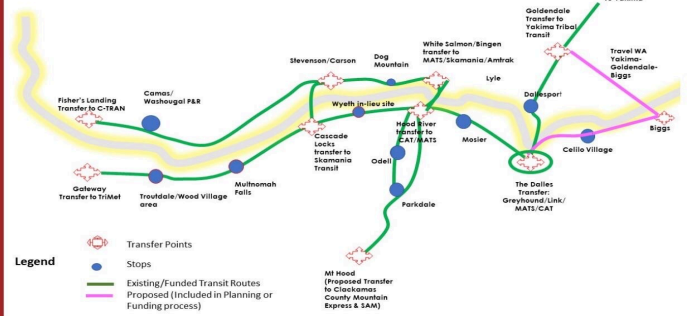


### Gorge Transit: Existing and Proposed Routes



# Transit Moves People. People Move Oregon.

Public transportation does a lot of important things that you might not even notice. It enables workers to get to jobs, older adults to medical facilities, younger people to schools, bike riders to urban centers, disabled adults to appointments and family members to shopping areas.

As public transportation matures and expands in Oregon, it will do many more important things. Electric buses will cut carbon emissions. Dial-a-ride and weekend service will give people more mobility options. Inter-community routes will expand the concept of neighborhood. On-demand scheduling and integrated payment platforms will empower statewide car-free travel. And that’s just the beginning.

Oregon’s 41 transit agencies have benefitted from additional funding through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) approved by the 2017 legislature.

In the attached backgrounders, the agencies tell their stories – what they did during the pandemic, how they invested their STIF funds and where they could invest additional STIF funding if it was available.



Check out the backgrounders at [TransitMovesOregon.com](http://TransitMovesOregon.com)

# House District 60



## Your Guide to Harney Hub Transit

### What our riders say

*I'm grateful to Cherriots drivers and staff who keep this service going. Many of us need the bus for groceries & prescriptions. Cherriots is always looking for ways to serve the community better and we're blessed to have them. Thanks so much!*

**Nichole**

*I am grateful for fearless bus drivers willing to do their part to get the essential and still working persons to work and back with stretched resources. I hope everyone stays safe. Thank you.*

**Gelante**

*I appreciate you still running. I work at Walmart and you're my only way there. You enable me to keep doing my job and helping people in this time.*

**Jeanne**

Harney Hub Transit is a private non-profit (501(c)3) that provides curb-to-curb service Monday through Friday 7-5:30 and Sunday 8-3. It provides a deviated fixed route Monday through Friday 7-7 and Saturday 8-5.

Harney Hub Transit predominately serves Burns and Hines, with service to all Harney County (10,220 square miles) with advanced reservation. We travel to Bend on a deviated fixed route once a week at no charge to riders, a large benefit to older adults who had postponed medical treatment because they couldn't afford the fare.

Harney Hub Transit provides medical rides throughout the community and to Bend, Boise and communities near them for veterans through an agreement with Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and a rural transit grant. We provide non-emergent medical transportation through an agreement with Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. for those who qualify.

Harney Hub Transit provides rides to and from the pre-school, at the Early Childhood Center, for children who don't have a school bus or other available transportation. We also have a regular ride to the Kids Club of Harney County for afterschool activities for all ages. Transporting high school students at no cost allows them to be where they need to be without parents or guardians taking time off from work to get them there.

### The Agency's Proudest Achievements

During the past three years, Harney Hub Transit celebrated 18 years of providing public transportation and 49 years as a community service organization. Our transportation program has doubled in the most recent 10 years. We introduced highly anticipated Saturday service, launched Sunday service for the first time in the community's history and began the deviated fixed route.

Service	Weekday Average boarding / week		
	FY19	FY21	FY22 YTD
Deviated Fixed	142	57	64
Curb to Curb	561	398	461
Deviated to Bend	1.66	4	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>704.66</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>528.8</b>



*“Our ridership offerings have doubled over the last 10 years”*

How many buses, vans and other vehicles do you operate?

Harney Hub Transit operates four small buses, three transit vans, two minivans that are supposed to be back-up vehicles but are utilized a great deal and one Ford Eco Sport car. All vehicles are in almost constant use.

Key priorities for making service route decisions?

Our drivers and dispatchers take regular input from riders. Harney Hub Transit constantly reviews this input as well as input from drivers, dispatchers and other employees. We base our decisions on the greatest need in the community.

How has Harney Hub applied its funding from the STIF?

We applied much of our STIF funding to provide preschool children and teens 9-12 grades with rides at no cost. We provided deviated fixed route services to Bend at no cost to riders, serving underserved communities. During the pandemic, funding enabled continuation of service. Funds also went to improve signage, expand the bus barn, add a washing station and install bike racks on buses.

How would Harney Hub apply additional STIF funding?

Further investment in public transportation will enable our communities to provide access to opportunities, create good paying jobs, address climate change and modernize transit systems to meet growing mobility demands:

- Expand **bus fleet** and replace older vehicles to include **hybrid and electric vehicles** with the infrastructure to transition to a more sustainable, cleaner future.
- Improve **access to public transit** to historically underserved communities and riders with disabilities.
- Pursue **sustainable mobility opportunities** to reach schools, access jobs and connect with each other.
- Strengthen **regional transportation networks**, connecting rural communities and allowing easier access to neighboring urban areas.

*“The preschool children we serve are from low-income families who struggle to make ends meet. Getting them to and from early education makes a real difference for those children and eases the burden on their working parents.”*

Angela Lamborn, Executive Director