MEMORANDUM

Senior Services & LINX Transit

Date: November 1, 2026

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

From: Kindra Oliver, Senior Center & LINX Transit Director

Subject: Monthly LINX Transit & Senior Center Report

LINX Transit:

LINX Transit continues to be closed on Saturdays, through December 2026.

The Linn County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met two times in October to discuss Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) applications that were previously submitted to Linn County, for the FY2027-29 biennium. Grant application requests exceeded the anticipated funding available to Linn County providers for the FY2027-29 biennium. The Linn County TAC had much discussion about the best way to allocate funds and has made a recommendation for funding that will be forwarded to the Linn County Board of Commissioners, at an upcoming meeting.

Oregon Department of Transportation STIF Discretionary Grant awards for FY2027-28 will be announced in mid-January 2027.

Oregon Department of Transportation STIF Discretionary Grant solicitations for FY2028-30 biennium will be open to start applying in January 2027.

Senior Center:

Senior Center and LINX staff participated in a local networking opportunity, hosted by Oregon Cascades Council of Governments (COG). It was a great opportunity for staff to connect with other providers to gain additional knowledge of local services available to support seniors and those with disabilities in our community. COG staff routinely refer seniors to LINX and the Senior Center for transportation, educational and social opportunities, and more! Many medical providers refer seniors to partake in our evidence-based exercise programs to improve and maintain balance, strength and flexibility. Our missions are very similar, aiming to offer services and support for aging well, maintaining independence, fostering social opportunities, offering life long learning programs, improving health, advocacy, and so on.

Open Enrollment for Medicare supplemental plans is in full swing. Our year-round partnership with SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance) is a valuable free resource to seniors in our community that offers an unbiased look into information surrounding health care costs. Prior to the beginning of Open Enrollment, SHIBA held three presentations at the Senior Center to share about plan changes and things to know for the 2027 calendar year. The sessions were well-attended and we hope many in our community are more prepared to select the best options to meet their healthcare needs. There are additional opportunities to make appointments with SHIBA volunteers for one-on-one appointments and attend presentations from local insurance brokers at the Senior Center, as well.

We are excited to be connecting 14 seniors with a class of 8th graders from East Linn to take part in being interviewed for the 8th graders intergenerational writing narrative assignment. Students will be interviewing a senior and trying to identify things they may have in common with them about growing up. Of course, they will spot some differences, too. Even though time periods of growing up may have different technology, toys and social norms there are some similar experiences we may all encounter as we grow up. Intergenerational programs provide opportunities for enrichment, connection and a sense of contribution, for both groups.