

# HB 2017 Transit Advisory Committee

January 20, 2023



# Meeting Agenda

Public comment	8:30 a.m.
Update on the region's FY24-25 STIF Formula Funds plan	8:35 a.m.
STIF Discretionary/Inter-Community Funds applications and presentations	8:40 a.m.
Fund/Don't Fund recommendation	9:40 a.m.
Application ranking	9:50 a.m.

# Public Comment



# Update on FY24-25 STIF Formula Funds Plan



# FY24-25 STIF Discretionary Funds and Intercommunity Funds Overview



# Fund Program Overview

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- **Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary solicitation (5 % of STIF)**
  - Broad project eligibility but not a source of ongoing operations funding
- **Statewide Transit Network Program discretionary solicitation, funded from two sources:**
  - **STIF Intercommunity Fund (4 % of STIF)**
    - Improve coordination and connectivity of the statewide transit network
  - **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f)**
    - Focused on long distance, non-commuter intercity service



# Estimated Fund Availability 2023-25

Funding Sources	Amount
STIF Discretionary Fund (5%)	\$13.5 M
Statewide Transit Network Program	\$15 M
STIF Intercommunity Fund (4%)	\$10.8 M
FTA Section 5311 (f)	\$4.2 M



## Program Schedule

- 2022
  - **October 10:** LOI due to ODOT
  - **October 28:** LOI feedback to applicants (as appropriate)
  - **November 30:** Applications due to ODOT
  - **Early December:** Applications shared with QEs and ACTs
- 2023
  - **Early February:** QE and ACT feedback due to ODOT
  - **Mid February:** Selection Committee meets to finalize award recommendations
  - **March:** PTAC reviews award recommendations
  - **April/May:** OTC makes final award decision
  - **July:** Grant agreements executed



# FY24-25 STIF Plan Budget Summary

Applicant	Project Name	Request
Canby Area Transit	Transit Master Plan Update	\$200,000
Sandy Transit	Technology Program Implementation	\$360,000
SMART	Battery Backup Electric Bus Charging System	\$320,000
SMART	Electric Bus Route Modeling	\$160,000
Washington County	Bus Electrifications	\$551,200
Washington County	Community Connector Shuttle Stop Enhance.	\$324,800
Washington County	Microtransit Pilot	\$542,640
City of Portland	Streetcar Rider Ambassador Program	\$400,000
TriMet	MAX Light Rail Service Plan	\$200,000
TriMet	Transit Priority Spot Improvements	\$500,000
TriMet	LIFT Vehicle Purchase	\$5,721,416
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,246,456</b>

# FY24-25 STIF Discretionary Funds and Intercommunity Funds Presentations



# Canby Area Transit





**Sandy Area Metro (SAM), Sandy, OR**

**\*SAM Gresham Route**

**\*SAM Estacada Route**

**\*SAM In-town Shopper Shuttle**

**\*SAM *rides* General Public Dial-A-Ride**

**\*Non-Emergency Medical Rides**

**City of Sandy Transit Department 2.8 FTE**

**Contracts with MV Transportation Services for Operations**

**CELEBRATING OVER  
20 YEARS OF  
SERVICE!**

## STIF Discretionary and Intercommunity Discretionary Application – Technology Program Implementation

**Partners on this application: Canby Area Transit (CAT), Clackamas County (MHX), Hood River County (CAT), South Clackamas Transit District (SCTD), Wilsonville (SMART)**

“A technology assessment conducted by Full Path Transit Technology and Trillium Solutions in October 2020 concluded “as a small provider and early adopter of technology, Sandy Transit is positioned to lead the way in developing the best methods to maintain systems at the smaller scale. Budgeting, maintenance and training are areas where many if not most small transit agencies struggle and where no readily replicable solutions have been established in the industry. If Sandy Transit is able to arrive at a solution that may also serve other small agencies in Oregon or elsewhere, we encourage the agency to document the approaches and share it with ODOT and present them at conferences or other knowledge-sharing venues.”



## Tasks and Deliverables

Task 1: Mobile ticketing/fare collection. Deliverables: Request for Proposal, Selection of Vendor, mobile app technology plan.

Task 2: Technology assessment for Sandy/collaborating partners. Deliverables: Assessment report of technology being used. Technology Plan.



Task 3: Technology assistance in updating, maintenance and integration of technology. Deliverables: written procedures, updates and shared data.

