Current Transportation Studies in the Columbia River Gorge

Public Transportation Providers: Gorge TransLink Alliance – network of service providers in rural Clark, Skamania, Klickitat, Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties.

- Skamania County Senior Services and West End Transit
- Klickitat County Senior Services and Mt Adams Transportation Service (MATS)
- Hood River County Transportation District - Columbia Area Transit (CAT)
- Mid-Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG) – The LINK
- Sherman County Senior Services – Sherman County Community Transit

Studies underway:

- **Columbia River Gorge Transit Study** – Timeline: November 2015 – 2019. (ODOT funded); Purpose: Provide transportation options, enhance mobility and improve safety on I-84, especially near Multnomah Falls. The study will also examine the potential to complement existing intercity transit service between Portland and Hood River with stops at key Gorge destinations.

- **Columbia River Historic Highway Collaborative** – Timeline: Jan 2016 – May 2016. (Oregon Solutions Project) Purpose: identify short-term solutions to some of the most immediate congestion and safety issues along HCRH as well as at I-84 interchange at Multnomah Falls in advance of the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

- **Historic Columbia River Highway Congestion Study** – Timeline: 2016-2018. (Federal Lands Access Program Grant, Region 1). Purpose: Identify long-term solutions to alleviate heavy traffic congestion and parking issues along the HCRH, improve safety and enhance visitor experience.

- **Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan**. Timeline: for Oregon counties December 2015 – November 2016. Skamania and Klickitat counties completed in November 2014, with the next update in 2018. Purpose: Identifies gaps in services and prioritizes needs to assist in: (a) improving transportation services for low income individuals, individuals with disabilities, Seniors and Limited English Proficiency individuals by identifying opportunities to coordinate existing resources; (b) providing a strategy to guide investment of financial resources; and (c) guiding the acquisition of future funds and grants.

- **The Dalles Transportation System Plan** (TSP). Develop a TSP for all modes in support of planned residential, commercial and industrial growth. ODOT has approved additional funding to add a Transit Development Plan to the scope of work for the city’s TSP. The Transit Development Plan will assess the need, feasibility and sustainability of fixed route transportation service in The Dalles.

- **Hood River County Transit Master Plan**. Timeline, June 2016 – June 2017. Project will assess the public transportation needs of the community, identify the extent to which current services are meeting those needs, and refine transit service plans, as needed, to better meet community needs. The project will explore the feasibility of improving public transportation in downtown Hood River and extending service to the upper valley communities of Odell, Parkdale and Mt. Hood.