



# MEMORANDUM

## *Senior Services & LINX Transit*

Date: January 1, 2025

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

From: Kindra Oliver, Senior Center & LINX Transit Director

Subject: Monthly LINX Transit & Senior Center Report

### LINX Transit:

At the mid-point of the fiscal year, we are at 36,400 rides provided, which is a 21% increase from last year. We are on track to provide 72,000-75,000 rides this fiscal year.

We have a new LINX driver starting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, filling a full-time vacant position.

LINX Transit has taken possession of a “new to us” 2016 Ford Transit van, which was gifted to us from the Sweet Home Dial-a-Bus and Linn Shuttle program. The van has reached its “useful life,” with 172,000 miles, but still has many miles left to go. LINX Transit has seven cut away buses (12 to 18 passenger), one 6 passenger van and now one 8 passenger van, for a total of 9 vehicles. All vehicles are equipped with ADA lifts and space for multiple mobility devices. During peak periods, we are running eight vehicles, so the additional van is very much needed to provide service at the level we are. Thank you to the Sweet Home Dial-a-Bus and Linn Shuttle Program!

### Senior Center:

The Senior Center 10<sup>th</sup> annual Tree of Giving Program helped to coordinate 44 local seniors to have a cheery and happy holiday, along with a sense of community and belonging. We are very thankful to our community members who adopted tags from the tree to help brighten the spirits of these seniors who don't have family in the area and in need of some essential items and uplifting gifts.

We are excited about a developing partnership with the Willamette University School of Law to offer free legal consultations about end-of-life planning documents, at the Senior Center. Staff is continuing conversations with faculty and hope to offer the program this spring, to help empower seniors and families in the community.

Our senior holiday party brought many together to celebrate this special time of year. The Lebanon High School Choir treated seniors by sharing musical pieces from their recent concert and Santa Claus rode the LINX bus in to lead some carols. The high schoolers and seniors enjoyed a hot chocolate bar and treats brought in by the seniors.