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C C RIDER TRANSIT CENTER GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY SCHEDULED

Columbia County will hold a ground breaking ceremony for the Columbia County Rider Transit Center on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at 1155 Deer Island Road in St. Helens. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this event in support of Public Transit for Columbia County.

This ground breaking event marks a milestone for public transit in Columbia County as the new transit center will provide a hub for all public transit activities, including administration offices and dispatch, vehicle maintenance and service and a park & ride facility.

In June the County purchased property at 1155 Deer Island Road in St. Helens that was previously owned by Stimson logging as a mill site by the Stimson Logging Company. The funding for this property was provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding and a grant provided by the Oregon Connect II Program. Both funding

programs were obtained through the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The site was selected as a part of an update of the Columbia County Community-wide Transit Plan that was completed this last summer. Several potential sites were reviewed and considered with the Stimson site size, location, proximity and access to US Highway 30, being the most attractive for public transit uses.

CCRider Transit staff projects that the project will be completed by the end of 2010. For more information on the event call 503397-1035 or for information on trip schedules and transit services call our dispatch at 503-366-0159 or go to our website at www.columbiacountyrider.com

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