

Banks gets new bus service to Hillsboro from Ride Connection

Residents in Banks and North Plains now have an additional form of transportation to add to their list of options. Ride Connection has launched their Community Bus Shuttle, which provides rides to and from the Hillsboro Transit Center via pickups at bus shelters in Banks and North Plains. The service provides two runs through the three cities in the morning, as well as two runs in the evening.

The service is provided free of charge with Ride Connection's first 14-passenger hybrid bus. The bus was made in Oregon and was purchased with stimulus money granted from the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Community Bus is intended for the general public in Banks and North Plains, which means it's available for anyone. No ride requests are needed to use this service, just show up at the bus shelter before the scheduled

departure time and get on board.

The Community Bus adds service outside the current Wave Service schedule, which is provided by the Tillamook County Transportation District. Both services use the same bus shelters in Banks and North Plains.

This service not only provides rides to those who need it most, it also gives commuters the option of leaving their cars at home and using a more environmentally friendly option for getting where they need to go.

The bus stop in Banks is by Log Cabin Park on Main St.; the bus leaves Banks for Hillsboro at 7:15 a.m. and arrives at

the Hillsboro Transit Center at 7:45 a.m. In the evening the bus leaves Hillsboro Transit Center at 5:45 p.m. to arrive in

Banks at 6:20 p.m. For more information about the service and schedule call 503-226-0700.

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