



## Expanded Service to Work, School & Clinics

Harney Hub Transit provides curb-to-curb service Monday-Friday from 7 am-5:30 pm and Sunday from 8 am-3 pm. Rides are \$1 a stop. We suggest riders schedule ahead. We provide deviated fixed route service free of charge for all riders from 7 am-7 pm on Monday-Friday and 8 am-5 pm on Saturday, except on holidays.

We contract with our local coordinated care organization to provide rides to medical appointments. We contract with Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide medical rides for qualifying veterans to Central Oregon, Boise and occasionally to Portland. Providing transportation for specialized medical appointments allows our older community members to age in place in their own homes.

**Power of STIF Funding.** STIF funding allowed us to develop our deviated fixed routes and provide this service at no cost to riders. Funding provides rides for our school children at no cost to families.

We also provide ride cards for purchase – 25 rides for \$20. We use STIF funding to stabilize service by building a reserve account that will allow us to continue to provide transit service even when reimbursement is slow.

STIF intercity funding allows us to provide a weekly trip between Bend and Burns. We alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays. The service is free and allows riders to reach medical providers previously out of reach because of the \$35 round-trip cost. STIF Discretionary funding enabled us to replace an aging vehicle.

STIF investment in frontier Oregon has allowed us to provide more service and service hours to the community, helping riders go places they previously couldn't and getting them to work or school without the stress on tight budgets.

**Additional STIF Funding.** With added STIF funding, we could sustain our service, expand service hours, add buses and retain our valuable drivers and staff.

*As reported by OPB, Darlene Needham was a one-woman Dial-a-Ride transit service for seniors for 25 years until the creation of Harney Hub. "It was frustrating turning people away because we didn't have the ability to serve them." Now there's a fleet of buses with drivers averaging 500 miles a day. Not surprisingly, ridership has soared, with two-thirds of Harney Hub passengers younger than 60 years old.*

