



## Your Guide to Corvallis Transit System

### OUR SERVICE – A SMALL SYSTEM WITH BIG RESULTS

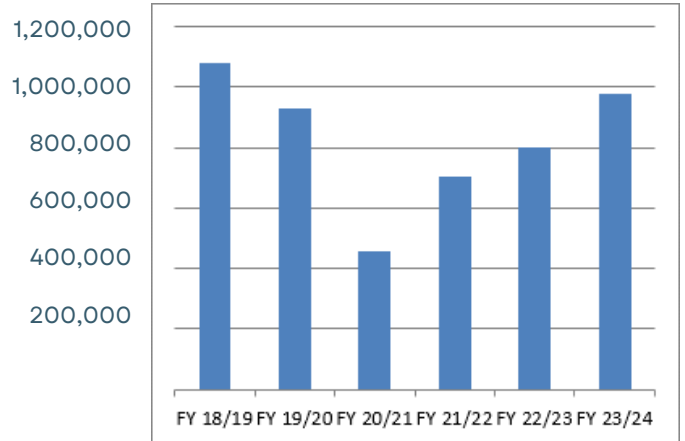
From its modest beginning over 50 years ago with two buses, Corvallis Transit System (CTS) has grown into a robust system providing one million rides per year to a college town of 60,000. The system is owned and operated by the City of Corvallis.

CTS operates 10 fixed routes, seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (weekdays), with a fleet of fifteen 35-foot buses. Our Downtown Transit Center is a hub for regional services such as the Philomath Connection, Benton Area Transit’s Coast to Valley and 99 Express, and City of Albany’s Linn Benton Loop.



### A LEADER IN FARE EQUITY

While many transit systems suspended fares during the height of the pandemic, CTS is proud that we’ve been completely fare free since 2011. Ridership increased over 30% when the system went fareless, demonstrating that even a modest fare is a barrier to some riders.



CTS Ridership since 2018

### GOING ELECTRIC

CTS will put its first two Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) into service in 2024. The community is excited about and has long been anticipating this transition, envisioned in the Transit Development Plan and the Corvallis Climate Action Plan. Two additional BEBs were awarded to CTS from the FTA’s “2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program” and CTS plans to continue electrifying its fleet as the current diesel buses reach their useful lives.

## PART OF THE FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITY

CTS ridership looks like our community – students, visitors, and community members, folks who rely on CTS for transportation and riders who live without a car by choice or who prefer the bus to driving for some trips. OSU students, including many international students, are able to come to school in Corvallis without having to bring a car with them to campus.

*"I am an elderly woman who has been using CTS for 7 plus years. I am unable to drive due to a fairly recent medical condition. The drivers are friendly and genuinely concerned for my wellbeing. I am so grateful for CTS!" – Sharon P.*



*"I lost both of my legs during the Vietnam War, and have not driven a car since. CTS has given me the ability to stay active in my community. I spend much of my time at the Elks club which conveniently has a bus stop right out front. Thank you CTS!" – Earl E.*

## HOW HAS CTS USED STIF FUNDING TO IMPROVE SERVICE?

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Funding has been a game-changer around Oregon, and Corvallis is no exception.

### We were immediately able to provide and sustain:

- Longer evening hours on all routes
- Brand new Sunday service
- Increased frequency on several high-use routes
- Added service to previously unserved area
- Accelerate our transition to electrification

### And on the capital side...

- Garage expansion to accommodate a modern fleet
- Upgraded on-board camera system for safety and security
- New larger shelters on a high-use corridor
- Upgraded on-board bus technology with visual displays for next stop and general system info
- With regional partners, building a new transit hub on a busy transit corridor adjacent to Oregon State University



## HOW WOULD CTS USE ADDITIONAL STIF FUNDING?

Within the next few years, CTS will need to secure property for and build a new yard that is purpose-built to accommodate electric buses and charging equipment. This is the single biggest capital need on the horizon. Other projects we would implement with additional funding include:

- Microtransit to link downtown with OSU and provide a weekend late night service
- Extend service later into the evening for key routes
- Additional frequency during peak hours for several high-use routes
- Continue transition to electric buses
- Replace aged transit shelters that have exceeded their useful life