## *Oregon Solutions*
## Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project

**Project Convener: Commissioner Mike Daly, Deschutes County**

**Preface:** As Central Oregon faces rapid growth, the need for transportation services within and among communities increases proportionately. This necessity includes not only the amount of transportation available but also options to meet a wide variety of needs including those of seniors, people with disabilities, and other residents without the means of personal transportation. Governor Kulongoski designated the Deschutes County Transportation project as an Oregon Solutions project because the lack of public transportation options in rural communities is a serious problem that requires collaboration among all sectors. It is intended that as an ancillary benefit this project will also provide valuable information for other rural communities in Oregon seeking public transportation solutions.

The Governor has assured participation of his staff and appropriate state agencies with participating public and private partners through the designation of this effort as an Oregon Solutions Project. An Oregon Solutions Project Team has been assembled in an effort to bring partners to the table. It is expected that the creation of this Team will help make efficient use of available resources, search for additional funding opportunities, accelerate the pace of the project, overcome potential impediments early on, and raise awareness of the project at local, regional, state and federal levels. In this fashion, the Oregon Solutions Project Team will commit resources and time in a Declaration of Cooperation, an integrated action plan focusing on successful, sustainable outcomes.

**Purpose of Declaration of Cooperation:** Oregon Solutions provides a structure and process for public and private sectors to collaborate in addressing community needs. That collaborative process, which results in agreements made amongst the parties, forms this Declaration of Cooperation. This document outlines the commitment of all parties to successfully carry out various projects which are outlined below. The commitment shall continue until all projects are completed or suspended by mutual agreement. By consent of all parties, the Oregon Solutions Project Team may be reconvened in the future to access progress toward project implementation.

**Project Summary:** The Deschutes County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan was adopted by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners in June 2007. The plan establishes a comprehensive vision for fast, fair, flexible and frequent public transportation services in the county and throughout Central Oregon. The plan identifies priorities and action items to be undertaken in the near and long terms to achieve its goals. It is now time for Deschutes County and its partners to commit the time, talent and resources to implement the plan. Success will depend on the sustained commitment and cooperation of all planning participants.

These commitments begin with a set of achievable high-priority projects identified by stakeholders on September 27, 2007. Within the next two years, these stakeholders intend to implement the following projects:

**Project 1. Establish a regional entity to coordinate public transportation services**, in order to:

- increase local service and administrative efficiencies;
- most efficiently leverage existing capacity and funding to capture new capacity and funding;
- provide a framework for regional public-private partnerships to implement public transportation projects – e.g. identify broad needs, pool multiple resources and broker a competitive market to meet needs;
- provide a one-stop shop for interested partners to get involved, and
- provide a one-stop shop for system users.

**Project 2. Implement coordinated public transportation services along the Rt. 97 corridor, linking Redmond, Bend and La Pine.** The project will support and enhance existing services, eliminate duplication of effort, expand services to address unmet needs, and increase private and public resources dedicated to public transportation services.

The regional entity will receive guidance and advice from a broadly representative council of stakeholders, including representatives of populations in need, transportation service providers, community service organizations, municipalities and counties, and state agencies.

## Vision Statement

The people and communities of Deschutes County are served by the improved coordination of existing public transportation services and the creation of a permanent system of public transportation.

The countywide system is safe, affordable, reliable, accessible, environmentally sound, flexible, efficient, responsive to diverse transportation needs, and coordinated with regional public transportation systems.

In short, public transportation and mobility services in Deschutes County are fast, fair, flexible and frequent.

## Guiding Principles

Deschutes County and its public and private partners shall adhere to the following guiding principles in pursuit of public transportation goals. These principles reflect a holistic approach to the provision of public transportation services and therefore do not appear in any particular priority order:

1. Seek broad and diverse public involvement in the planning and implementation of public transportation policies, programs and investments.
2. Avoid duplication of effort and leverage community investments by coordinating its public transportation investments and programs with those of other local and regional governments, transportation service providers, employers and community institutions.
3. Give priority to the transportation and mobility needs of special populations (the elderly, persons with disabilities and persons who cannot afford to drive) and to persons seeking employment opportunities or transportation options.
4. Build on existing public transportation assets to advance the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Systems Plan and other related County policies.
5. Seek investment and program opportunities that provide multiple benefits by providing access to medical and social services, employment, businesses and personal services, education, recreation and cultural amenities.
6. Link coordinated public transportation services to pedestrian, bicycle and other multi-modal transportation facilities.
7. Pursue adequate and sustained financing strategies to achieve the public transportation principles, goals and action items set forth in this plan.
8. Establish measurable performance benchmarks and standards to guide and govern its public transportation investments.

