

Fall 2010

**Holiday dates when CARTS won't be operating:**

- Thanksgiving Day - November 25
- The Friday after Thanksgiving - November 26
- Christmas Eve December 24
- New Year's Eve — December 31

Note: Christmas day and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays this year so they won't affect service.



**Comment on Upcoming Funding**

Each biennium the Oregon Department of Transportation has funds available for the benefit of seniors and people with disabilities. These funds can be used to plan, maintain, or improve transportation services.

Forty-two STF Agencies across the state manage the process at the local level. The STF Agencies are responsible to identify the projects that will be proposed for funding. Salem-Keizer Transit is the STF Agency for Marion & Polk Counties.

Eligible applicants include public and private non-profit entities. Eligible projects include vehicle purchase, preventive maintenance, mobility management, purchased services, facilities and other capital equipment purchases. Salem-Keizer Transit will be accepting ap-

plications until noon December 10, 2010.

As part of this process we welcome public comment. You can provide written comment now through January 5, 2011 and you can comment in person at our public hearing which is also on January 5, 2011.

For more information contact Mona West. (Contact information is on the second page of the newsletter.)



**Where's the Transit Mall in Salem?**

Anyone who has taken CARTS into Salem in the last couple of months, knows that the transit mall has been on the move. It was determined that the transit mall structure at Courthouse Square was not safe and so the buses were moved to the front of the state capital building on Court St. on a temporary basis. As "temporary" became longer it was moved to Cottage St. between Court

Street and State Street. It now looks like it may be a couple of years before a permanent mall is in place. As summer became fall, canopies were placed at the temporary mall to provide some shelter from the rain. Customer Service is around the corner at 687 Court St. NE (next to the YMCA). I'll keep you updated as things progress.



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Did You Know? - Each CARTS bus has two wheelchair stations. When not occupied by wheelchair users, the seats fold down for use by other riders. This allows flexibility in the use of space on the bus.



The CARTS schedules are also available on the internet. Go to [www.cherriots.org](http://www.cherriots.org) and click on "Routes & Schedules". At the bottom of the page click on "CARTS".

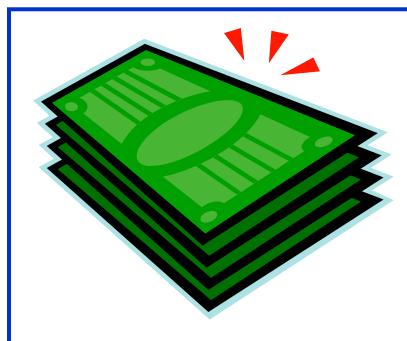
## Rider Questions

**Q:** Why wasn't there money to increase CARTS service, when there was money to buy three new buses?

**A:** All money may be green, but it does come in different "flavors". The two basic flavors are *capital* and *operations*.

Besides fare, all of the funding for CARTS comes from allocations or grants through the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Some of this funding is specifically for capital purchases. Capital included shelters, equipment - and buses. Those funds can't be used for operating the buses, only operat-

ing funds can be used for that purpose. As a result we have money that can be used for one purpose but not the other. The new buses do help stretch operating funds though. New buses require less maintenance, and maintenance comes out of operation funds.



## Join Us!

We are recruiting for three openings on our STF Advisory Committee. This committee advises the Salem-Keizer Transit Board of Directors on priorities for funding & other issues regarding public transit for seniors, people with disabilities and people in the rural areas of Marion & Polk Counties. The committee meets four times a year in Salem.

If you are interested, please contact Mona West at 503-588-2424 or [westm@cherriots.org](mailto:westm@cherriots.org).