



Columbia County Public
TRANSPORTATION

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In 2009, CCPT out grew it's building and a new building was under construction by late summer



The result has been a very nice place to train and work!



In June of 2010, CCPT showed their appreciation to the community for their support by having an Open House and a barbeque.



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CCPT employs 11 full time employees and one part-time on-call employee



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CCPT has a fleet of 19 vehicles: 6 mini busses, 1 conversion van, 1 Ford Edge cross over vehicle and 11 vanpool vans

Service Connections

CCPT is the only public transportation service available to the citizens of Columbia County as well as to the citizens of Waitsburg in neighboring Walla Walla County. CCPT makes connections with the following transportation agencies:

Service Connections

- Walla Walla Airport
- Valley Transit in Walla Walla
- Grapeline in Walla Walla so that passengers can get to Pasco, WA and make connections with Greyhound Bus Lines, Pasco Airport and/or Amtrak
- Garfield County Transportation for passengers to get in to Clarkston, WA and Lewiston, ID.

Coordination Efforts

- People for People Medicaid Brokerage
- Dayton General Hospital
- Booker Rest Home
- Patit Creek Adult Residential Care Facility
- Blue Mountain Counseling
- Dept. of Social and Health Services
- Child Protective Services

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- Dayton School District
- Waitsburg and Walla Walla area schools and colleges

Coordination Efforts

- Work Source
- St. Mary Cancer Center
- Dialysis Center
- Blue Mountain Action Council
- Lilly Rice Center
- Dayton Senior Center

Booker Rest Home on a fishing trip



Booker Rest Home enjoying a Main Street parade



Residents from Patit Creek Adult Care Facility are able to enjoy the towns Christmas lights



Senior citizens enjoy a ride to Palouse Falls



Farmers are able to travel as a group to view a WSU AG demonstration



Area citizens take a journey to the Hopkins Ridge Wind Farm to learn about renewable energy new to our area



Funding Sources for Operating Projects

The annual budget for CCPT is just over 1 million dollars. Funding sources are as follows:

2011-2013 Biennium

- Federal Grants – 42%
- State Grants – 25%
- Local Match – 33%

Local match includes Sales Tax Revenue as well as contract revenues from People for People Medicaid Brokerage and Columbia County Hospital District

Funding Sources for Operating Projects

2009-2011 Biennium

- Federal Grants – 34%
- State Grants – 44%
- Local Match – 22%

Funding Sources for Operating Projects

Funding Sources for Capital Projects

Grant funding – 80%

Local funding – 20%

STATISTICS FOR 2010

Type of Passenger Trips

Work – 5204
Education – 15,574
Medical – 5812
Mental Health – 5004
Shopping – 3763
Social - 4583

Individual Passenger Counts by Age

4 years old and under – 34
5>17 – 273
18>59 – 530
60 plus – 258

Passengers using Wheelchairs - 1988

BUS STATISTICS

Ridership

	2001	2005	2009	2010
One way passenger trips	6,602	19,338	45,400	53,063
Miles Traveled	46,800	103,00	204,000	237,529
Passenger fares Collected	\$6,800	\$26,400	\$63,300	\$76,660

VANPOOL STATISTICS

	2009	2010
Miles Traveled	171,000	176,706
One way passenger trips	31,370	34,426

Vanpool vans average 8 passengers per van and travel anywhere from 40 to 140 miles per working day.

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