



Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc.

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Dear Northeast Oregon Residents,

Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. provides public transportation services in Union, Baker, and Wallowa counties. These include local bus routes, shopping trips by bus, and rides for medical appointments. These services are funded through several sources, including contracts with the State of Oregon, county governments, and other public agencies.

At this time, the Oregon Department of Transportation is unable to provide federal transit funds for our local bus routes and shopping trips due to a legal dispute over contracts. This means Community Connection will not receive funding for these services until the issue is resolved—a timeline that is currently unknown.

Despite this, our agency remains committed to serving our counties. We have developed a plan to keep services running, however some changes will be necessary.

Starting July 5, 2025, we will reduce the number of service days and hours of our public transportation programs. This difficult decision allows us to continue operating while also being mindful of the agency's limited financial resources. Note: these changes will not affect medical transportation, only local routes and shopping trips.

Please know these changes are not decisions made by your county, but are the result of federal and state-level funding issues.

If you have any questions about these service changes or the funding situation, please contact your local Community Connection office. As always, we remain committed to serving our Northeast Oregon community.

Attached are brochures with the new schedule that takes effect July 5, 2025.

