



# Transit Development Plan

## Overview

The Washington County Transit Development Plan (TDP) guides future transit investments and communicates a coordinated vision for transit service and access to transit. The TDP identifies needed and priority connections and other actions needed to support transit usage throughout the County. It guides investments of Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) by prioritizing investments for the upcoming biennium, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, and potential investments for the next five plus years. The TDP will be updated every two years.



## Prioritizing Equity

The TDP strives to advance equitable outcomes by improving access to transit for historically marginalized and underrepresented communities including communities of color, low-income households, older adults, persons with disabilities, youth, and other marginalized groups.

## Transit Advisory Committee

The Washington County Board of Commissioners appointed a Transit Advisory Committee to recommend public transportation project priorities to be funded by STIF outside of SMART and TriMet districts and Community Connector services within the TriMet District.

## Ride Connection

Washington County contracts with Ride Connection, Inc., a private, non-profit organization based in Gresham, Oregon, to provide transit services funded by STIF. Administrative oversight and planning support is provided by the Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation (LUT). Ride Connection, Inc. has provided public transportation services in Washington County for decades using state and federal funding along with private contributions.

## Priority programs

- **Demand Response:** Provides rides for older adults, people with disabilities as well as general public outside TriMet and SMART. Services are free and provided door-to-door.
- **Community connectors:** Serving Banks, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, North Plains and Tualatin. New community connector services are being planned for Bethany and King City/Durham. Provides community connections and employment area access with service to MAX, WES, frequent bus stops, and services provided by Yamhill and Tillamook counties.
- **Interregional Coordination:** Improves coordination with services provided by adjacent counties.