Task 4: Analysis of emerging charging management software. Deliverables: List of available charging software and attributes.

## Technology Implementation in Rural and Small Urban Agencies

### Supports:

Equity and Improves Access

Improved Passenger Experience

Oregon Transportation Commission's priority to build, maintain and operate a modern, multimodal transportation system



“technology offers immense benefits: increasing efficiency of operations, providing data for analysis, and improving the rider experience. But choosing the right tools, and implementing them successfully, can be challenging... small transit agencies often encounter challenges in technology due to their size and types of services they provide.” – Transit Technology Assessment Process Prepared by Full Path Transit Technology and Trillium Solutions February 27, 2020





# Battery Backup Unit

## Scope

Purchase backup unit designed to charge electric buses when regular power is out

## Goals

Continue transition to alternative fuels, address climate change, reduce emissions.

Total Cost: \$400,000

Grant Request: \$320,000





# Electric Bus Route Modeling

## Scope

Engage consultant to determine routes possible to serve with electric buses

## Goals

Continue transition to alternative fuels, regional coordination, reduce emissions.

Total Cost: \$200,000

Grant Request: \$160,000





# Washington County STIF Discretionary Grant Proposals

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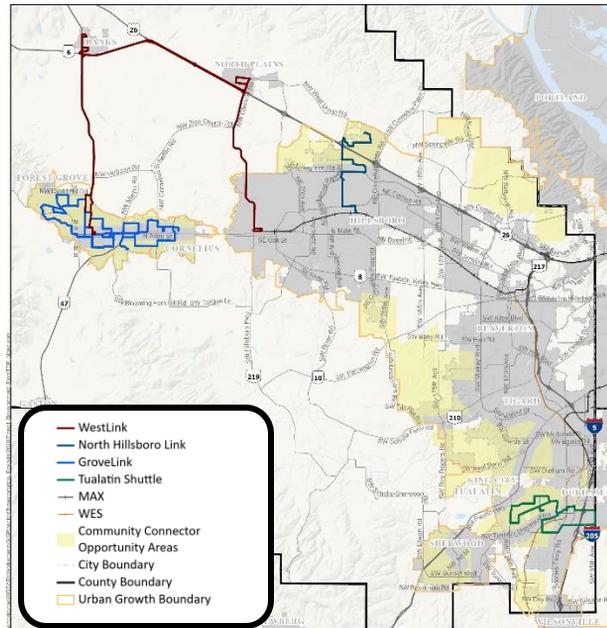
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# Ride Connection's STIF funded services in Washington County

- Demand response
  - Older adults, people with disabilities as well as general public outside TriMet and SMART
- Community connectors
  - Over 110,000 annual rides (pre-pandemic)
  - New and expanded services in Banks, Bethany, Cornelius, Hillsboro, King City, North Plains, and Tualatin
  - Serving over 170,000 people, 42,000 students, and nearly 15,000 low-income households







## Objectives:

- Reduce carbon emissions and improve health and quality of life for vulnerable populations
- Inform future electrification strategies

## Scope:

- Purchase two battery-electric 14-passenger shuttle vans and charging facilities for Forest Grove and Tualatin services.
- Scalable



Source: <https://lightningmotors.com>



## Objective:

- Increase awareness of service, safety and rider experience

## Scope:

- Plan, design and construct
  - ADA-compliant landing pads
  - Shelters, benches, or seats
  - Signs, wayfinding
- Scalable





Thank you!

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# PORTLAND STREETCAR RIDER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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HB 2017 Committee, January 2023



