

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting Changes in
Service for Columbia County Rider
Transportation

ORDER NO. 19-2019

WHEREAS, following an extensive public outreach process and in accordance with the Columbia County Rider Fare and Service Change Policy (adopted by Order No. 2-2012), the Board of County Commissioners adopted Order No. 4-2019, which approved certain transit service reductions in response to current and projected budget shortfalls for Columbia County Rider (“CC Rider”); and

WHEREAS, the service reductions included removal of the mid-day run to and from Portland as well as a change the Vernonia service from fixed route to demand response; and

WHEREAS, through the public outreach process, the Board heard abundant testimony objecting to the removal of the Portland mid-day run, and as a result, noted that the mid-day service would receive the highest priority should additional funding allow for it; and

WHEREAS, CC Rider is receiving additional funds – its share of TriMet Special Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) for 2019 – sooner than anticipated, and staff therefore recommends that the Portland mid-day service be resumed; and

WHEREAS, because the additional funds allow for 1.5 runs into Portland, staff also recommends adding a “half” run to and from Sauvie Island at a reduced fare of \$3, since it is a reduced route; and

WHEREAS, finally, the recent change in service in Vernonia from fixed route to demand response was based on incorrect ridership numbers and has not been efficient; and

WHEREAS, because most of the trips in Vernonia coincide with the fixed route service to Willow Creek, staff recommends that the Vernonia service be changed back to fixed route, with an additional stop in Banks. Service starting and ending at Banks would be at a reduced fare of \$3 since it is a reduced route;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS, as follows:

1. The following changes in CC Rider transit service are hereby adopted and unless otherwise noted below, shall become effective on April 1, 2019:

- a. A weekday, mid-day run to and from Portland shall be resumed.
- b. Service to Sauvie Island at a reduced fare of \$3.00 shall be established.
- c. Line 6 (Vernonia) shall return to fixed-route service, with an additional stop in Banks. Service starting and ending at Banks shall be at a reduced fare of \$3.00.

2. In support of its decision, the Board adopts as findings the above recitals.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]
Henry Heimutter, Chair

By: [Signature]
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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Alex Tardif, Commissioner

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