

Clackamas cancels shuttle

SHUTTLE BUS SUSPENDED DUE TO LACK OF USE BY STUDENTS

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Clackamas Community College has canceled the free CCC shuttle bus due to the lack of students using it.

"The county has a lot more experience in operating a transit system and making shuttle routes," said John Ginsburg, Title IX Coordinator for students. He is in charge of student life which is a resource that helps students plan their learning development; located in the Wacheno Welcome Center.

"What we're seeing coming in January, it's actually going to be better than what was there before," Ginsburg said about the South Clackamas Transportation District adding the shuttle bus' route. "CCC has limited staff and the county has more experience in operating transit routes."

That's good news for students who lost access to the provided shuttle bus which ceased operations on Sept. 1 of this year.

The school doesn't want to put more funding into a transportation system that only appeals to a small percentage of students.

According to Ginsburg, students have four possible modes of transportation available.



CCC Shuttle file photo.



CCC Shuttle Bus file photo. Design by Ayla Fashana

The local TriMet system is the first option that the college recommends for students. CCC can give students a Hop card for a month which covers TriMet passes. If students successfully applied for TriMet's Reduced Fare Program, the school will send the student a personalized card in the mail.

TriMet's Reduced Fare Program offers seniors, youth, people with disabilities and people who qualify based on income a personalized card for free rides through Clackamas and Oregon City.

The second option is Oregon City's shuttle bus. This will provide another option for students who don't qualify for TriMet's Reduced Fare Program. This shuttle provides students with free shuttle rides to the school.

Another recommended mode of transportation is by using Get There Oregon. It is an online carpooling program provided by Oregon Department of Transportation that helps employers and commuters shift their school and work practices all into one trip.

South Clackamas Transportation District is the fourth mode of transportation. SCTD will be using the same route that the CCC Shuttle Bus used to take and are organizing a new transportation system starting in January.