








# Joint Committee on Transportation

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## SAM – A TRUSTED LINK IN UNCERTAIN TIMES



SAM recognizes that transit is a vital link, and sometimes the only means, for Sandy residents to access employment, groceries, and important services. SAM will continue to be there for residents while keeping services as safe as possible during this pandemic. As of May 1, all SAM services will run on the regular scheduled times, returning to half-hourly service Monday through Friday. Please check our webpage for updates [ci.sandy.or.us/transit](http://ci.sandy.or.us/transit). These are some of the changes made by SAM to continue serve our community.

-  All SAM services are currently free of charge
-  SAM has partnered with the Senior Center to deliver Meals on Wheels
-  SAM has partnered with Sandy's Helping Hands to deliver groceries from the Fred Meyer Click List - Call us if you need a delivery
-  All buses are cleaned/disinfected at the end of each run and thoroughly disinfected each night
-  Social distancing is enforced on all vehicles; 10 or less people on vehicles at a time
-  Minimizing shared trips for medical appointments
-  Facemasks recommended for passengers and cloth masks provided if needed - thanks to a generous donation from Sandy's Helping Hands!



Have a transit need? Give us a call 503.668.3466

# Sandy Transit drivers pivot to help with Meals on Wheels during crisis

 Brittany Allen  May 12 2020



## Sandy Area Metro provides vehicles, drivers for 'life-sustaining' services



PMG PHOTO: BRITTANY ALLEN - Kayoni Winfree and Brian Jensen both provide medical rides in the Sandy community and also now help drive for Meals on Wheels.

# Cascades East Transit (CET)

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**SISTERS - BEND  
SHOPPER SHUTTLE  
Operates on Thursdays**



- ▶ 19 - 21 STIF Funds
  - ▶ New Saturday Service Regional Connectors
  - ▶ New Route 31 La Pine to Sunriver
  - ▶ New Sisters to Bend Shopper Shuttle
  - ▶ New Vehicles for New/Enhanced Routes
- ▶ 22 - 23 STIF Funds
  - ▶ Continuation of Enhanced Service
  - ▶ Increased Frequency on Major Fixed Routes in Bend
  - ▶ Increased Frequency on Regional Connectors

# Corvallis Transit System (CTS) and Benton County (BAT)



- ▶ 19 - 21 STIF Funds
  - ▶ Implemented a 25% Service Expansion in September 2019
  - ▶ Added Sunday Transit Service
  - ▶ Increased Weekday Frequency on 2 Major Routes
  - ▶ Extended Mon - Sat Evening Hours for All Routes
- ▶ 22 - 23 STIF Funds
  - ▶ Continuation of Enhanced Service (CTS)
  - ▶ Philomath Connection Expansion (BAT)
  - ▶ Major Expansion of Linn-Benton Loop (BAT)
  - ▶ Expansion of Coast to Valley Express (BAT)
  - ▶ Expansion of Albany Transit System's Service to North Albany (BAT)
  - ▶ Brand New Service between Yamhill County Transit and Benton Area Transit (BAT)

# Lane Transit District (LTD)



- ▶ 19 - 21 STIF Funds
  - ▶ New Connector in City of Cottage Grove
  - ▶ New EmGo Service in Downtown Eugene
  - ▶ Increased Frequency to Bus Rapid Transit
  - ▶ Increased Span of Service for Late Night and Weekend
- ▶ 22 - 23 STIF Funds
  - ▶ Electrify Fleet (Transition 50% in 5 years)
  - ▶ Leverage Federal Funds
  - ▶ Fleet Technology Investments
  - ▶ Expand the Low-Income Fare Program
  - ▶ Expand the Student Transit Pass Program
  - ▶ Support Mobility Management Strategies

# Sandy Area Metro

- ▶ 19 - 21 STIF Funds
  - ▶ Expanded 3 Routes
  - ▶ New Dispatch and Admin Computers/Monitors, New Software
  - ▶ Bus Stop Improvements
  - ▶ WIFI on Major Fixed Route
  - ▶ Efares Study (all Clackamas Providers)
- ▶ 22 - 23 STIF Funds
  - ▶ Continuation of Enhanced Service
  - ▶ Bus Stop Improvements
  - ▶ Future Capital Project (begin 2024)
  - ▶ Website Integration Project (all Clackamas Providers)



- ▶ During Covid and shutdowns SAM has been amazing in keeping us connected and safe
- ▶ I will be able to age in my home because of this service
- ▶ Appreciate your services. I am picked up on a regular schedule and arrive @work before shift. Thank you!
- ▶ I like the STAR so I do my shopping because limited mobility, I usually can't stand for long periods of time.
- ▶ I appreciate the transit system. I am not sure what my family members would do without it.
- ▶ We are new to the Portland area and have been very impressed by the SAM and MHX buses. We do not have a car and the bus services are one of the reasons we have decided to settle in Sandy!

# Passenger Survey