Cascades East Transit – Regional Public Transit Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 24 - Agenda

10 am to 12 pm

COIC offices in Bend
334 NE Hawthorne Ave.

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Conference line number: 1-800-392-9139

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Agenda

10:00 Welcome and Introductions - Richard Ross, RPTAC Chair

10:05 Review and approval of February meeting minutes – Richard Ross, RPTAC Chair

10:10 Cascades East Transit staffing update – Michelle Rhoads, COIC/CET

10:15 Public Comment Period

10:25 Bend Transportation Planning Projects Update – Tyler Deke, Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization

10:45 Cascades East Transit Service Modification Proposal and Public Outreach Process – Michelle Rhoads, Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET

11:20 Cascades East Transit Recreational Services Update – Michelle Rhoads, Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET

11:30 Recap of the Prineville Tri County Summit in Prineville – Kim Curley, Commute Options

11:50 Cascades East Transit FLAP Application for summer transit service from Bend to Mt. Bachelor to Devils Lake – Derek Hofbauer, COIC/CET

12:00 Adjourn

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CENTRAL OREGON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL

2018 Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Application
Bend to Mt. Bachelor & Devils Lake Summer Bus Service

Project Goals

- Enhance summer recreation opportunities in the Deschutes National Forest.
- Provide travelers with a new transportation option and relieve traffic and parking congestion along Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway.
- Increase the accessibility of regional economic engines like Mt. Bachelor and provide opportunities for expanded access to outdoor recreation amenities.

Why the project is needed

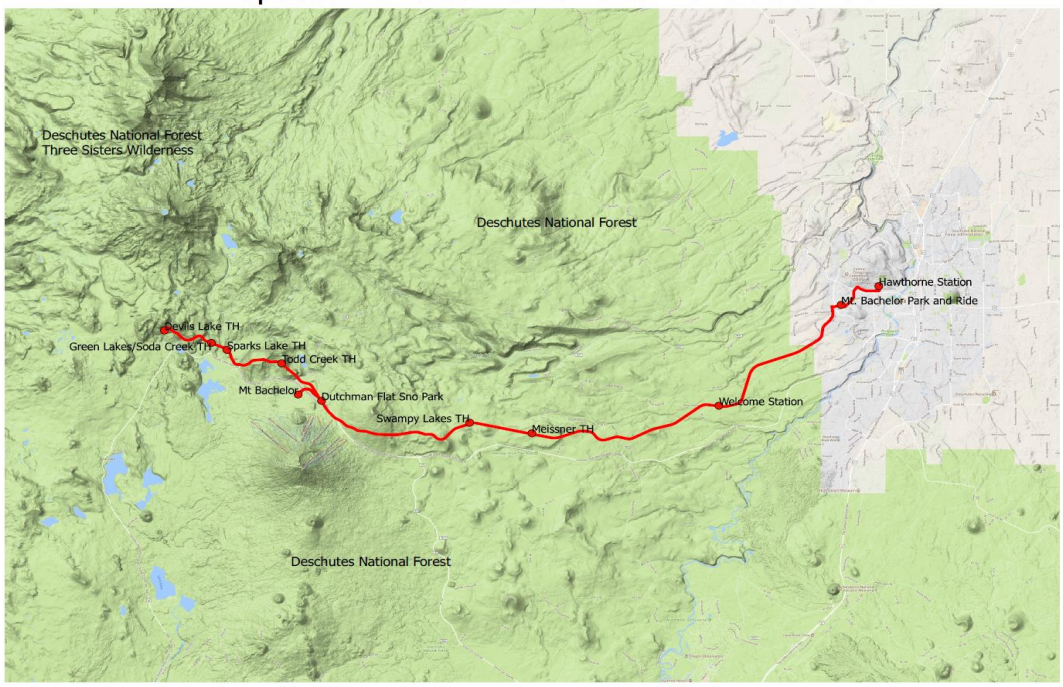
According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, Deschutes County grew by 18.5% from 2010 to 2017. This rapid growth has resulted in an increase in the use and demand of recreation amenities, particularly in the Deschutes National Forest. Forecasts indicate the National Forest will receive approximately 685,000 additional visits from nearby areas by 2025. This increased demand will be acutely felt in parts of the National Forest adjacent to Mt. Bachelor, Sparks Lake, and Devils Lake, resulting in increased traffic and parking congestion along the Cascade Lakes Scenic Byway.