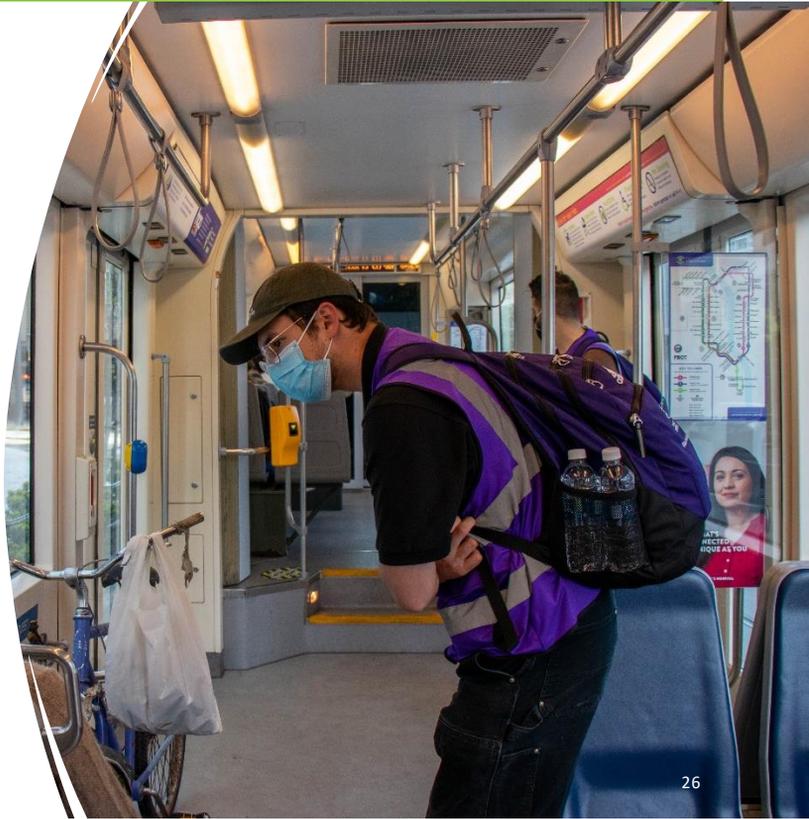


## Rider Ambassador Program

- Launched in early 2022, funded for one year by FTA Covid-19 Demonstration Grant. Stretched funding to continue through June 2023.
- Non-police response to support all riders, especially those experiencing homelessness, addiction or mental illness.
  - Existing support included on-demand City of Portland Code Officers and Portland Police as needed.
- Rider Ambassadors do not respond to calls from dispatch (with some exception) but are a roving presence on the system.

# Program Details

- 5 team members, 0.5 FTE from a wide variety of backgrounds; mostly social service-oriented.
- Always work in pairs on generally 4-hour shifts.
- Rolling training opportunities include crisis de-escalation, racial equity, CPR/First Aid, trauma-informed care, mental health first aid—and others as available.





## Supplies and Supporting Services

- Non-threatening purple vests with clear identification – trying to distinguish from fare enforcement or police.
- Branded backpacks with supplies including: water, juice, granola bars, first aid, rain gear (seasonal), feminine hygiene products, socks, thermal blankets, Narcan, transit tickets, guidebooks for supporting services, cell phones and other items as deemed appropriate.
- Wheelchair kept in office for special cases.
- Established connections with shelter providers, hospitals, treatment facilities and others.

# Thank you



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# MAX Light Rail Service Plan



# Why This Plan?

- MAX provides ~40% of TriMet rides
- Ridership has recovered faster on bus than on MAX
- How can we restore and improve MAX service in the best way to bring riders back?

## What This Plan Is:

- A plan to expand service on existing MAX lines by implementing core values of *ridership* and *equity*

## What This Plan Is Not:

- A plan to build out new MAX lines

# Two Deliverables

- ✓ Near term, financially-constrained service plan
- ✓ Long term, strategic service plan for existing MAX lines

**[Funding request is scalable]**

# Transit Priority Spot Improvements



**FY23-25 STIF Discretionary**  
**January 20, 2023**

# Overview

- Target delay hot spots to improve reliability for bus riders
- Tactical solutions including bus lanes, signal adjustments, turn improvements
- Since 2019 STIF Discretionary funding has supported 13 projects to reduce delays for 10 bus routes that serve equity areas

# Project Details

Location	Lines	Date	Treatment
N Williams & Wheeler	4, 44	9/19	Signal Adjustment
NW 21 <sup>st</sup> & Everett	77	1/20	Signal Adjustment
NW 21 <sup>st</sup> & Glisan	77	3/21	Turn Improvement
18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> & Flanders	24	8/20	Stop Platform
NE 57 <sup>th</sup> & Sandy	71	11/20	Turn Lane
NE Prescott & 82 <sup>nd</sup>	71	11/20	Turn Lane
SE 52 <sup>nd</sup> & Powell	71	12/20	Turn Lane
N Greeley & Killingsworth	35	12/20	BAT Lane
NE Sandy & 91 <sup>st</sup>	12, 71	4/21	Bus Lane
E Burnside & 20 <sup>th</sup>	20	7/21	BAT Lane
SE Hawthorne & Chavez	14	7/21	Bus Lane
N Whitaker & Denver	6	6/22	Bus Lane
E Burnside & Gilham	20	6/22	BAT Lane

