

## TRANSIT

Public transit service is essential for the mobility of many County residents, and provides an affordable option for others who prefer to use it. The County contains five major public transportation systems. Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet), the state's largest transit provider, serves generally the western, more urbanized part of the county. The County also is home to four rural transit providers: South Clackamas Transportation District (SCTD) serving the Molalla area, Sandy Area Metro (SAM), Canby Area Transit (CAT) and Wilsonville's South Metro Area Transit (SMART). Clackamas County also directly supports the Mountain Express service which provides public transit to the Hoodland area along the Highway 26 corridor east of the City of Sandy. All of these services provide public transit as well as specialized services for seniors and persons with disabilities (paratransit) as mandated by the American with Disabilities Act.

Clackamas County participates in the development and implementation of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan which addresses the services available to vulnerable populations throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

The County can influence the type of service provided and the way new developments interface with transit and provide amenities for transit riders. Busses operated by the six districts, as well as each of the school districts in the county must safely share the county's roads with all other users.

### 5.T. Transit Policies

- 5.T.1 Work with transit agencies to identify existing transit deficiencies in the County, needed improvements, and additional park-and-ride lots needed to increase the accessibility of transit services to all potential users.
- 5.T.2 Emphasize corridor or roadway improvements that help ensure reliable and on-time transit service in the County.
- 5.T.3 Encourage transit providers to restructure transit service to efficiently serve local as well as regional needs.
- 5.T.4 Emphasize transit improvements that improve east-west connections; improve service between the County's industrial and commercial areas and neighborhoods; and best meet the needs of all County residents, employees and employers, regardless of race, age, ability, income level and geographic location.
- 5.T.5 Coordinate with all applicable transit agencies on all new residential, commercial and industrial developments to ensure appropriate integration of transit facilities and pedestrian access to transit facilities.
- 5.T.6 Require major developments and road construction projects along transit routes to include provisions for transit shelters, pedestrian access to transit and/or bus turnouts, where appropriate.

- 5.T.7 Promote park-and-ride lots, transit shelters and pedestrian/bikeway connections to transit. Coordinate the location of these facilities with other land uses to promote shared parking and bicycle/ pedestrian-oriented transit nodes.
- 5.T.8 Coordinate and cooperate with transit agencies to provide transportation for seniors, people with disabilities, and other transportation-disadvantaged populations. Provide continued support for paratransit services as required within a three-quarter-mile distance from fixed-route transit stops.
- 5.T.9 Coordinate transit-supportive, roadway improvements with transit-providers to ensure financing and implementation of such improvements.
- 5.T.10 **Urban** Require pedestrian and transit-supportive features and amenities and direct access to transit for new development.
- Pedestrian and transit supportive amenities may include pedestrian/bikeway facilities, street trees, outdoor lighting and seating, landscaping, shelters, kiosks, strict standards for signs, and visually aesthetic shapes, textures and colors. Buildings measuring more than 100 feet along the side facing the major pedestrian/transit access should have more than one pedestrian entrance. Pedestrian access should be provided to connect transit centers or transit stops on bus routes with centers of employment, shopping or medium-to-high density residential areas within one-quarter mile of these routes.
- 5.T.11 **Urban** Coordinate with transit providers to achieve the goal of transit service within one-quarter mile of most residences and businesses within the Portland Metropolitan UGB. Support more frequent service within Regional Centers, Town Centers, Station Communities, and Corridors and Main Streets.
- 5.T.12 **Urban** Work with federal, state and regional agencies to implement high capacity transit in the regional High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Plan in order to help relieve traffic congestion, provide for transportation alternatives to the automobile, and promote the County's economy. See Map 5-8c for the HCT network in the County.
- 5.T.13 **Urban** Site new commercial, institutional, and multi-family buildings at major transit stops as close as possible to transit, with a door facing the transit street or side street, and with no parking between the building and front lot lines.
- 5.T.14 **Rural** Focus safety improvements near existing or planned transit stops.