MEMORANDUM

Senior Services & LINX Transit

Date: October 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.

We have submitted Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) applications to Linn County for the FY2027-29 biennium. Applications will be presented to the Linn County Transportation Advisory Committee for review and making recommendations for funding to the Linn County Board of Commissioners. Grant application requests exceeded the anticipated funding available to Linn County for the FY2027-29 biennium. Linn County STIF Plans are due to ODOT in January 2027. We hope to have a good idea of our FY2027-29 allocations for STIF, as well as other state and federal grant awards, in January 2027.

Senior Center:

September 15th, we celebrated National Senior Center Month with a nod to what makes our Senior Center truly special, unique and magical…and that is the amazing older members of our community! NCOA picked the theme, "Happier Birthdays Happen Here." Our program provided an opportunity to mingle, enjoy a professional magician (that happened to be a senior) perform daring fetes, and enjoy some tasty carnival inspired treats. Seniors from The Oaks and from Colonia Paz both put on group singing performances, as well.

On September 22nd, our annual fall prevention program was held in collaboration with the Physical Therapy Program from COMP-NW. This was our 4th year working together to provide this very important educational opportunity to seniors in our community. About 38 seniors participated in the seminar and activities, with a focus on how Osteoporosis effects fall risks. 30 students and 6 faculty from COM-NW helped put on the presentation, perform individual fall risk assessments, and help co-host break-out sessions and hands-on learning opportunities.

With a change in seasons, staff have been inspired to bring nature inside for crafts this month with Leaf Prints and Pinecone Flowers. Incorporating nature is a great way to connect and encourage

an opportunity to go for a walk outside to find items to use for a nature craft. Fresh air and a little exercise become a byproduct of these efforts. Using these indirect physical movement opportunities can be powerful tools in reminding people of what they CAN still do or to demonstrate how motivation to move can come from different sources. Gathering leaves on a walk on a lovely sun filled fall day and later using them to make lovely prints was also a great opportunity to engage seniors in sharing favorite fall memories.

Approximately 500 people turned out for the TomatoFest held at the Senior Center by the Master Gardners, overseen by Sheryl Casteen. The group appreciates the City's support of this massive undertaking to continue to encourage the community to grow healthy, organic food.