# 21<sup>st</sup> & Everett: Line 77 – Signal Adj.



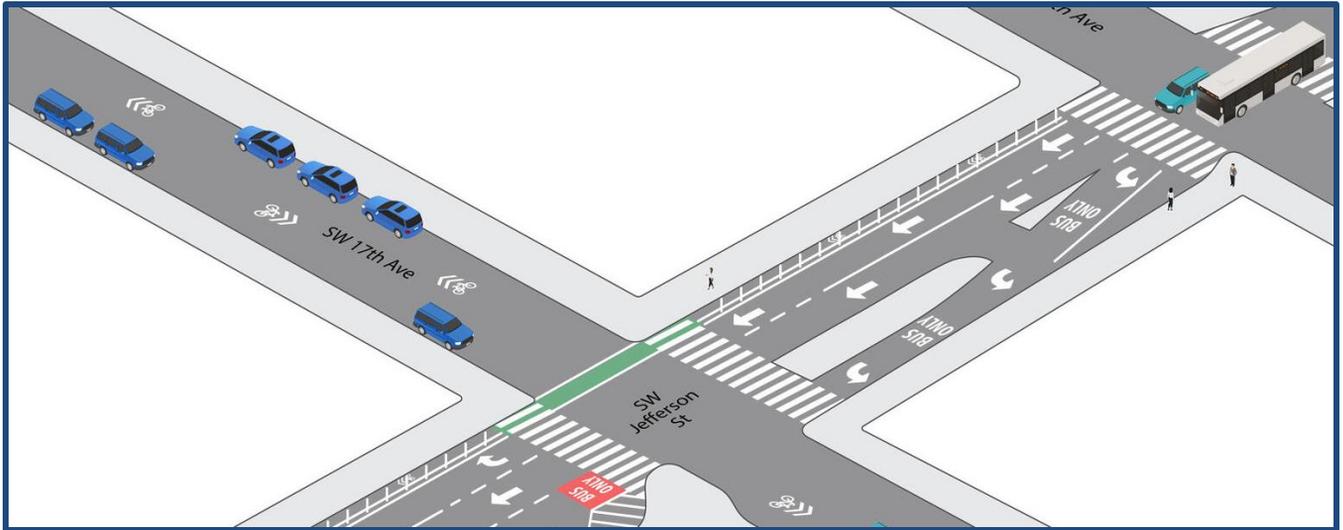
# N Whitaker: Line 6 – Bus Lane



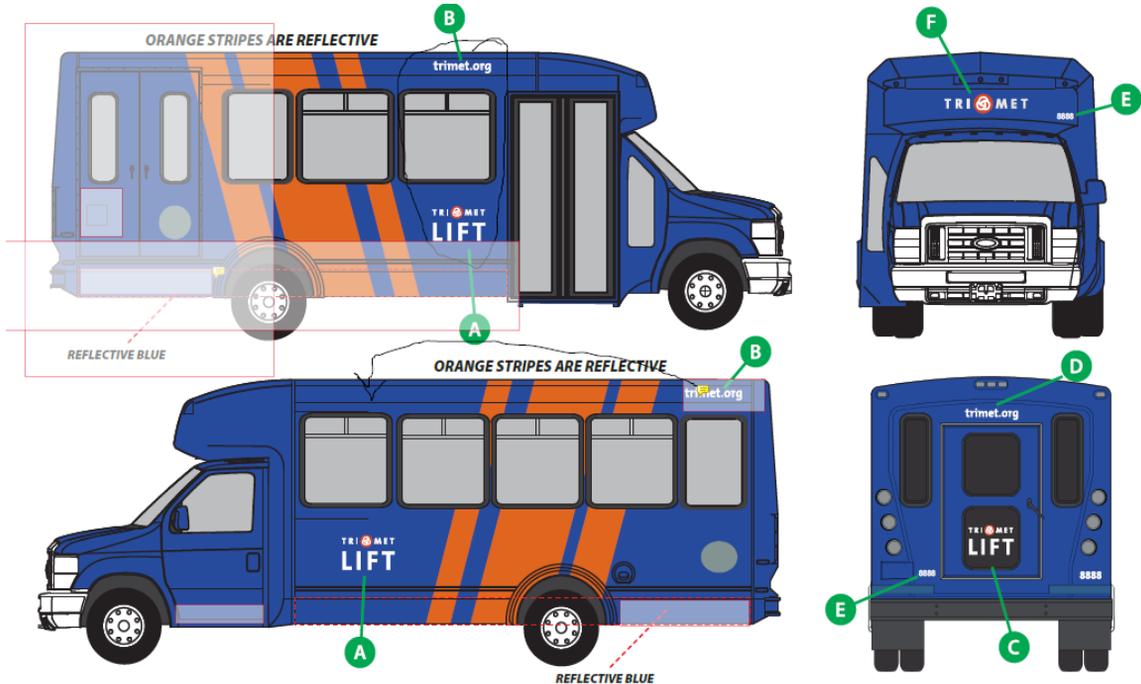
# SE Hawthorne: Line 14 – Bus Lane



# Upcoming – SW Jefferson Bus Island



# TriMet LIFT Vehicle Replacement Application



# LIFT Fleet Replacement Schedule

FY	Qty	Vehicle Series	Vehicle Type Retiring	Vehicle Type Replacing	Anticipated Cost per Unit	Total Obligation Per Fleet	Total Obligation Per Fiscal Year
FY23	42	9800-9841	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$170,285	\$7,151,970	\$7,151,970
FY24	42	9842-9883	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$170,285	\$7,151,970	\$7,151,970
FY25	30	9901-9933	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$210,000	\$6,300,000	\$6,300,000
FY26	30	9934-9963	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$210,000	\$6,300,000	\$6,300,000
FY27	15	8701-8715	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$224,700	\$3,370,500	\$6,741,000
	15	9964-9978	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$224,700	\$3,370,500	
FY28	11	8716-8726	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$224,700	\$3,370,500	\$5,995,500
	15	8801-8815	Transit	Transit Cutaway	\$175,000	\$2,625,000	
FY29	30	8930-8959	Transit	Transit Cutaway	\$175,000	\$5,250,000	\$5,250,000