### Planning Goals

Deschutes County establishes the following initial goals for public transportation planning and coordination.

1. Identify present and future transportation needs for people who live, work, conduct business, attend school, seek medical and social services, and recreate in Deschutes County.
2. Align public transportation planning efforts with the goal of the Oregon Competitive Employment Project to expand and develop transportation systems and services necessary for competitive employment of individuals with disabilities.
3. Develop a shared vision for the ideal public transportation system for Deschutes County.
4. Identify steps to coordinate existing public transportation services and expand services to achieve the shared vision.
5. Prioritize coordination initiatives based on the needs that would be met and the potential for success.
6. Maximize the use of public transportation funds to leverage state, federal and private investments in public transportation services.
7. Implement top priority coordination projects.

## Additional Projects for Future Consideration

Stakeholders identified the following additional projects to implement as resources and opportunities develop:

- Develop additional park and ride lots, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and other multi-model developments to support the growing network of public transportation services.
- Expand the number of employer van pool programs.
- Develop and implement additional "spokes" of the public transportation network to link Redmond and Bend to Prineville, Bend to Sisters, Sisters to Redmond and Redmond to Madras.
- Established fixed route services within each major population center.
- Develop facilitiators, navigators or case workers to help match clients to public transportation services, and assist with service applications.
- Attract new public and private investors and service providers.
- Implement a volunteer recruitment and training program to increase the number of volunteer-based transportation services.
- Develop a coordinated approach to insurance, training, maintenance, dispatch and other central support services.

## Desired System Characteristics

Coordinated public transportation services shall be designed and implemented to achieve the following performance characteristics:

1. Increase the number and frequency of coordinated public transportation services linking major cities and transportation corridors.
2. Increase the number of persons using coordinated public transportation services.
3. Increase access to public transportation services for populations with special needs.
4. Reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicle trips (SOV).
5. Reduce levels of air pollution, greenhouse gases and other environmental impacts of transportation.
6. Increase the number of modes of transportation used by residents.
7. Increase private and employer investments in public transportation services.

## Priority Projects Implementation Plan

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- provide a one-stop shop for system users.

The regional entity will receive guidance and advice from a broadly representative council of stakeholders, including representatives of populations in need, transportation service providers, community service organizations, municipalities and counties, and state agencies.

| Task | Lead | Partners | Time-frame |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1. Establish Regional Coordination Organization** | | | |
| a. Engage in Regional Discussions<br>• entity should be regional in scope and positioned to perform the functions | Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson Counties | Central Oregon Cities, Public Transportation Providers, Human Service Agencies, and ODOT PTD | 12/07-1/08 |
| b. Designate Coordinating Organization | county commissions, city councils, ODOT PTD, other agencies | | 1/08 |
| c. Develop Regional Coordinating Council | Designated Coord. Organization | comprised of all above plus counties, private sector | 2/08 |
| d. Develop Core Funding Plan:<br>• ID minimum core staff and overhead requirements | Designated Coord. Organization | Regional Coordinating Council | 2/08 |
| e. Develop/Refine Transportation Coordination Work Plan (see 2e below) | Designated Coord. Organization | Regional Coordinating Council | 3/08 |
| **2. Implement Regional Coordination Work Plan** | | | |
| a. ID Project Funding to Implement Work Plan | Designated Coord. Organization | Regional Coordinating Council | 3/08 |
| b. Conduct an Assessment of Existing Services:<br>• update coordination plans' resource assessments | Designated Coord. Organization | Regional Coordinating Council | 2/08-4/08 |
| c. Conduct Market Analysis of Transportation Demands:<br>• update and refine existing employer and user group surveys | Designated Coord. Organization | Regional Coordinating Council | 3/08-6/08 |
| d. Develop a Clearinghouse of Regional Transportation Information and Resource/Referral Center:<br>• ID actual information needs and clearinghouse Best Practices<br>• build cooperative agreements with transportation providers<br>• Implement clearinghouse (website, phone line, etc.)<br>• Implement resource/referral center | Designated Coord. Organization | Regional Coordinating Council | 3/08-6/08 |
| e. Develop Fiscal and Administrative Functions:<br>• Develop cooperative agreement with counties and ODOT PTD | Designated Coord. Organization | Regional Coordinating Council, Counties, ODOT PTD | 1/08-2/08 |
| f. Identify Next Project Implementation Steps (e.g. inter-community shuttles, expand MRB to broker general public rides, shared maintenance facilities, etc.) | Designated Coord. Organization | Regional Coordinating Council | at 1.e. above and ongoing |

