

**Summer 2010**

**Special points of interest:**

- Flex Route 25 - serves Woodburn, Mt. Angel and Silverton.
- Dial-a-Ride Route 35 - serves Turner, Aumsville, Sublimity & Stayton.
- Flex Route 55 - Services Dallas, Monmouth, Independence and Rickreall.

**CARTS Regional Service**

CARTS has three regional bus routes for our riders. Each region (North Marion, Canyon Connector & Polk County) has a bus that travels between some, or all, of the cities in the region, but does not come into Salem. This service can pick up any passengers at the curb of their starting point and will drop them off at the curb of their destination. Riders need to make a reservation at least 24 hours in advance of the pick-up time. These regional routes can also be used to connect to a regular CARTS bus traveling to and from Salem and the cost is the same as for other CARTS services. There are two types of regional service, flex route and dial-a-ride:

**Flex Route**

Flex routes travel from city to city within the region and spend a set amount of time in each city. So, for

example, the flex route may be in Mt. Angel from 9:00 to 9:20 each day and then travel to Silverton and be in Silverton from 9:40 to 10:00. While in each city, the bus travels to pick up and drop off riders who have scheduled trips. North Marion and Polk County have flex routes.

**Dial-a-Ride**

A dial-a-ride route is set up a little differently and is used for areas with lower populations. The driver gets a list of everyone who has requested a ride for the next day and creates a schedule, based on when and where riders want to be picked up and dropped off. There is no set times for the bus to be in each city. South Marion county has a dial-a-ride.

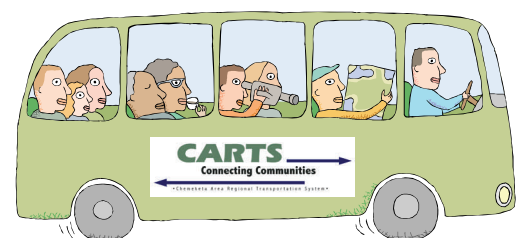
To make a reservation call 503-585-5187.

**Camera are Coming to CARTS Buses**

Lights, cameras, action? Well, not quite, but CARTS buses are soon going to be fitted with security cameras, with funds from ARRA (American Recovery and Redevelopment Act).

Many transit districts have security cameras on buses and Cherriots has had them for some time. The

cameras will improve safety and security for riders.





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**Bus courtesy**—Riders on CARTS may be on the bus for some time. It takes anywhere from half an hour to an hour to travel between Salem and the most distant points on the routes. If the bus is crowded, please look around and see if someone needs a seat more than you do. This could be elderly folks, people with disabilities or those with small children or babies. Pay it forward by helping out your fellow rider who may need a seat more than you do. **Thanks!**

The CARTS schedules are also available on the internet. Go to [www.cherriots.org](http://www.cherriots.org) and click on the "CARTS" button in the upper right hand corner.

## Rider Safety Tips

**Q:** Where is the safest place to cross the street when you get off the bus?

**A:** Behind the bus.

If you cross the street in front of the bus, other drivers traveling in the same direction as the bus can't see you until you are already in their lane.

Another street crossing tip: If it will be dark when you get off the bus be sure to wear reflective clothing or carry a small flashing light. These lights are battery operated and clip onto clothing or bags.



## Upcoming Meetings:

- Joint Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee and regional transportation advisory committee meeting - July 26th.
- Polk County Regional Advisory Committee meeting Oct. 8th.
- Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee - Oct. 25th.
- Marion County Regional Advisory Committee meeting - Nov 16th.

All of these meetings are open to the public.