FY30	30	8001-8030	Transit	Transit Cutaway	\$187,250	\$5,617,500	\$5,617,500
FY31	17	8031-8047	Transit	Transit Cutaway	\$187,250	\$3,183,250	\$6,250,405
	13	8100-8112	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$235,935	\$3,067,155	
FY32	30	8113-8142	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$235,935	\$7,078,050	\$7,078,050
FY33	30	8143-8172	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$235,935	\$7,078,050	\$7,078,050
FY34	27	8173-8199	Cutaway	Cutaway	\$235,935	\$6,370,245	\$6,370,245

# Increases in Costs Post-COVID

**2017 Cutaways = \$105,680**

**2024 Cutaways = \$170,280**

**61% Cost increase in the past 7  
years**

# LIFT Fleet Replacement Condition

		Vehicle Descriptions and Useful Life Standards					
D: Medium-Size, Light-Duty Bus & Van Chassis Cutaway Bus		11,000-16,000	12-16	≥ 22 feet	5 years or 150,000 miles	\$72,642 - \$172,304	6-9 months

## LIFT Fleet Replacement in **FY24**

**Avg. Miles at time of replacement = 282,500**

**Age at time of Replacement = 12 years**

**88% beyond mileage requirement; 140% beyond age requirement**

# LIFT Fleet Replacement Funding

	Cost	STFAC 5310 Award	Unmet Need
FY 24	\$7,151,970	\$1,047,667	\$6,104,303
		Total Need	\$7,151,970
		TriMet Match	\$1,430,354
		STIF Request	\$5,721,416