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| Task | Lead | Partners | Time-frame |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1. Establish Lead Administrative/Implementing Agency** | | | |
| a. Survey for interest. Lead agency should:<br>• be eligible to receive multiple sources of state/federal/local and other funding<br>• have capacity to engage in pre-funding project development – and dedicate staff to this effort<br>• have fiscal administrative capacity | Deschutes County | Core Team | 11/07 |
| b. Designate lead implementation agency | Deschutes County | Cities of Redmond, Bend, LaPine; COIC; ODOT PTD | 12/07 |
| **2. Establish Advisory/Technical Committee** | | | |
| a. Establish Advisory/Technical Committee | Lead Agency | (comprised of local public transportation providers, potential public and private funding partners, representatives of user populations [e.g. human service agencies]) | 12/07 |
| **3. Identify Detailed Service Needs** | | | |
| a. Consider existing needs assessments<br>• ID minimum service target populations and service goals<br>• Develop detailed needs assessment, based on:<br>  • "pulse" times for key commuting, shopping, and appointments<br>  • connectivity with and capacity of existing services (e.g. BAT) | Lead Agency | Advisory/Technical Committee | 1/08-2/08 |
| **4. Develop Service Plan** | | | |
| a. Identify and Secure Implementation Partners: (i.e. those with a funding, operational, or administrative role) | Lead Agency | Advisory/Technical Committee | 12/07 |
| b. Determine Coordination Opportunities:<br>• ID existing resources upon which to build;<br>• ID ongoing roles re: fiscal administration, planning, operations | Lead Agency | Advisory/Technical Committee, Implementation Partners | 12/07-2/08 |
| c. Develop Service Plan:<br>• Hours/Days of operation, Geography, Stops, Number of Trips/day, etc. | Lead Agency | Advisory/Technical Committee, Implementation Partners | 2/08-3/08 |
| **5. Develop Funding** | | | |
| a. ID Capital Purchases Needed and Budget, if any:<br>• based on service plan and coordination opportunities | Lead Agency | Advisory/Technical Committee, ODOT PTD, Implementation Partners | 12/07-3/08 |
| b. Develop Operation Budget<br>• based on service plan | Lead Agency | Advisory/Technical Committee, ODOT PTD, Implementation Partners | 2/07-3/08 |
| c. Apply for Grant Resources | Lead Agency | Implementation Partners, ODOT PTD | 12/07-3/08 |
| d. Apply for/Secure Local Match | Lead Agency | Implementation Partners | 12/07-3/08 |
| **6. Implement Service** | | | |

| Task | Lead | Partners | Time-frame |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Implement Pilot Period<br>• limited service (?)<br>• limited marketing<br>• assess ridership/demand/etc. | Lead Agency | Implementation Partners | 4/08-5/08 |
| b. Implement Full Service<br>• adjust service based on findings of pilot period<br>• market the service | Lead Agency | Implementation Partners | 6/08-ongoing |
| **7. Monitor and Adjust Service** | | | |
| a. Monitor Service and Adjust As Necessary | Lead Agency | Advisory/Technical Committee | 6/08-ongoing |

BEND CHAMBER
GUIDING BUSINESS TO THE TOP

**Bend Chamber of Commerce**
The Bend Chamber of Commerce supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. The Bend Chamber's Board of Directors has established "transportation" as one of the three top priorities for the chamber in 2008. Business leadership is necessary for the long term economic vitality of the region when it comes to a regional approach to transportation planning and solution implementation.