The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) and Cascades East Transit (CET) have operated a highly effective Route 18 Mt. Bachelor Shuttle since 2011 to provide residents, visitors, and employees better access to Mt. Bachelor during the winter months. COIC reported 44,911 trips during the 2016-2017 season, representing a 10% increase in ridership over the 2015-16 season. The usefulness of this shuttle, however, is limited by its seasonality—a parallel summer service will provide new opportunities for residents and visitors to access the National Forest using transit.

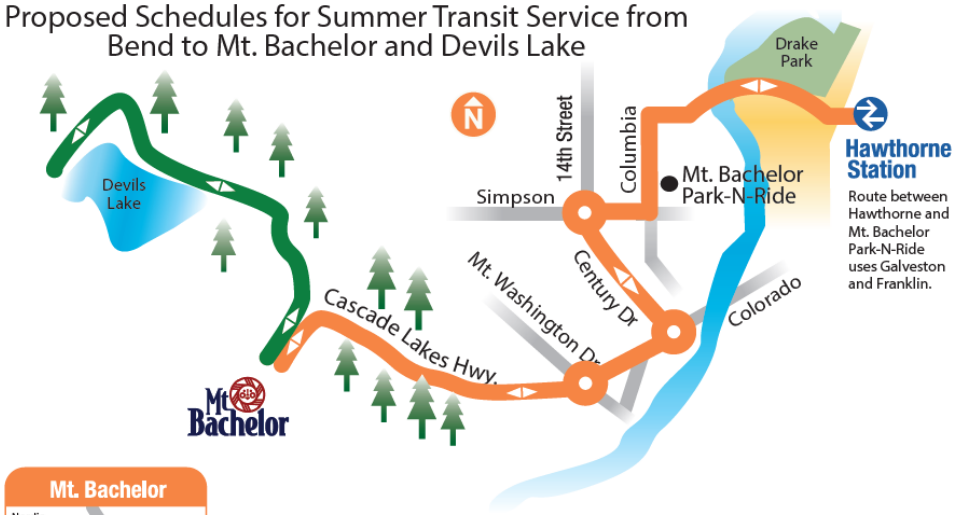
What is proposed

COIC and CET, in partnership with the Deschutes National Forest and Mt. Bachelor, submitted a FLAP proposal to fund a two–year summer transit service pilot project during 2022 and 2023 between Hawthorne Station in Bend and Devils Lake on the Deschutes National Forest, with stops at Mt. Bachelor and other popular trailheads and Sno-Parks. A circulator bus will provide frequent service from the Mt. Bachelor parking lot to Devils Lake trailhead, with stops at Todd Creek, Sparks Lake, and Greene Lakes/Soda Creek trailheads. Mt. Bachelor committed to providing a $25,000 local match for the project. With additional FLAP funding, COIC and CET will be able to improve access to recreation opportunities both by expanding the geography of transit service in the Deschutes National Forest and by growing the diversity of activities that are accessible by transit through stops at mountain biking and hiking trailheads.

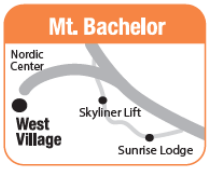
Proposed Bend to Devils Lake Transit Service



Proposed Schedules for Summer Transit Service from Bend to Mt. Bachelor and Devils Lake



50 Mountain Service



Bend to Mt. Bachelor

Hawthorne Station	Mt. B. Park-N-Ride	Mt. B. Ski Resort Arrival	Mt. B. Ski Resort Departure	Mt. B. Park-N-Ride	Hawthorne Station
6:45 AM	7:00	7:50			
8:00	8:15	9:05	9:20	9:57	
	10:00	10:50	11:20	11:57	
	12:15 PM	1:05	1:20	1:57	
	2:15	3:05	3:20	3:57	4:12
			5:20	5:57	6:12

Mt. Bachelor - Devils Lake

Mt. B. Ski Resort Departure	Todd Lake	Green Lake	Devils Lake	Sparks Lake	Mt. B. Ski Resort Arrival
8:05 AM	8:12	8:16	8:30	8:37	8:50
9:05	9:12	9:16	9:30	9:37	9:50
10:05	10:12	10:16	10:30	10:37	10:50
11:20	11:27	11:31	11:45	11:52	12:05
12:20 PM	12:27	12:31	12:45	12:52	1:05
1:20	1:27	1:31	1:45	1:52	2:05
2:20	2:27	2:31	2:45	2:52	3:05
3:20	3:27	3:31	3:45	3:52	4:05
4:20	4:27	4:31	4:45	4:52	5:05

