

Rural Transit Discussion:

Coos County Area Transit

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CCAT HISTORY

- ▶ **1980's** - Transit services originally operated by Coos Curry Council of Governments
- ▶ **1999** - Transit Feasibility Study coincided with financing from State/Federal sources.
- ▶ **2003** – Insurance rates increased more than tenfold; Initial demonstration grants ran out, cutting funding by 44%
- ▶ **January 2004 (to present)** – CCAT becomes component unit of Coos county
 - ▶ Statutorily unable to levy taxes, assessments or bond
 - ▶ Financed solely through rider fees, donations, fundraisers, sale of equipment, grants, operating subsidies.

Who and How We Serve

Connecting people with employment, medical and other essential services

- ▶ Senior Citizens
 - ▶ People with Disabilities
 - ▶ Coos County general population
 - ▶ 49,500 rides per year
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- ▶ Fixed Routes - Bay Area Loop (east and west)
 - ▶ Intercity Connections
 - ▶ Dial-A-Ride Service

CCAT Funding Sources

- ▶ Current funding: \$766,190 annually
- ▶ 90%: Federal and State grants
 - ▶ Federal 5311: 226,070
 - ▶ Federal 5310: 270,555
 - ▶ State Special Transportation Fund: \$190,465
- ▶ 10%: Fare capture (\$45,000), local community grants and donations (\$12,900), bus advertising (\$1,200), service contracts (\$20,000)

Coos County Transit Challenges

- ▶ Highest percentage statewide of low income, elderly and people with disabilities as percentage of population (American Community Survey 2013):

	▶ Older Adults	Persons w/ disabilities	Low income
▶ Coos County	22%	23%	31%
▶ Oregon	14%	15%	28%

- ▶ Accessing routes can be challenging, resulting in some capacity issues
- ▶ Trips can take from 90 minutes to 2 hours due to fixed route schedule

Barriers To Better Service for Coos County

- ▶ Service Hours, currently 8:15 – 4:30
- ▶ Fixed route length
- ▶ Dial-a-Ride at capacity
- ▶ Total Funding / funding stability
 - ▶ Federal and State grants cut by \$53,000, 8% of our overall operating budget

Benefits of Additional Funding

- ▶ Expanded service hours
- ▶ Additional fixed routes
- ▶ Dial-a-Ride service expansion to rural communities

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