The Bend Chamber will offer the following support for the implementation of each project:

For Projects 1 and 2

- Future of Bend Transit Committee:
  - The President and CEO will serve on the Future of Bend Transit Committee and help identify the future of Bend Area Transit, its future boundaries, and opportunities for developing it into a regional system.
- Participation on the regional TranSolutions Team:
  - As per his duties on the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) Board of Directors, the Executive Director will serve on the regional TranSolutions Team (coordinating council)
- Outreach and Advocacy:
  - The Bend Chamber of Commerce will serve as a conduit of information to local businesses and regional Chambers of Commerce regarding the need for public transportation, expansion plans, and partnership opportunities.
  - The Bend Chamber of Commerce will work with COIC and other partners to secure financial and political support from large regional employers for the development of regional public transportation systems.
  - The Bend Chamber of Commerce will help COIC and other partners to investigate and articulate the economic development rationale for regional public transportation.
  - The Bend Chamber of Commerce will lobby large regional employers to financially and politically support the development and expansion of regional transportation systems.

**President and CEO, and Participating Representative**

Name: Mike Schmidt

Signature: M Schmidt

Date: 3-20-08

**Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization**

# PLACEHOLDER – PROPOSAL UNDER REVIEW

**Cascade Healthcare Community, Inc.**
Cascade Healthcare Community (CHC) supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. CHC recognizes that a viable, regional public transportation system can support the health of the region's citizens and regional quality of life by helping to connect transit-dependent populations to necessary medical services, reducing toxic emissions from single occupancy vehicles, and helping low-income and disabled person access employment opportunities.

Regional public transportation could assist with improving connectivity between our regional care centers - for our caregivers, our patients, and our volunteers, many of whom have to travel from one Central Oregon community to another. Furthermore, efficient, frequent shuttles could help mitigate CHC's future infrastructure investments, particularly in parking.

Cascades Healthcare Community will offer the following support for the implementation of the projects identified in this Declaration of Cooperation:

For Projects 1 and 2

- Participation on the regional TranSolutions Team:
  - CHC will designate a staff person to serve on the regional TranSolutions Team (transit coordinating council).

- Ambassadorial Role:
  - CHC will help to articulate the need for regional public transportation services and a regional coordinating entity.
  - CHC will help to articulate the need for coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor to potential local partners.

- Research and Potential Pilot
  - CHC will dedicate staff time to the TranSolutions Team's goal of researching the viability of providing coordinated public transportation services linking CHC's regional campuses in Bend, Redmond, Prineville, and Madras, and the potential cost savings to CHC of investing in such a system.
  - CHC's management team will receive and consider the findings of this research project, with the aim of determining whether or not a CHC investment in a regional public transportation system would be appropriate.

**This would be signed by the appropriate Board Chair, Executive Director, Director of Strategic Planning, etc.**

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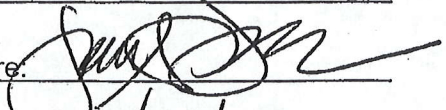
Signature: 

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**Central Oregon Community College**
The Central Oregon Community College (COCC) will be a leader in regionally and globally responsive adult, lifelong, postsecondary education in Central Oregon.

COCC supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. COCC will offer the following support for the implementation of each project:

For Project 2:

- Outreach:
  - COCC will provide information to staff and students on the coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor in order to increase awareness and identify opportunities for staff and students to utilize the services when appropriate.

**COCC Executive Officer**

James E. Middleton, President

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Participating Representative**

Gene Zinkgraf, Dir. of Campus Srvcs.

Signature:

Date: 3/20/2008

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February 12, 2008

Andrew Spreadborough
Program Administrator
Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
2363 SW Glacier Place
Redmond, OR 97756

Dear Mr. Spreadborough:

**Central Oregon Community College**
The Central Oregon Community College will be a leader in regionally and globally responsive adult, lifelong, postsecondary education for Central Oregon.

COCC supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. COCC will offer the following support for the implementation of each project:

For Project 2:

- Outreach:

→ COCC will provide information to staff and students on the coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor in order to increase awareness and identify opportunities for staff and students to utilize the services when appropriate.

**COCC Chair or Executive Officer**

Name: James E. Middleton-President

Signature: James E Middleton

Date: Feb 12, 2008

**Participating Representative**

Name: Gene Zinkgraf-Director of Campus Services

Signature: Gene R Zinkgraf

Date: 2/12/2008

**Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council**

The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and Priority Projects stated in this Declaration of Cooperation. Furthermore, COIC is particularly well situated to play the lead agency role in implementing both priority projects, and commits to the following deliverables.

