue near the rec center, which will include ADA-compliant features and better traffic flow.

CTSI Project and Compliance Updates

The meeting focused on upcoming projects and meetings, with CTSI offering to send out information and coordinate schedules for those interested in participating. They

discussed the need for a staff member at CTSI to monitor records and transit services, as they pass considerable funds for bus routes serving tribal members. The committee was reminded to review Civil Rights Act compliance requirements, and it was noted that one more meeting would be held before the end of the year, likely in early December.

Handover and Trip Log Discussion

The team discussed handover arrangements, with Nathan taking on new responsibilities and Maggie noting she would be away the following week. Maggie mentioned she needed to discuss trip log forms with Nathan, who would be handling them going forward. The conversation ended with Nathan and CTSI remaining for further discussion.

Cynda Bruce was able to attend at the end of meeting and discussed different interfaces and transit portals with Nathan and Ian. Cynda relayed that she will update Nathan on routes in Toledo, and that they will coordinate going forward route information and ride share data etc.