



Kayak Public Transit Overview + Funding

About: Kayak Public Transit is a regional, rural transportation system currently funded by five state grants, two federal grants, and Tribal funds. The Public Transit program is operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. With routes to Pendelton, Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon, Pilot Rock, La Grande, Milton-Freewater, and Walla Walla. Kayak provides transit options to five counties and 15 communities. Riders rely on Kayak Public Transit's regional, rural transportation system to access employment, education, medical appointments, shopping, entertainment, to visit family, friends and more.

Legislative Funding Concept:

The bill if funded would match all 5307 and 5311 funds and will be referred to as the Public Transportation Development Fund. Additional Transportation funding would help sustain existing service and help provide additional service for Kayak Public Transit, improving the level and quality of service to our riders and region.

Kayak Public Transit Funding 2015-2017 ODOT Grants:

5311	\$379,886
5311(F)	\$99,116
STF	\$160,000
5310	\$95,472

These funds allow Kayak Public Transit to provide six transportation routes to five counties in Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington.

2015 Kayak Transit Ridership

January – March:	26,616
April – June:	26,475
July – September:	24,108
October – December:	17,490

TOTAL 94,689

What would additional funding mean to Kayak Transit Riders?

- Increased hours for bus schedule.
- Increased service frequency.
- Increased runs.
- Additional routes to communities not currently served.
- Provide express routes for commuters who work in a community they do not live in.