For Project 1:

- COIC agrees to serve as the regional public transportation coordination entity, and will:
  - Develop and staff a regional public transportation coordination committee to oversee all regional coordination activities through June 30, 2009 (continued commitment after this date is dependent upon future funding);
  - COIC will work with the regional public transportation coordination committee and regional partners to achieve the following outcomes, dependent upon sufficient funding, as identified in the implementation plan:
    - Work with the Central Oregon Counties and Cities and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to better coordinate and leverage existing and future public transportation funding and infrastructure;
    - Update existing resource analyses and needs assessments;
    - Update and refine existing employer and user group surveys of transportation demand;
    - Leverage the existing regional call center into a clearinghouse of regional transportation information resource/referral center.
    - Provide fiscal administration services for public transportation funding – e.g. act as a lead on funding applications, securing match commitments, and meeting funding requirements and reporting.
    - Develop sufficient funding to continue coordination activities.

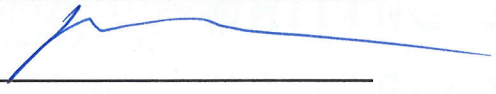
For Project 2:

- COIC agrees to serve as the lead agency in providing the Redmond-Bend link in the Highway 97 corridor, and will work in whatever role necessary to support and expand the existing LaPine-Sunriver-Bend connection. COIC will work with the regional public transportation committee (identified above) to deliver the outcomes identified in the implementation plan, dependent on sufficient funding, including:
  - Identify detailed service needs;
  - Develop a service plan
  - Apply for local, state, and federal funding;
  - Ensure service implementation, and
  - Monitor and adjust services as necessary.

The ability of COIC to successfully implement each project will rely on the participation and commitments of other regional partners.

**Chief Executive**

Name: Tom Moore, Executive Director

Signature: 

Date: 3-20-08

**Participating Representative**

Name: Karen Friend, Operations Dir.

Signature:

Date: 3-21-08

**City of Bend – Bend Area Transit**

# PLACEHOLDER – PROPOSAL UNDER REVIEW

**City of Redmond**
The City of Redmond supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project.

The plan is consistent with the desires of the City (Comprehensive Plan/Transportation System Plan) to support mobility and efficiency within our transportation system to the benefit of our citizens and all of Central Oregon.

The City of Redmond will offer the following support for the implementation of each project.

For Project 1

- Ambassadorial Role:
  - Help to articulate the need for regional public transportation services and a regional coordinating entity.
  - Support COIC's designation as the regional public transportation coordinating agency.
- Participation on Regional Public Transportation Coordinating Group:
  - Appoint a staff person to serve on the Regional Mobility Solutions Team, representing the City of Redmond.

For Project 2

- Vehicle Maintenance Agreement:
  - Negotiate a maintenance agreement with COIC to provide centralized maintenance and repair services for regional public transportation system rolling stock.
  - Consider future likely regional public transportation fleet maintenance and repair requirements in:
    - the design and construction of the new Redmond Public Works facility, and
    - the hiring and required proficiencies of mechanics and associated staffs.
- Resources:
  - Continue to contribute $10,000 (including $3,500 fuel stipend and excluding grant funds received) in in-kind repair and maintenance services for regional public transportation rolling stock;
  - Consider expanded partnership opportunities.

**Board Chairperson**

Name: Alan Unger, Mayor

Signature: Alan Unger

Date: 3-20-08

**Participating Representative**

Name: Chris Doty, Public Works Dir.

Signature:

Date: 04/28/08

**City of Sisters**
The City of Sisters supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project.

The City of Sisters will offer the following support for the implementation of each project.

For Project 1

- Ambassadorial Role:
  - Help to articulate the need for regional public transportation services and a regional coordinating entity.
  - Support COIC's designation as the regional public transportation coordinating agency.

For Project 2

- Future Services:
  - The City supports the development of coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor and expects that COIC and other partners will develop future service expansions to better connect Sisters to the rest of the system.
  - When service expansions incorporating Sisters are planned, the City will explore opportunities to partner with COIC and other partners to implement the expansions.

