



TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM
Operations Center

AGENDA

TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN-PERSON:

Come to the Transit Operations Building - 16610 Champion Way, Sandy, OR 97055

TO ATTEND THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM:

Please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82984677405>

Or by phone: (253) 215-8782; Meeting ID: 82984677405

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL of the June Minutes and September Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

NEW BUSINESS

STIF Plan Approval

Winterfest

Mtn. Festival Ridership

Surveys

November 2026 Conferences

GM Operations Update

OLD BUSINESS

Financials

NEIGHBOR UPDATES

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Next Meeting

5:30 pm-7:00 pm

December 16, 2026

16610 Champion Way

Sandy, OR 97055

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MINUTES

Transit Advisory Board Meeting

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Click [here](#) for Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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1. **ROLL CALL-** Andi Howell, Heather Michet, Joe Smith, Joseph Lowe, Khrist Alexander, Kristina Ramseyer, Muna Rustam, Nancy Payne, Zak Nakamura.
 2. **APPROVAL of the March Minutes and June Agenda**
The March Minutes and June Agenda were unanimously approved.
 3. **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON-** The Liaison discussed new helpful resources that have been added to the city website. The Council approved a new nuisance code requiring solicitors to obtain a permit before soliciting residential properties.
 4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 4.1. **PGE Construction-** Construction is scheduled to begin on June 11, 2026, with project completion October 2026.
 - 4.2. **Buses to Parks for summer-** Discussion about the addition of stops at select Sandy parks along the City's Shopper Shuttle and Estacada transit routes to improve summer access to park facilities.
 - 4.3. **Chainsaw Event and Mtn Festival-** Transit operated fare-free during the Chainsaw Event weekend. Buses will also be fareless during Mountain Festival. It was discussed that Livingway Fellowship will allow use of its parking facilities as additional parking for Mountain Festival Days. The festival committee requested that Transit add the Living Fellowship parking lot as a stop on the Mountain Festival Route. Sam rides will provide fareless dial-a-ride to and from the Music Fair & Feast on July 10, 2026.
 - 4.4. **Board Representatives for Boring and Damascus-** The Transit Director requested that Board members assist in advocating with businesses and the communities of Boring and Damascus regarding support for the Clackamas Town Center transit route.
 - 4.5. **November 2026 OTA Conference -** Oregon Transit Association (OTA) Conference will be held in Seaside, Oregon, from November 2–5, 2026.

4.6. GM Operations Update- The Board was informed that RTW's General Manager is leaving the organization. An RTW employee will serve as Interim General Manager until the position is filled.

4.7. Bus Shelters- The Director discussed potential locations for new bus shelters throughout the community and requested feedback from Board members on preferred shelter styles, and locations.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. By Laws-Corrections and revisions to the bylaws were reviewed and incorporated.

5.2. Financials-Financial reports were reported as being available online for review by Board members and the public.

6. NEIGHBOR UPDATES-None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

8. ADJOURN

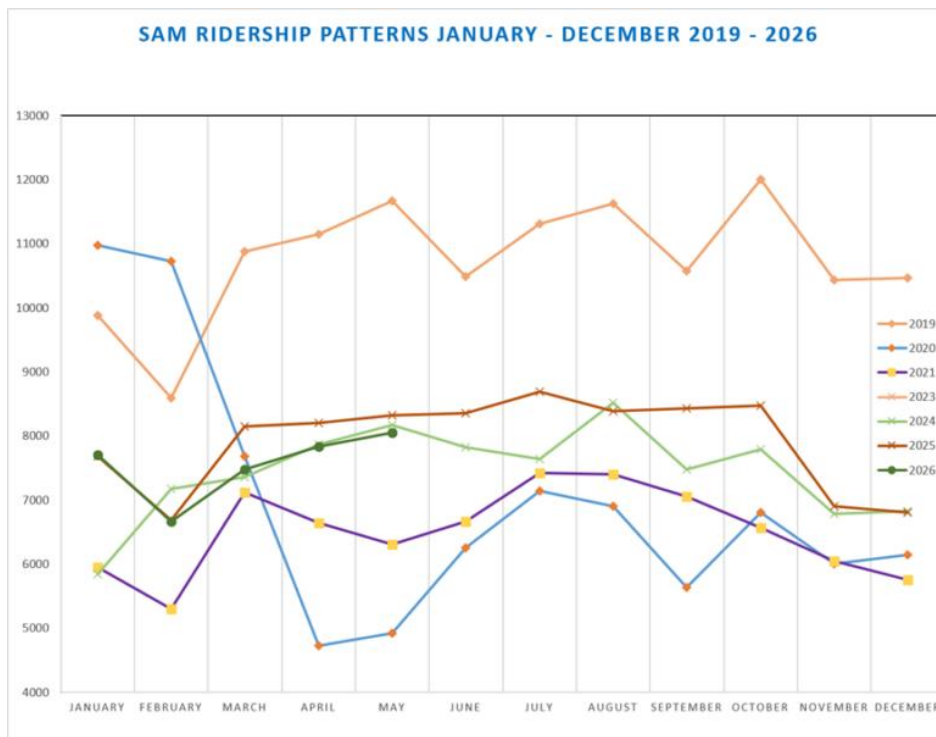
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Transit Staff Report-May 2026



