



MEMORANDUM

Senior Services & LINX Transit

Date: February 3, 2025

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

From: Kindra Oliver, Senior Center & LINX Transit Director

Subject: Monthly LINX Transit & Senior Center Report

LINX Transit:

To date, LINX Transit has provided 43,300 rides and on track to provide close to 75,000 rides this fiscal year.

We have hired a new part-time LINX driver who will be starting their training this week.

LINX Transit will be issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for our scheduling and dispatching software system next week. LINX and IT staff have been meeting virtually with different vendors who responded to our Request for Information (RFI) we published a couple of months ago, to learn more about their software products and services. This process has allowed us to compile additional information to be included in our RFP process to find the best fit for our LINX team. Some of the features on the programs should prove to be helpful for gaining efficiencies, improving accuracy and streamlining communication. We received funding through Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for 80% of the cost and Linn County Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) for the 20% match. Thank you to Andy, and other IT staff for all of their assistance with this project.

We just completed a cultural assessment for the property at Park and Oak Street, as requested by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). We're hoping the FTA will process the paperwork quickly and give us the green light to complete the improvements at the bus stop, at Park and Oak. The improvements will be paid for through a federal grant. Thank you to Kelly and Ron for helping us through the cultural assessment process!

We are getting closer to moving the LINX fleet over to the MT Shops, on Oak Street, and planning to move the fleet over in the next few days. The project isn't 100% complete, but the gate has been installed and the lot is paved and striped. We will be installing mirrors on the fence to make it easier to check rear lights during the pre-inspection process. Maintenance is currently finishing up installation of the parking lot lights. We have yet to build a 10*20-foot storage shed, make

improvements to the shop in order to work on the buses and add an awning to cover the buses, as available funding allows. We received a STIF grant through ODOT for 80% of the cost of the project, 20% through Linn County and the City Maintenance Department has provided some in-kind for helping to complete the project. The project will be completed by June 30, 2025. We greatly appreciate the City Maintenance Department for all of their work to complete the project for our growing fleet.

Senior Center:

The new year is off to the races at the Senior Center. In order support the health objectives of more seniors, we are adding to our exercise programming. Easy Cardio will be joining our Friday line up as well, allowing participants to attend two times per week. We are replacing our weekly Get Centered class with a Gentle Flow Yoga class that will be offered two times each week.

We have been working with Lane and Linn County Behavioral Health to schedule mental/behavioral health presentations almost every month throughout 2025. Chris Eihlers will be hosting these presentations on a variety of topics with a focus on older adult well-being. Some of the topics will hopefully continue to help seniors identify and put healthy habits into action.

We are excited about a new partnership with the Law program out of Willamette University. Willamette University Clinical Law Program Trusts and Estates Clinic will present on important legal documents (Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney & Advance Directives) on Saturday, March 8th at 10:00am at our Senior Center. The Trusts and Estate Clinic will also share about the pro bono services that they can provide in preparing these documents for those that meet their criteria. This presentation is open to the community and family members assisting older adults are encouraged to attend. Conversations with faculty and program leaders will continue after the first presentation. We hope to strengthen this partnership to add a pop-up document clinic (or two) next year. Many seniors and their families have inquired about more financially accessible options for updating or creating important final documents. The potential for Willamette Law students to help many in our community is a huge opportunity.