**Board Chairperson**

Name: Brad Boyd, Mayor

Signature: [signature]

Date: 4-19-08

**Participating Representative**

Name: Eileen Stein, City Manager

Signature: [signature]

Date: 4-19-08

**Central Oregon Workforce Investment Board**
The Central Oregon Workforce Investment Board (COWIB) is the Regional Workforce Investment Board for Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties. COWIB is made up of public and private employer members whose mission is to coordinate the region's workforce related services. COWIB accomplishes its mission through oversight of five One-Stop Service Centers in Bend, La Pine, Prineville, Madras and Redmond, and through the services provided by the Business Resource Network.

COWIB supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. As a regional Board, COWIB commits to the development of Projects 1 and 2 as elements in an overarching regional network of public transportation opportunities.

For Projects 1 and 2:

- Public Support:
  - COWIB will assist COIC and partners in articulating the need for coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor, linking Redmond, Bend, and La Pine.
  - COWIB will assist COIC and partners in articulating the need for a regional coordinating entity that has the authority, capacity and ability to coordinate public transportation services and resources in order to increase local service and administrative efficiencies; most efficiently leverage existing capacity and funding to capture new capacity and funding; provide a framework for regional public-private partnerships to implement public transportation projects; and provide a one-stop shop for system users.
- Outreach:
  - COWIB will provide information to WorkSource Central Oregon Managers and staff on the coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor in order to identify opportunities to place clients on the services when appropriate.
  - COWIB will assist COIC in identifying business public transportation needs and potential business partners in developing the regional public transportation system.

**COWIB Board Chair**

Name: Robin Popp, Chair

Signature: Robin Popp

Date: _____

**Commute Options of Central Oregon**
Commute Options of Central Oregon supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project.

Commute Options of Central Oregon will offer the following support for the implementation of each project.

For Project 1

- Participation on Regional Public Transportation Coordinating Group:
  - Appoint a staff person to serve on the Regional Mobility Solutions Team and bring vanpool and carpool opportunities to the table.
- Political Support:
  - Support COIC's designation as the regional public transportation coordinating agency in both public and private meetings.
- Information Clearinghouse
  - Assist in the development of a coordinated public transportation information clearinghouse matching users' mobility needs to appropriate services.
- Marketing
  - Coordinate public transportation marketing efforts with the Mobility Solutions Team.

For Project 2

- Park and Ride Lots:
  - Assist in the identification and implementation of needed expansions and additions to the region's park and ride lot infrastructure.
- Political Support:
  - Assist in articulating, in both public and private meetings, the case for developing coordinated intercommunity public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor.

**Participating Representative**

Name: Jeff Monson, Director

Signature:

Date: 3/21/08

**Deschutes County**
Deschutes County supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project as they are consistent with the following Goals in the Deschutes County Transportation System Plan:

- Enhance the opportunity for intermodal connections throughout the County transportation system.
- Increase the existing level of special services provided.
- Establish rural transit service for Deschutes County residents.
- Decrease barriers to the use of existing services.

Deschutes County will offer the following support for the implementation of each project:

For Project 1

- Agency Support:
  - The Deschutes County Commission recognizes the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) as the regional public transportation coordinating entity pertaining to the projects identified in this declaration of cooperation.
- Participation on Regional Coordinating Council:
  - The Deschutes County Commission will appoint a county staff person to serve on the Regional Coordinating Council.
- Special Transportation Fund (STF) Administration:
  - The Deschutes County Commission will consider working and/or contracting with COIC to administer the local STF program. This consideration will **not** include delegating project funding approval authority of the Commission.

For Project 2

- Participation on Project Advisory Committee:
  - The Deschutes County Commission will appoint a county staff person to serve on the Project Advisory Committee to provide technical assistance on the service plan.
- Grants and Funding:
  - Deschutes County will provide technical support, as needed, for funding applications related to implementing this project.
- Planning:
  - Deschutes County will review relevant portions of its Transportation System Plan and land use ordinances to identify opportunities to prepare for regional inter-community public transportation.
- Partnership:
  - Deschutes County will cooperate with the regional public transportation coordinating entity in its efforts to secure funding and operational support by working in partnership with area businesses, foundations, ODOT Public Transportation Division, COIC, and other organizations.

**Board of County Commissioners**

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Participating County Representative**

Name: Judith Ure, Management Analyst

Signature: _____

Date: 3-20-08

**Interfaith Action for Justice**
Interfaith Action for Justice is an open and inclusive group inviting those of all faiths to join us in action for the good of all. Participants represent themselves.

