



“State of Good Repair” Funds Awarded

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), on October 4, awarded ODOT \$3 million in discretionary funds under the “State of Good Repair” program to purchase transit vehicles. The “State of Good Repair” program is designed to help transit providers deliver safer, more reliable rides, operate more efficiently and lower fuel costs.

ODOT’s Public Transit Division, which applied for the funding on behalf of rural transit providers, has announced it will allocate the money to 13 transit providers across the state to buy new and replacement vehicles as well as to purchase vehicles to provide accessible transportation for veterans. These federal resources will allow for the purchase of 33 vehicles, with priority given to larger rural general public transit vehicles, as opportunities for funds to purchase them are limited. (See list below.) The federal grant was also sufficient to provide resources for several essential smaller vehicles and buy accessible vans for veterans’ transportation.

ODOT will amend the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to add the purchases of the vehicles and make the detailed application to the FTA by the end of the year. Agencies receiving funds could then order vehicles by spring 2011. Payments are made to recipients following the delivery of vehicles as a reimbursement for funds expended.

The FTA reports that nearly 400 project applications were reviewed representing \$4.2 billion in funding requests from transit providers across the country. This grant will support continued transit service in Oregon’s small towns and rural areas and supplement state and federal resources that have been dedicated to purchasing vehicles for rural transit.

2010 State of Good Repair Awards

Applicant	County	Vehicles	Grant Amount Awarded
Benton County	Benton	2 community buses (22-passenger)	\$182,600
City of Canby	Clackamas	2 buses (33-passenger), 1 paratransit van	\$619,100
Central Oregon Inter-governmental Council	Crook/Deschutes/Jefferson	1 community bus (28-passenger)	\$103,750
Columbia Co.	Columbia	3 community buses (16-passenger)	\$211,650
Community Connection	Baker/Union/Wallowa	2 community buses (25-passenger and 16-passenger)	\$118,300
Hood River Transportation District	Hood River	2 community buses (14-passenger and 20-passenger)	\$116,200
Josephine Co.	Josephine	1 bus (26-passenger)	\$320,700
Lane Transit District	Lane	2 buses (14-passenger), 1 small van	\$152,000
Malheur Co.	Malheur	3 buses (2 14-passenger/1 16-passenger)	\$153,000
Salem-Keizer Transit District	Marion/Polk	2 buses (19-passenger) for rural service	\$123,700
Sunset Empire Transportation District	Clatsop	1 bus (33-passenger)	\$250,000
Wheeler Co	Wheeler	2 buses (15-passenger and 7-passenger)	\$81,300
Yamhill Co.	Yamhill	2 buses (18-passenger)	\$310,400
ODOT Public Transit Division	Statewide	6+ vehicles (8- to 12-passenger) to provide accessible veterans’ transportation	\$257,300
Total Grants			\$3,000,000
Total Vehicles			33