



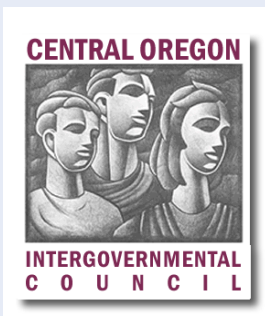
CITY OF BEND

Bend Area Transit /COIC Merger Information

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GOAL

The Bend City Council seeks to reduce the amount of General Fund dollars spent on public transportation, while continuing to support transit in Bend and focus resources on building an effective regional transportation system.

PROPOSAL

To move the management and governing responsibilities for Bend Area Transit (BAT) from the City, to the Central Oregon Inter-governmental Council (COIC), which also operates Cascades East Transit (CET). The City would pass through all grants and local match funding from the General Fund in the amount of \$1 million annually to COIC. At the end of the first transition year, if both the City and COIC believe the project successful, the agreement will continue and transit assets such as facilities, vehicles, equipment, and grants will be transferred to COIC.



PUBLIC IMPACT

BAT riders will see no visible change from this proposal. Over time riders should enjoy system improvements and benefit from the merging of separate transportation providers into a regional system. .

COST SAVING

Over the past two years, BAT has increased ridership and services but reduced local taxpayer support from the General Fund by over 29 percent. Currently, this city funding is at \$1.1 million and used to match state and federal transit grants that fund, along with fares and advertising income, fixed route and Bend Dial-a-Ride service. Under this proposal funding would be reduced by an additional \$100,000 annually. COIC is expected to locate cost efficiencies by the combining of BAT and CET under a single system.

TIMELINE

If the proposal is accepted by the Bend City Council and COIC Board of Directors, implementation will begin July 1, 2010. BAT would officially be the responsibility of COIC on September 1, 2010.

PUBLIC PROCESS

The public is encouraged to attend the June 9th meeting at 1:30 p.m. of the BAT Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC). A public hearing will be held by PTAC in the City Council Chambers at 710 Wall Street. The Bend City Council will receive a recommendation from PTAC and is expected to make a decision on whether to enter into an inter-governmental agreement with COIC on June 16. The COIC Board of Directors is expected make their decision on July 1.