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COLUMBIA COUNTY RIDER TRANSPORTATION BEGINS SATURDAY SERVICE

On Saturday, January 30, 2010 Columbia County Rider Transportation will begin offering four round trips from St. Helens/Scappoose to downtown Portland for residents of Columbia County.

Riders will be able to catch the bus at the St. Helens Medical Mall at 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. The bus will use the same stops beginning in St. Helens and Scappoose on Saturdays as it does on weekdays.

"We are very excited about offering this new service and we hope that as residents become more familiar with the schedule, they will find the service convenient to the south county area and downtown Portland", said Dan Garrison, Vice Chair of the Columbia County Citizens Transit Advisory Committee. "We have been working a long time to provide weekend service, and it was one of the highest priorities coming out of the update of our Columbia County Community-wide Transit Planning process that we completed last year". "In addition to the new Saturday service, this grant also allows us to expand our demand response service for elderly and disabled through-out the county".

Our ability to expand our transit service to include service on Saturdays is provided by a \$120,857 grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division through the Special Transportation Operating Program.

A brochure for this new service can be downloaded from the CCRider website at <u>www.columbiacountyrider.com</u> or for information riders can call 503-366-0159. For questions and further information, please contact Henry Heimuller at 503-366-8503 or Janet Wright at 503-397-1035

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