

# MacDonald: Transit users should be first priority

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**cal involvement:** Current board member, SETD; City of Central Point Planning Commission; Airport Advisory Board, Seaside.

**What makes you the best candidate?** During my employment in the medical transport field, I have heard from many residents of their need for mobility and access to services. During my work

on the Board of Commissioners of Sunset Empire Transit, I have worked with other board members and staff members to plan and implement services that better meet the needs of the underserved in our district.

I, along with other board members, still see the need to better serve residents in the east part of the county, and set that as one of our

goals in the next biennium. As a board member, I continue to keep those served by our district as first priority, and seek better ways to meet their needs.

## Top issues?

1. Increasing fixed-route service.

2. Where's the Bus?

3. How do we pay for it?

**How will you deal with those issues?**

1. Adding state funding can help and equipment will allow shorter wait times.

2. The phone app, Transit, shows where the bus is and when it arrives at stops.

3. Applications to the State Special Transportation Improvement Fund will ask for support and, on May 8, citizens from the district will be added to the Budget Committee to plan our next year.

# Taylor: Vows to get to root cause of issues

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the Astoria Music Festival in 2003 and revived the festival in 2005, co-founded the Astoria Fiber Arts Studio in 2010. I became a registered parliamentarian in 2018. I was a manager for a Fortune 100 corporation for 19 years, with extensive training and experience in root-cause analysis, problem-solving, process improvement and budgeting.

**What makes you the best candidate?** My years of experience as a manager is excellent preparation for participating on the Sunset Empire Transportation District Board of Directors.

I'm used to handling complex budgets many times greater than that of the SETD.

I know how to ask questions and get to the root cause of problems, which is the best way to solve them. I have years of experience on various boards, and know how to function on a board.

## Top issues?

1. Preventing future crises, 2. Under-utilization of the transportation system, 3. Board effectiveness.

**How will you deal with those issues?**

Use my knowledge of parliamentary procedure to ensure the board members are effective to their fullest potential.

Develop and regularly review metrics on the services provided to the public.

Conduct reviews of current processes to identify potential weaknesses and failures.

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