

GCTD STIF APPROVED PLAN OVERVIEW 2021-2023

Plan for Formulary Funds:

In January 2019 GCTD deployed a Deviated Fixed Route to the John Day, Canyon City, Mt. Vernon and Prairie City communities. These routes were funded through the STIF Formulary grant program. Grant County receives a base of \$100,000 per year from this program.

This DFR has fixed bus stops, set times – however, the bus is able to deviate from the route to pick up a passenger at their home if needed. Requests for deviation must be made 24 hours in advance, and a limited number of deviations are accepted per day to keep the bus on schedule. These routes are fare free.

Routes are currently scheduled to begin at 7:00 am and run through 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, this may change if STIF Discretionary funds cannot be secured to cover the additional costs of these routes. Currently STIF Discretionary monies are covering this additional cost. Saturday remains Demand Response only and continue to operate 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The District hopes to expand operating hours for the DFR to assist more individuals traveling to work and school if additional funding becomes available. (A listed priority)

Our Demand Response Service continues to operate in the same areas, and same times to accommodate people who do not wish to use the DFR. However, passengers who opt for the Demand Response will continue to pay a fare.

This plan continues to address the 1% requirement for grades 9-12 by continuing to offer students free rides to and from school related activities, including job shadow opportunities. There will be a bus stop placed at the high school in John Day and Prairie City to accommodate students. Student Ridership is averaging well above the 1% requirement.

Plan discussed and approved at the STIF Advisory Committee Meeting on 1/12/2021.

Plan approved by the GCTD Board of Directors during their regular board meeting on 1/13/2021.