



MEMORANDUM

Senior Services & LINX Transit

Date: April 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:

ODOT and Linn County have recently published application due dates for the 2027-29 biennium public transportation grant solicitations for state and federal funding opportunities. There are several due dates in April and May for Federal and state grant applications. The FY2027-29 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) payroll and population grant process will open up in August 2026.

LINX Transit continues to experience a high demand for public transportation service and our staff are keeping very busy. To date (3/31/26), we've provided 61,393 rides.

We've recently conducted some smaller group training with our drivers to go over our boarding and deboarding of riders with mobility devices, in order to continue providing the safest, most efficient and courteous service to the public. LINX drivers currently attend a 8-hour Passenger Assistance, Safety and Sensitivity (PASS) training, through ODOT every two years, which is designed to educate drivers how to provide safe and sensitive assistance to passengers with disabilities and additional needs. The intent of our internal small group training was to expand on the PASS training and revisit our operational policies and protocols for boarding, securing and deboarding our riders who have a mobility device or need additional assistance. The smaller training provided opportunities for additional discussion on how to secure some of our more challenging devices we encounter (ie. Some of the 3-wheeled scooters, larger devices, etc.), communication with our riders and other related topics. Our LINX drivers and other staff also teamed up to take turns going through the process of riding up the lift in a wheelchair, being secured and going for a short ride, so everyone experienced it from the rider's perspective.

Senior Center:

The Seven Oak Middle School Jazz Band recently came to perform some lively music that captivated our seniors. Seniors appreciated the opportunity to see the kids perform at an earlier time of day, as most concerts occur in the evening when many do not feel they can attend. Music

transcends generations and shares culture. Both groups could appreciate the support the other was providing for a shared interest in music. Seniors also got to reminisce about instruments they used to play or played. Twenty-one students and about 50 seniors filled the auditorium and tapped their toes.

We are planning an Afternoon Tea on Thursday, April 23rd, at 2:00pm. The 2026 Lebanon Strawberry Princesses will be our honored guests and Strawberryian, Dale Hall, will share a brief presentation on several aspects of Lebanon's Strawberry Festival history. We are excited to set the tables with our beautiful, antique tea sets for all to enjoy an elegant and delightful afternoon over tea, delectable treats and great company with others!