



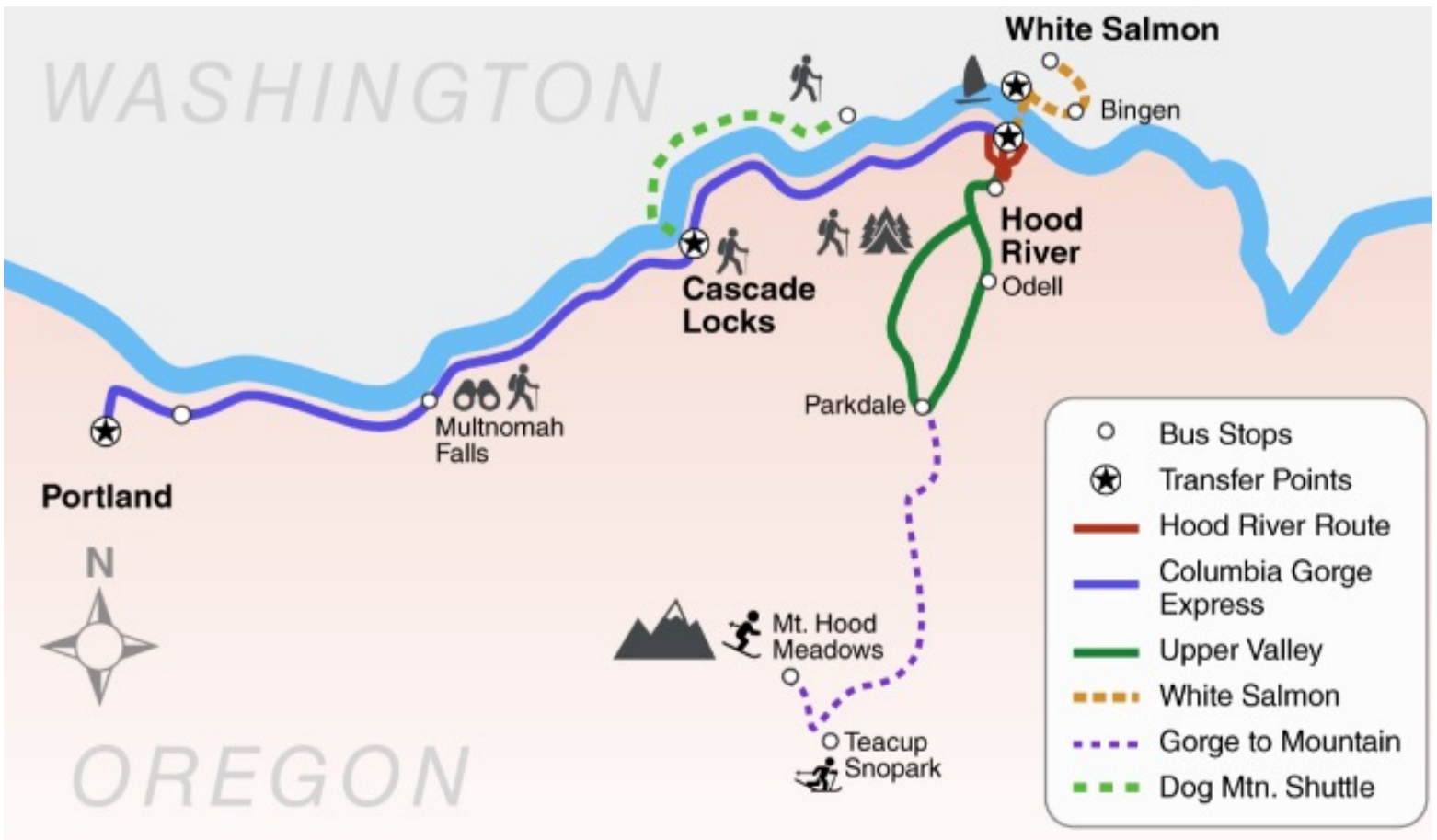
STIF is making a difference everyday in every corner and every corridor of Oregon thanks to transit providers like



Hood River County Transportation District, which operates as Columbia Area Transit – CAT, is the public transportation provider in Hood River County.

Prior to 2017, CAT was primarily a demand response service. Since then, CAT has shifted to a fixed-route system, which allows all community members to get to work, school, services and play. **This shift was possible because of STIF funding.**

CAT plays a strategic role in the Statewide Transportation Network by connecting eastern and western Oregon and is a active partner in the Gorge regional transit system that connects our rural communities to urban areas.





How we've used our STIF funding

- In 2018 CAT took over from ODOT the Columbia Gorge Express that travels between the City of Hood River, City of Cascade Locks, Multnomah Falls, Troutdale and Gateway Transit Center in Portland. It runs seven times a day during the fall/winter and nine times a day during the spring/summer. This is a vital connection for locals and visitors and a **critical congestion mitigation tool**.
- Development of the Hood River City Fixed Route into a thriving seven day a week service providing access to jobs, food, entertainment and service.
- CAT has used STIF to leverage larger federal grants such as a recent \$7 million FTA grant.
- Free Gorge Transit pass program for students and low-income residents.
- Coordinated with the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District to provide Travel Training resources.
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How our ridership continues to grow

- Provided more than 83,000 trips on fixed route, intercity, seasonal and demand response services.
- Removed an estimated 17,500 private vehicle trips from the I-84 corridor between Hood River and Portland.
- Removed an estimated 3,700 private vehicle trips from Highway 35 during the winter season between Hood River and Mt. Hood Meadows.
- Provided more than 21,800 trips on the Hood River City route.

CAT Ridership 2021-2024

