

**US 30 Transit Access Plan and Columbia County Community-wide Transit Plan**  
**Final Vision Statement**  
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Public transportation services support Columbia County's quality of life by providing mobility options for County residents, employees, employers, and visitors. Columbia County Rider will provide quality, accessible transit service throughout Columbia County, with interoperable connections to regional multimodal transportation providers, while expanding service over time for all users in a fiscally responsible manner. Planning for Columbia County Rider service will meet the needs of the communities it serves.

Mobility

About half of Columbia County's workers work outside the county. Columbia County Rider will serve the mobility needs of Columbia County residents and employers by providing:

- Connections within and between Columbia County communities;
- Access to jobs, educational opportunities, and services in the surrounding region;
- Links to intercity transportation providers (e.g., Greyhound, Amtrak, CUBS);
- Dial-a-ride service to those unable to use the fixed- and flex-route systems;
- Support for carpool and vanpool formation; and
- Services in times of emergency without regard to borders.

Quality of Service

Columbia County Rider will provide convenient, reliable, affordable, safe, and secure transportation for its users. Passengers will have ready access to accurate information about public transportation services. Columbia County Rider will work to coordinate services, schedules, and fares with connecting and auxiliary public, non-profit, and private transportation providers.

Service Growth

As demand warrants and funding permits, service will be expanded to:

- Increase capacity to accommodate growing ridership;
- Extend hours and/or days of service on existing routes; and
- Implement new fixed and/or flex routes.

Columbia County Rider will work with regional and state agencies to encourage the development of additional commuter services and for future commuter rail service in the US 30 corridor.

Access

The Community-wide planning goal is to provide access for all residents to public transit options. Columbia County Rider will partner with local governments, public and private property owners, and ODOT when locating bus stops and establishing and maintaining park-and-ride lots. Priority will be given to locations with ample park-and-ride capacity. Bus stops will be located in safe, secure, and ADA-accessible locations. Pedestrian and bicycle access to and from bus stops will be considered, including access to and from existing or future transit connections.

Implementation

Columbia County Rider will seek to integrate the implementation of improvements with partner agencies through city and county land use processes, economic development activities, and coordination on project development, and by seeking opportunities for joint funding.