We hold that public transportation services are vital to the region's social and economic well being making the region more livable for all. We are especially concerned with low income and less privileged populations. IAJ supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. IAJ will offer the following support for the implementation of each project:

For Projects 1 and 2:

- Political Support:
  - IAJ will assist COIC and partners in articulating, at formal public meetings, the need for a regional public transportation coordinating entity
  - IAJ will assist COIC and partners in articulating, at formal public meetings, the need for coordinated public transportation services along the Rt. 97 corridor, linking Redmond, Bend, and LaPine.
- Outreach:
  IAJ will help develop support for Projects 1 and 2 from other faith-based and social justice organizations.

**Board Chairperson or Chief Executive**

Name: Richard Etzel

Signature: Richard Etzel

Date: 3/20/08

**Latina Leadership/Education Center**
The Latina Leadership/Education Center supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. The Latina Leadership/Education Center is dedicated to assisting with access to public transportation services for Latino populations in Central Oregon.

The Latina Leadership/Education Center will offer the following support for the implementation of each project.

For Projects 1 and 2:

- Advocacy:
  - The Latina Leadership Education Center will assist COIC and partners in articulating the need for a regional public transportation coordinating entity
  - The Latina Leadership Education Center will assist COIC and partners in articulating the need for coordinated public transportation services along the Rt. 97 corridor, linking Redmond, Bend, and La Pine.

- Outreach:
  - The Latina Leadership Education Center will promote public transportation services to Spanish speaking populations, and will provide information to Spanish speaking individuals on how to access services.
  - The Latina Leadership Education Center will edit outreach materials to ensure Spanish speaking populations have access to current information on public transportation services.

**Participating Representative**

Name: Yesenia Sharp

Signature:

Date:

**Mt. Bachelor Inc.**

Mt. Bachelor Inc. supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. Mt. Bachelor recognizes that a viable, regional public transportation system will support the health of the region's businesses, particularly the tourism sector, and regional quality of life by helping connect employees and visitors to places of employment and recreation facilities, and by reducing toxic emissions from single occupancy vehicles.

Mt Bachelor Inc. currently transports customers and employees within the resort and between the resort, Bend and Sunriver using its own fleet of busses and drivers. Bus Transportation is an essential, but not core element of Mt Bachelor's business operations. By supporting the Deschutes County transportation project and TranSolutions, Mt Bachelor hopes that it's specific transportation needs will be incorporated into a viable, coordinated regional transportation solution.

Mt. Bachelor Inc. will offer the following support for the implementation of the projects identified in this Declaration of Cooperation:

<u>For Projects 1 and 2</u>

- Participation on the regional TranSolutions Team:
  - Mt. Bachelor will designate a staff person to serve on the regional TranSolutions Team (transit coordinating council).

- Ambassadorial Role:
  - Mt. Bachelor will help to articulate the need for regional public transportation services and a regional coordinating entity.

- Partnership
  - Mt. Bachelor will provide staff time to work with regional public transportation providers (e.g. Cascades East Transit [COIC], Bend Area Transit, Central Cascade Lines, and others) to explore opportunities for integrating current transportation services within a coordinated regional transportation solution.

Name: JOHN MCLEOD. - DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Signature:

Date: 4/14/08

**Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon**
The Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon's mission is to provide life improvement services within supportive and respectful settings for Central Oregonians with disabilities. Because almost all of the people we support do not drive, providing employment training, employment and residential supports requires a variety of transportation supports in Bend and Redmond, and between these two cities.

For these reasons OFCO supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. OFCO will offer the following support for the implementation of each project:

For Projects 1 and 2:

- Political Support:
  - OFCO will assist COIC and partners in articulating the need for coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor, linking Redmond, Bend, and La Pine.
  - OFCO will assist COIC and partners in articulating the need for a regional coordinating entity that has the authority, capacity and ability to coordinate public transportation services and resources in order to increase local service and administrative efficiencies; most efficiently leverage existing capacity and funding to capture new capacity and funding; provide a framework for regional public-private partnerships to implement public transportation projects; and provide a one-stop shop for system users.
- Outreach:
  - OFCO will provide information to client population and caseworker staff on the coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor in order to identify opportunities to place clients on the services when appropriate.

