



New transit services for Mt. Hood

Mountain Express expanding services to Government Camp

The Federal Lands Access Program has awarded \$476,000 in new grant funding for expanded transit service to Clackamas County, the Mt. Hood National Forest, and the City of Sandy. The funding will help to expand the Mountain Express bus service to Government Camp, Timberline Lodge and other locations on Mt. Hood, as well as Sandy Area Metro (SAM) bus service. An earlier grant awarded by the Federal Transit Administration will purchase new buses and other equipment.



What is the Mountain Express?

The Mountain Express is a bus service for communities along Highway 26, running from the City of Sandy east to Rhododendron.

What will the grant fund?

The grant will help expand Mountain Express service to Government Camp and Timberline. It will include at least three stops in Mt. Hood communities along Highway 26, as well as stops at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl West. It will also fund Sunday bus service between Sandy and Gresham.

How often will it run?

The new service will run seven days per week year around. There will be five bus runs every day and two additional bus runs during the winter season from Dec. 1st to March 31st. There will continue to be two local runs in the Villages communities six days per week. SAM will add bus service on Saturday mornings and on Sunday between Sandy and Gresham to provide connections throughout the week.

When will the new service start?

The new service will start October 1st, 2013.

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Who will operate the expanded Mountain Express?

Clackamas County Social Services will continue to manage the service. The Social Services Division has managed the service for over six years. The day to day operations of the service are contracted to Rojoy Services, a local transit company.

Who is paying for operations?

The new service model includes a public-private partnership between Clackamas County, Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood Ski Bowl and The Resort at the Mountain to provide financial support for the operations of the expanded service. Fares for a one way ride will continue to be \$2.

What buses will be used?

We will use our smaller 20-seat buses for the Villages service and are borrowing larger 40-passenger buses from another agency until our new ones come in. The new ones will have special equipment for moving bikes and winter sports equipment.

What happens next?

Please join us at one of the following meetings to get updates and provide your input into the proposed routes and stops:

Saturday, August 10th at 7 p.m. In conjunction with the Government Camp CPO Meeting, Mt Hood Cultural Center and Museum, 88900 Government Camp Loop, Government Camp.

Thursday, August 15th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Hoodland Fire Station, 69634 E. Hwy. 26, Welches

Wednesday, August 21st from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sandy Transit Operations Center, 16610 Champion Way, Sandy

Additional information can be found at the Mountain Express webpage www.clackamas.us/socialservices/mountainexpress.html or at the City of Sandy website at www.cityofsandy.com

How can I get involved?

If you would like to receive updates on the project, or would like to get involved, please contact Teresa Christopherson, with Clackamas County Social Services at 503-650-5718 or teresachr@clackamas.us.

