

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting a Temporary
Suspension of Line 2 Service (PCC) for
Columbia County Rider Transportation Due to
Campus Closure in Response to COVID-19

ORDER NO. 39-2020

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 25-2020, declaring an emergency for Columbia County to address the spread of COVID-19 and authorizing the Board to take actions and issue orders necessary to protect the public and minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, through its Line 2 service, which is funded primarily by Portland Community College (PCC), Columbia County Rider (CC Rider) provides public transportation to PCC's Rock Creek and Willow Creek campuses; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, PCC closed its campuses as directed by Oregon Governor Executive Order No. 20-09, issued on March 19, 2020, which prohibits colleges and universities from conducting in-person instruction in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, because there is no need to provide public transportation to its closed campuses, PCC has reduced its funding for Line 2; and

WHEREAS, under the authority granted by ORS 401.309, the Board finds it necessary to temporarily suspend CC Rider's Line 2 service to PCC Rock Creek and Willow Creek campuses to ensure public transportation, which is an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic, remains focused on the areas that depend on the service;

WHEREAS, the CC Rider Fare and Service Change Policy, adopted by Order No. 2-2012, establishes procedures to allow for and encourage public participation in any consideration of route, fare and/or service changes for the CC Rider transit system; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that because the suspension of Line 2 service is a temporary measure that coincides directly with the COVID-19 emergency and because the service will resume once the PCC campuses reopen, the public hearing procedures of the Fare and Service Change Policy do not apply because the policy addresses permanent fare and service changes;

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

1. The Line 2 service to PCC/Willow Creek is temporarily suspended while the campuses are closed due to COVID-19.
2. The Board adopts the above recitals as findings in support of its decision.
3. The Line 2 temporary service suspension shall become effective May 1, 2020.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2020.

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Alex Tardif, Chair

By: Margaret Magruder
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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