**Chief Executive**

Name: Darrel Wilson, Director

Signature:

Date:

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**Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)**

**Mission Statement:** Assisting people to become independent, healthy and safe.

**Vision Statement:** Better outcomes for clients and communities through collaboration, integration and shared responsibility.

**Goals:** People are healthy; People are living as independently as possible; People are safe; People are able to support themselves and their families.

DHS supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. DHS will offer the following support for the implementation of each project:

For Projects 1 and 2:

- Public Support:
  - DHS will support COIC and partners in articulating the need for coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor, linking Redmond, Bend, and La Pine.
  - DHS will support COIC and partners in articulating the need for a regional coordinating entity that has the authority, capacity and ability to coordinate public transportation services and resources in order to increase local service and administrative efficiencies; most efficiently leverage existing capacity and funding to capture new capacity and funding; provide a framework for regional public-private partnerships to implement public transportation projects; and provide a one-stop shop for system users.
- Outreach:
  - DHS will provide information to managers and staff on the coordinated public transportation services along the Highway 97 corridor in order to identify opportunities to place clients on the services when appropriate.
  - DHS will provide information to clients on the availability of coordinated public transportation services.

**DHS Executive Officer**

Name: Pat Carey

Signature: Pat Carey

Date: 4/21/08

**Participating Representative**

Name: Lin Gardner

Signature: Lin Gardner

Date: 4/21/08

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**Oregon Department of Transportation – Region 4**
The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was established in 1969 to provide a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities for Oregonians. ODOT develops programs related to Oregon's system of highways, roads, and bridges; railways; public transportation services; transportation safety programs; driver and vehicle licensing; and motor carrier regulation. Our mission is to provide a safe, efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities for Oregonians.

Although ODOT Region 4's primary responsibility is to roads, we fully support ODOT's broader mission towards all transportation modes. The Region Manager for Central Oregon is committed to support local initiatives that provide the public with modal choices in how they meet their travel and commuter needs.

ODOT Region 4 supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. ODOT Region 4 will offer the following support for the implementation of each project:

For Projects 1 and 2:

- Technical Assistance:
  - ODOT Region 4 will assist COIC and partners in identifying and applying for appropriate funding sources.
  - ODOT Region 4 will assist COIC and partners in identifying necessary improvements to the public transportation network (e.g. the park and ride system and other infrastructure).

- Public Support:
  - ODOT Region 4 will assist COIC and partners in articulating, at formal public meetings, the need for coordinated public transportation services along the Rt. 97 corridor, linking Redmond, Bend, and La Pine.
  - ODOT Region 4 will assist COIC and partners in articulating, at formal public meetings, the need for a regional coordinating entity that has the authority, capacity and ability to coordinate public transportation services and resources in order to increase local service and administrative efficiencies; most efficiently leverage existing capacity and funding to capture new capacity and funding; provide a framework for regional public-private partnerships to implement public transportation projects; and provide a one-stop shop for system users.

**Region 4 Manager**

Name: Bob Bryant

Signature: Bob W Bryant

Date: 05-12-08

**Participating Representative**

Name: Mark DeVoney

Signature: Mark DeVoney

Date: 5/6/08

**Sunriver Resort**
The Sunriver Resort supports the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Planning Goals, and selected Priority Projects of the Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project. Sunriver Resort is dedicated to practices and programs that pay respect to, and lessen our footprint on, our changing environment.

The Sunriver Resort will offer the following support for the implementation of each project.

For Projects 1 and 2

- Ambassadorial and Outreach Role:
  - Helping to articulate the need for public transportation services in Central Oregon and a regional transportation coordinating entity.
  - Helping to articulate the need for expanded public transportation services for southern Deschutes County and northern Klamath County specifically.

For Project 2

- Service Expansions:
  The Sunriver Resort will assist in planning and project development efforts to improve public transportation service options to the Sunriver Area, including:
  - Helping COIC and partners identify local potential transit rider needs
  - Helping COIC and partners expand the frequency of connections to La Pine and Bend to Sunriver to at least once a day, with future expansion to multiple trips/day.
  - Helping to identify local Park and Ride site needs and potential expansion opportunities.

**Participating Representative**

Name: Dennis Kyger

Signature: Dennis Kyger

Date: _____