

Public Transportation Program Consolidation

Joint Committee on Transportation

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HB 5039 (2019)

Directed ODOT to:

- Consolidate two state-funded public transportation programs
- Report to 2020 legislature on consolidation progress and administrative costs



Funds for Consolidation

Special Transportation Fund (STF)

- Created in 1985
- Cigarette tax, non-highway gas tax, ID cards revenues, and other revenues
- Services for older adults and people with disabilities
- Funds distributed by population

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF)

- Created by HB 2017
- Payroll tax (1/10 of 1%)
- Improve and expand public transportation
- Funds distributed according to payroll

2019-21 Budget and Current Fund Allocations

STF

- \$28.6 million in LAB
- 75% - formula
- 25% - discretionary grants
- 10% - ODOT oversight and management off the top (\$2.8 million)

STIF

- \$217.2 million in LAB
- 90% - formula
- 5% - discretionary grants
- 4% - intercommunity discretionary grants
- 1% - ODOT administration + Technical Resource Center (\$2 million)

During the Interim...

- ODOT convened a Consolidation Advisory Committee
- CAC developed recommendations and options for statutory changes
- General consensus on several key concepts
- OTC endorsed report and consolidation plan
- Consideration for 2020 Legislative session



Committee Recommendations

Four areas

- Local processes
- Recipient eligibility
- Funding allocation (two options)
- ODOT administration

Committee Recommendation: Local Processes

- Minimum one advisory committee
- Advise and assist in prioritizing projects
- Review every project proposal
- May propose changes to policies or practices of the local agency governing body relating to distribution of funding



Committee Recommendation: Recipient Eligibility

- Option of allowing private, for-profit, and non-profit providers to be recipients or sub-recipients of funds under specific circumstances



Funding Allocation Options

Both Options:

- Minimum/base level
- STIF backfills funding
- 90% - formula
 - 5% - discretionary
 - 4% - intercommunity discretionary
 - 1% - technical resource center
- Adjusts future funding based on changes in revenues from all sources
- Adds criterion: Services for older adults and people with disabilities

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Option A

- Backfills STF revenues with STIF and distributes that portion of consolidated fund by population

OR

Option B

- Distributes STF legacy revenues by population
- Backfills STF revenues with STIF and distributes backfilled amount by payroll

Program Oversight and Management

- Complies with FTA requirements
- No change in total costs
- 4% for program oversight and management costs off the top (\$12 million in LAB)
- Eligible ODOT expenditures include projects:
 - of statewide significance
 - that fill gaps in network
- 96% of total revenues to local providers

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Consolidation Schedule