From the Transit Manager

May Ridership



Overall, SAM ridership provided 8,049 rides, a slight decrease of 3.7% compared with May 2025. SAM-Gresham increased by 1.4% providing 5,727 rides. SAM-Estacada transported 783 passengers, an increase of 0.77%. SAM Clackamas provided 309 rides, decreasing by 42.67%. SAM Shopper also had a small decline of 6.39%, providing 513 rides.

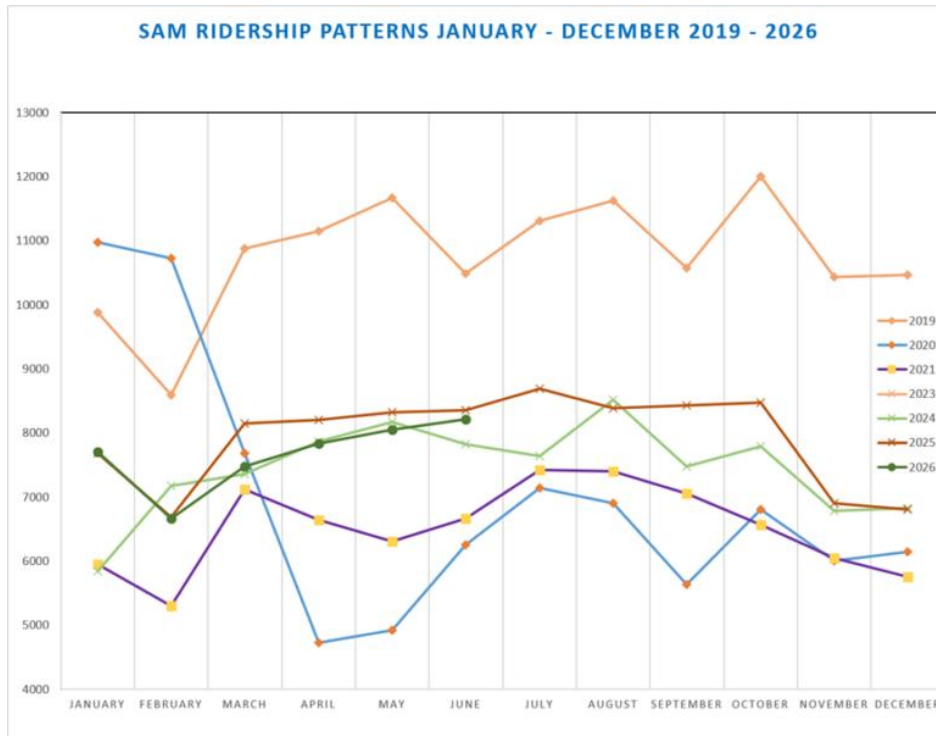
SAM rides provided 650 rides, a decrease of 16.24% compared with May 2025. SAM Med provided 93 rides, a decrease of 7.00%.

SAM-Clackamas Partnership

SAM and Clackamas County's partnership continues to provide monthly revenue to the Transit Department. This includes \$5,297 monthly for administrative support and rent, \$2,037.57 for medical transportation of 23 Clackamas County residents outside the City limits and \$26, 948.50 in FLAP reimbursement. The total received for May 2026 was \$34,283.07.

From the Transit Manager

June Ridership



In June 2026, overall ridership decreased by 1.66% when compared to June 2025. Total ridership for June 2026 was 8,211 passengers. SAM-Gresham provided 5,799 rides, a 1.56% decrease from the previous year. SAM-Estacada had a moderate decline of 12.19%, providing 785 rides. SAM-CTC provided 310 rides, a 29.55% decrease. The shopper experienced a considerable increase of 35.17%, providing 627 rides.

SAM rides provided 630 rides, an increase of 8.25% compared to last year. SAM Med also experienced an increase of 8.86%, transporting 86 riders.

The decline in ridership is incongruent with other factors and we have hired a tech consultant to review the numbers as we suspect there may be an issue with our tablets. Once they have reviewed and presented the findings we will move forward with the best solution to resolve any discrepancy in ridership counts.

