



Your Guide to Lincoln County Transit (LCTSD)

What our riders say

A very large pat on the back of Lincoln County Transit. A service that provides caring and polite service to people who don't drive.

Shirley

My experiences on Lincoln County Transit are favorable with friendly, helpful staff getting me to my destinations with buses that are clean and comfortable.

Issie

Lincoln County Transit is wheelchair accessible, low cost, courteous and professional. Dial a Ride rocks!!

Mitch

We love our drivers!
Uncle Dave

I appreciate all you do and the service you provide. I've ridden the bus just about everywhere in Lincoln County as well as Coast to Valley. You're great.

Kathy

Lincoln County Transportation Service District (LCTSD), aka Lincoln County Transit provides service to residents and visitors along with moving a labor force from Benton and Linn Counties. Lincoln County covers 980 square miles. Lincoln County Transit serves the seven incorporated cities of Lincoln City, Depoe Bay, Newport, Toledo, Siletz, Waldport, Yachats and unincorporated areas within the district. Service is also provided to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Lincoln County Transit provides four types of connective services: Dial-A-Ride, City Loop service in Lincoln City, Newport and soon in Waldport/Yachats, commuter and inter-community service. Newport is the hub of inter-community and commuter services with routes going north on Hwy 101 to Rose Lodge five times daily; east on Highways 20 and 229 to Toledo and Siletz six times daily and south on Highway 101 to Waldport and Yachats four times daily. The commuter service connects riders to Corvallis and Amtrak in Linn County four times daily.

LCTSD participates in the NW Connector as partners with transit agencies in Benton, Tillamook, Columbia and Clatsop counties. This 14-year-old collaboration provides seamless transit between coastal and inland counties. Newport and Corvallis connect with four round trips daily. Lincoln City and Tillamook pair options to go on to Portland. There is a partnership with Lane Transit and the service to Yachats and Florence.

LCTSD partners with the Samaritan Health Services Foundation to provide medical access bus passes at no cost for residents with medical appointments. Medical offices throughout Lincoln County are given medical access bus passes. Coordination with the county Veteran's Department offers free rides to the annual Veteran's Stand Down and other events. Lincoln County Transit works closely with the county Parole and Probation Department to provide rides for clients to get to work crew. In return, the work crew washes district buses twice a month.

Students in grades 7-12 use student body cards as bus passes to use transit services at no cost county-wide. Students enjoy independence and parents appreciate not having to use their car. LCTSD provides travel training for the school district's program to assist challenged students in learning how to navigate the bus system on their own, from learning what route to take to dealing with stranger danger.

	Weekly Average Boarding		
	FY19	FY21	FY22
Deviated Fixed Route	4,802	3,623	3,602
Curb to Curb	1,238	838	772
Coast to Valley Express	150	68	80
Total	6,190	4,529	4,454



The District's proudest moments came when it was called upon to help people evacuate from the 2020 Echo Mountain wildfire and 2024 snow and ice storm evacuations

How many buses, vans and other vehicles do you operate?

LCTSD operates 19 vehicles varying in size by type of service – seven 32 passenger buses, ten 20-22 passenger buses and two 8-10 passenger cutaways.

Key priorities for making service route decisions?

Top priority for service and routing decisions is based on community need. Many routes and services are coordinated so residents and visitors can transfer buses to get to another part of the county or individual cities. The following illustrates accomplishments and future achievements.

How has LCTSD applied its funding from the STIF?



- Expanded a route in east county to provide service on the west side of Siletz, giving residents access to the public school, childcare, kids' recreation center, workout center and the entire west side of the community. Sunday service was added to this route in December 2023.
- Matched state grants funds to purchase buses and draw revenues for operating expenses.
- Provided extra sanitizing on buses and in shelters and bought protective face masks to ensure passenger safety.
- Offered no-cost student transportation.
- Reduced higher fare services to give low-income and disabled riders increased access.
- Added Sunday service to two additional routes Dec 2023.

How would LCTSD apply additional STIF funding?

- Replace older vehicles with newer, low-emissions ones to support the transition to a more sustainable, cleaner future.
- Expand the fleet to improve access, including for historically underserved communities as well as riders with disabilities.
- Offer new sustainable mobility options that open opportunities for riders to reach schools, access jobs and connect with each other.
- Strengthen regional transportation networks, connecting rural communities and making access to urban areas easier.
- Design and build an operations/admin building.
- Build a garage to park district buses indoors and protect them from the salty coastal air that causes premature rust.