Voting Members in Attendance:

Daniel Bullock, Winnie Andrews, David Council, Shannon Cleveland, Brenda Fiscus, and Patsy Lang

Voting Members Absent:

Tina Peck

Non-Voting Staff Members in Attendance:

Angie Peters, Peggy Smith

Non-Voting Members Absent:

None

Guest:

None

Introductions and Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. in the La Grande Public Transportation Conference Room.

Angie called for a motion to move Brenda Fiscus to Member at Large and move Patsy Lang into the Bedroom Community Seat. Winnie made the motion to move Brenda to the Member at Large and Patsy into the Bedroom Community Seat. The motion was 2nd by Daniel and carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

After a discussion and after hearing no changes to the October Minutes Angie called for a motion to approve. Shannon Cleveland made the motion to approve the minutes it was 2nd by Winnie and carried unanimously.
Consider Stakeholder Comments:

None in attendance

Website Feedback

Angie said she had received feedback on our current website that it is not very user friendly and difficult to view. She showed council members a copy of proposed changes to the website to make it more accessible to the public. She asked council members for feedback in changes for the site. The following were some suggestions:

- Sort by service when restructured
- A member asked if we could sort by organization
- David suggested since there are international students attending EOU could it be structured with international symbols as well

(Copy of Website Restructure with Minutes)

STIF Update:

Angie stated the STIF grant passed through ODOT and PTAC next we will have to pass through the OTC that allows for split routes and no fare costs to clients. She also said that ODOT has asked that we prioritize our projects in Special Transportation Fund applications as we may see a 40% reduction in funding.

Staff Report Angie:

As of the end of December, we have done 930,919 total system rides in Union County since we began transportation. At the current average monthly ride rate that means we are projecting to hit 1,000,000 riders around May 31, 2019. That projection however is not accounting for the potential ridership increases with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund projects that will start in July, she said so hopefully she will be giving an earlier date for celebration sometime after the beginning of the next fiscal year.

A December recap showed it was a busy month with an upswing in our Fixed Route ridership. She said in large part this is due to the bad weather, and our buses being a great alternative to getting around town on foot when there is snow and wind. She stated she was able to put on several Medical Transportation Travel Trainings during the month of December at apartment complexes in La Grande. She said these were great for connecting with and clarifying questions for existing passengers as well as discovering many new passengers who had no idea they were eligible for service. Since then we have also begun keeping a digital version of our Paratransit Applications on hand with staff at Northeast Oregon Housing Authority in case they encounter
someone who could benefit from our service. Angie stated they are excellent community partners. She also said we received a donated vehicle before the end of the year although it will not work in our fleet however, dispositioning it will lead to additional funds for us.

In January she is working on finalizing the grant applications. She stated at this time she is focused on an application with the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization for Rides to Wellness. In addition she is working on the 5310, 5311, and Special Transportation Fund grants for general transportation operation funds.

She will have at least two more travel trainings in January in addition to hosting a transportation booth at the Point in Time count. She stated she will also be working with Tammy in our office to put her on our first Pedestrian Safety Training with children to attend Kids Club. So, our biggest focus for January is public outreach.

She is working on a new Riders guide with a translator that will be in Marshallese.

Angie will be attending a Statewide Transportation Options meeting next week in Wilsonville.

*(See Full Report with Minutes)*

**Old Business-Grant Updates Rides to Wellness Discussion:**

Angie stated at this time one vehicle out of service at # 28 due to a driver hitting an Elk until it is fixed. When # 28 is returned, we will be sending bus # 31 in for repairs. This has caused some ride juggling for Rides to Wellness, but has not caused any major issues.

**New Business:**

Angie asked TAC members to look at their social network and report back at our next meeting with any ideas they have for potential council members to represent bike/ped, the business community, and a minority representative.

**Adjournment**

Angie called for a motion to adjourn at 4:10 P.M. Daniel Made the motion to adjourn it was seconded by Brenda and carried unanimously.
Minutes Respectfully Prepared by,

______________________________________________________  October 17, 2018

Peggy Smith Office Assistant

Minutes Accepted by:

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Daniel Bullock, Chairman