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Comments requested by June 4, 2018

ROUTE 7 PROPOSED STOP CLOSURE & MODIFICATION

As part of a system efficiency measure, these four stops are proposed for elimination:

27th Street & Conners Ave
Courtney Drive & 27th Street
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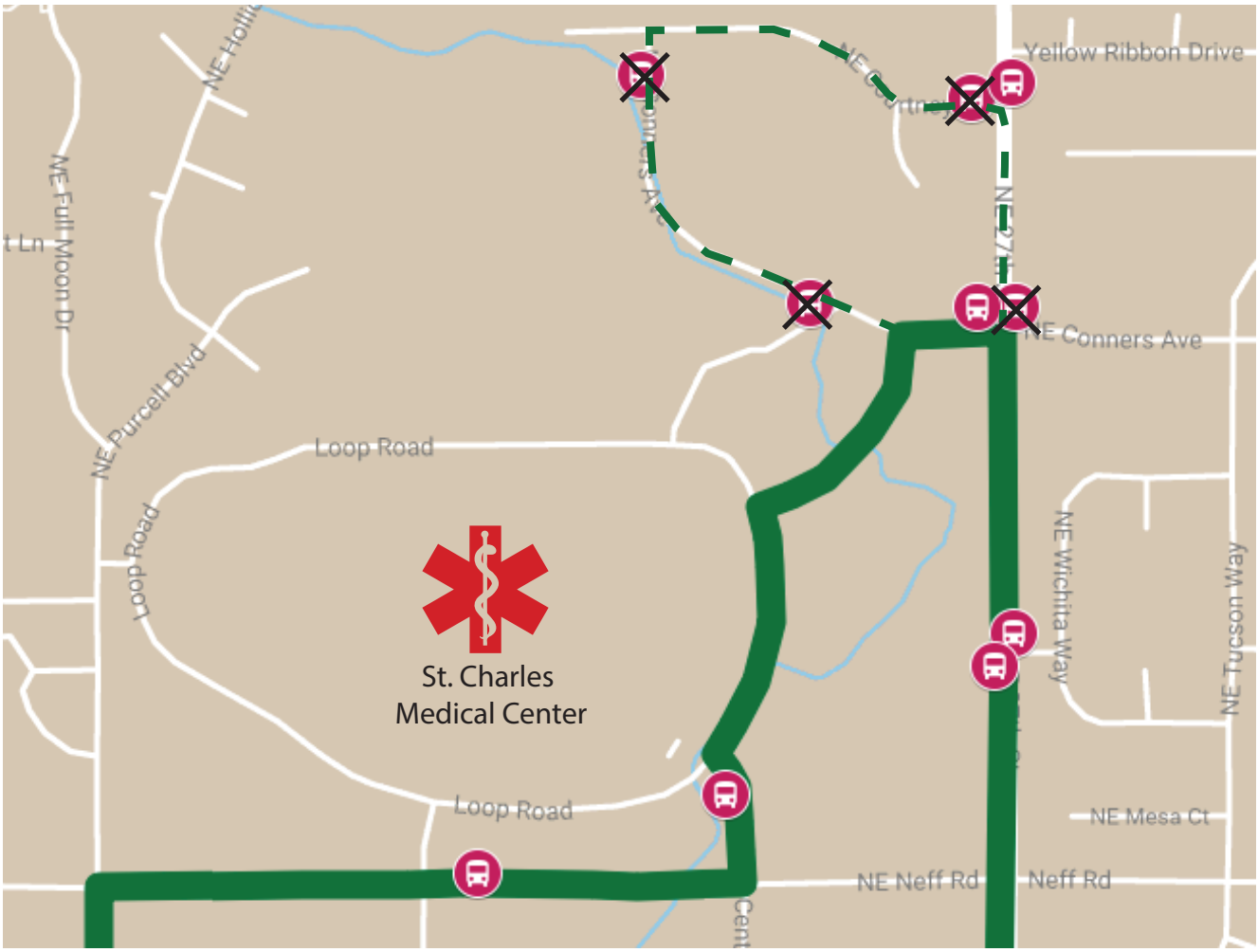