# Impacts of Aging Fleet and Justification for Replacement

# TriMet Fixed Route Comparison – Mean Distance Between Failures

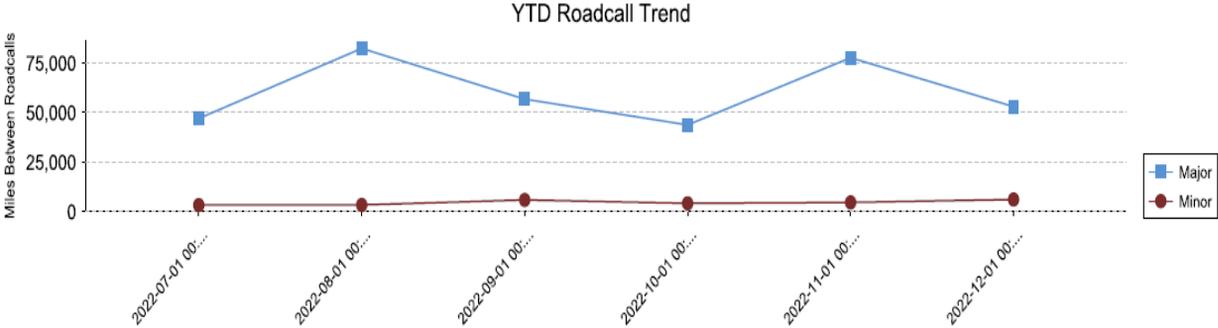
December 2022 - Fleet MDBF					
Fleet Number	Fleet	Total Failures	Fleet MDBF	Fleet Mileage	
57	NEW FLYER LF (40) 2900	27	3,187	86,058	
58	GILLIG LF (40) 3000	32	5,375	172,004	
59	GILLIG LF (40) 3052+HYB	7	3,530	24,710	
60	GILLIG LF (40) 3100	16	11,197	179,147	
61	GILLIG LF (40) 3200	28	8,608	241,037	
62	GILLIG LF (40) 3300	10	8,264	82,640	
63	GILLIG LF (29) 3400	2	17,431	34,861	
64	GILLIG LF (40) 3500	31	5,883	182,372	
65	GILLIG LF (40) 3600	18	9,588	172,589	
66	GILLIG LF (40) 3700	24	7,449	178,785	
67	XCELSIOR BEB (40) 3800	-	-	6,470	
68	GILLIG (40) 3900	32	6,278	200,898	
69	GILLIG (40) 4000	22	8,552	188,144	
71	GILLIG (40) 4200	15	7,332	109,980	
73	GILLIG BEB (40) 4300	4	1,984	7,934	
74	NOVA BUS - DTP (60) 4500	-	-	-	

# LIFT Miles Between Road Calls with LOST Service – FY24 Replacement Fleet

	Miles Between Roadcalls with Lost Service	
	Major Mechanical	Other Mechanical
Jul-22	10,111	56,376
Aug-22	10,947	39,321
Sep-22	10,129	42,636
Oct-22	9,268	37,813
Nov-22	10,008	33,063
Dec-22	8,768	33,957



# LIFT Year to Date Roadcall Trend – Entire LIFT Fleet



# Daily Fleet Availability

## LIFT Powell Garage

Service Date		1/19/2023
<b>101 Cutaways</b>		
12	12.0%	12% Spare Ratio
69	68.3%	MAX NEEDED FOR SERVICE
16	15.8%	PM's
18	17.8%	Pending Repairs
5	5.0%	Supervisor Hold
39	38.6%	Total OOS
-7	-6.9%	Available

# Daily Fleet Availability

## LIFT Merlo Garage

Service Date

**1/19/2023**

**47** Cutaways

<b>6</b>	12.0%	12% Spare Ratio
<b>38</b>	80.9%	MAX NEEDED FOR SERVICE
<b>7</b>	14.9%	PM's
<b>8</b>	17.0%	Pending Repairs
<b>1</b>	2.1%	Supervisor Hold
<b>16</b>	34.0%	Total OOS
<b>-7</b>	<b>-14.9%</b>	<b>Available</b>

# Capacity Constraints in ADA Paratransit - PROHIBITED

Constraints on capacity are prohibited [Section 37.131(f)]. A transit agency cannot limit the availability of complementary paratransit to eligible riders through waiting lists, significantly late trips or other specific practices that result in limiting service.

# Capacity Constraints Caused Due to Lack of Vehicle Availability

- Poor On-time Performance & Disparate Geographic impact
  - 92.8% total fleet vs. 86% Replacement Fleet
    - Replacement Fleet = Washington County Impacts
  - Trips moved to cabs to cover service
    - 27% of trips on Cabs (= 74% On-time Performance with cabs)

# Is this a Scalable Request?

## Yes, But...

A reduction in the allocation may reduce the number of vehicles LIFT will be approved to procure, thereby continuing the capacity constraints our system is experiencing, which directly results in degraded MANDATORY service for LIFT riders.



# QUESTIONS

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**Fund/Don't Fund  
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&  
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# Meeting Adjourned