Historical Museum Camp Field Trip to the Operations Center



In June, approximately 15 kids from the Historical Museum Camp boarded a trolley for a tour of the Operations Center. The youth learned about riding a bus, bus operations and Public Works duties. They were able to have hands-on experience with equipment and operations. As shown above, the students were able to, with adult assistance, spray the pressure washer. They also viewed the various vehicles used by PW to perform their tasks such as the backhoe, mobile toolbox and crane. They ended the trip by learning wheelchair securement and, of course, ringing the trolley bell! A great time was had by all!

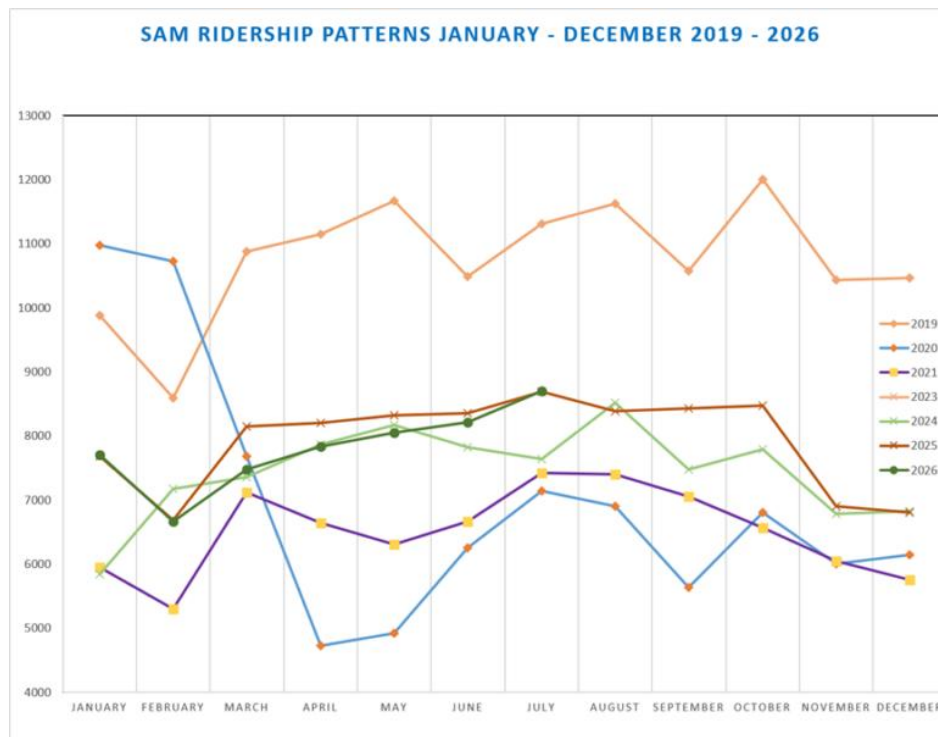
SAM-Clackamas Partnership

SAM and Clackamas County's partnership continues to provide monthly revenue to the Transit Department. This includes \$5,297 monthly for administrative support and rent, \$3,556.86 for medical transportation of 34 Clackamas County residents outside the City limits and \$27,208.93 in FLAP reimbursement. The total received for June was \$36,062.79.

Transit Staff Report-July 2026



July Ridership



In July 2026, overall ridership increased by 0.13%, providing 8,700 rides, when compared to July 2025. SAM-Gresham provided 6,093 rides a slight decrease of 1.47%. SAM-Estacada had a slightly higher decrease of 15.258, transporting 699 riders. SAM-Clackamas increased by 43.18%, providing 693 rides. The Shopper Shuttle provided 596 rides, an increase of 36.07%.

SAM rides has 816 passengers and that included the special runs for the Sandy Mountain Festival. We provided a north and south side route which more than doubled the number of festival riders. SAM also provided an uber like service from the Chamber's Fair and Feast on Friday evening. This was a pilot program for on demand rides and we expect to do it again next year. SAM med transported 77 passengers, an increase of 1.32%

Sandy Mountain Festival Parade

SAM entered the Parade and won 1st place for the Civic award!! We had a full bus including the elusive SAMSquatch!! There were many delighted squeals as SAM rolled by waving to the crowd!



Sandy-Clackamas Partnership

We continue to have a cooperative partnership with Clackamas County, overseeing the operations of the Mt Hood Express. In July, Mt Hood express transported 3,689 passengers and the Villages Shuttle transported 979 riders. These are people who often work, shop or run errands in the City. In addition, we also provide medical transportation to the surrounding areas within the county. In July we transported 74 passengers on behalf of the County. This provides a regular stream of revenue for SAM. We received \$5,347 in revenue from Mt Hood Express and \$9,866.40 from SAM medical rides. We also receive \$29,929.23 in reimbursement for FLAP funding. The total amount for July was \$45,142.63.