



Gorge Transit: Existing and Proposed Routes



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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

House District 12



Your Guide to Lane Transit District (LTD)

How LTD lent a hand during the pandemic

LTD provided system-wide free rides on buses.

LTD employees helped disabled riders unable to wear facemasks accommodate by riding alone with shields during the pandemic.

LTD donated older paratransit vehicles that had met their useful life to Lane County Public Health for use as mobile vaccination units.

LTD hosted multiple vaccination clinics at our main stations.

LTD invested in an evolving campaign called "Don't Invite COVID" by creating a coalition and sharing information on how to spread the word, not COVID.

Lane Transit District is a special district of the State of Oregon led by a seven-member volunteer board of directors appointed by Oregon's governor.

LTD's budget is funded through a combination of fares, taxes paid by local employers and employees (payroll tax), and from state and federal sources. LTD connects the community by delivering more than 5 million annual passenger boardings from 30-fixed bus routes and two EmX Bus Rapid Transit lines.

RideSource, LTD's paratransit service, provides more than 250,000 trips annually for people with disabilities and Medicaid recipients. LTD provides services to local employers such as Group Pass and Emergency Ride Home programs. The District operates the Employer Transportation Coordinator Network and regional vanpools traveling up and down the Willamette Valley each week.

LTD's fixed route service includes 11 neighborhood stations, 1,300 bus stops, 200 fixed route shelters, 60 EmX (BRT) platforms, 22 park and rides and two hub stations located in Eugene and Springfield.

LTD offers several services outside the metro area including an on-demand service in Cottage Grove and commuter services between the Eugene area and Oakridge and the Eugene area and Florence.

LTD's mission is creating a more connected, sustainable and equitable community. LTD service provides access to jobs, educational opportunities, relief from congestion and reduction of community greenhouse gas emissions. LTD service offers mobility options other than single-occupancy vehicles.

The benefits of a robust public transit system serving our community don't just accrue for those riding the bus. Our streets are safer and less congested because people have options other than driving.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Weekly Average	162,611	79,240	66,685	85,344
Minimum	89,881	3,7892	4,7104	62,912
Maximum	195,305	184,997	89,616	101,569



LTD's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions have far exceeded goals set in 2020 because of electric buses purchased with STIF funding. By next year, one-third of LTD's total fleet will be transitioned to electric battery buses.

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

LTD has 100 buses that travel nearly 3 million miles per year. LTD has eleven 40-foot electric buses, with 19 more in 2023. There are 59 hybrid electric buses, 30 diesel and 21 EmX buses and 54 cutaway vehicles used for paratransit.

Key priorities for making service route decisions?

A key priority is fully restoring pre-pandemic service levels. LTD wants to increase service levels to outlying areas and on Saturday to improve access to services and jobs. LTD also seeks to increase equitable service on the agency's Frequent Transit Network.

How has LTD applied its funding from the STIF?

STIF funds support free K-12 student rides, discounted fares for low-income riders and new paratransit vehicles. STIF was used as local matching funds for 19 electric buses and additional vehicles for commuter service for Oakland and Florence and a mobility-on-demand pilot program in Oakland. A mobile wallet trip planning app, was developed updated signage and software was added and touchless fare collection was expanded and integrated.

How would LTD apply additional STIF funding?

LTD would expand and enhance services and amenities for rider, such as increased frequency, implementing more convenient fare collection technologies and offering trip planning, on-vehicle WiFi and other service enhancements.

LTD would further expand service between Eugene and Oakland and Eugene and Florence to offer improved service to rural areas. It also would strengthen the regional transit network with connections to Corvallis, Roseburg and Cottage Grove.



Paratransit service, an ADA requirement, is expensive to maintain and expand. Increased funding would be used to improve paratransit service to Cottage Grove, Junction City, Coburg and Veneta.

Increased STIF funding would be used for innovation such as helping riders seamlessly plan trips and purchase tickets from transportation providers locally such as the University of Oregon and statewide for transit, paratransit and biking.



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