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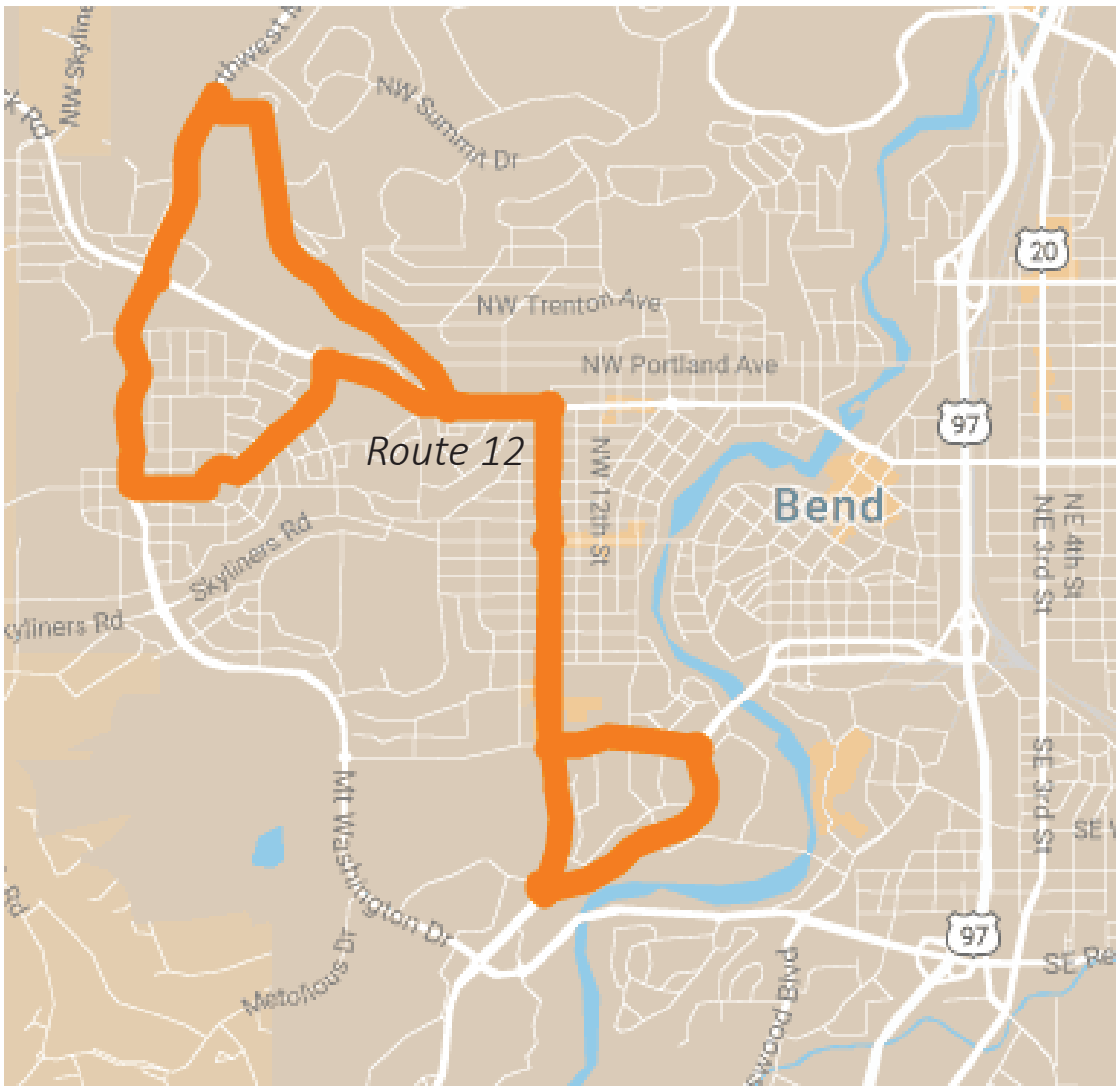
PROPOSED ROUTE 12 CLOSURE

As part of a system efficiency measure, Route 12 is proposed to be eliminated. Changes are anticipated to go into effect on **July 1, 2018**.

Route 3 (Newport) will continue to serve COCC.

Routes 10 (Colorado) & 11 (Galveston) will continue to serve OSU-Cascades.



Current path of Route 12

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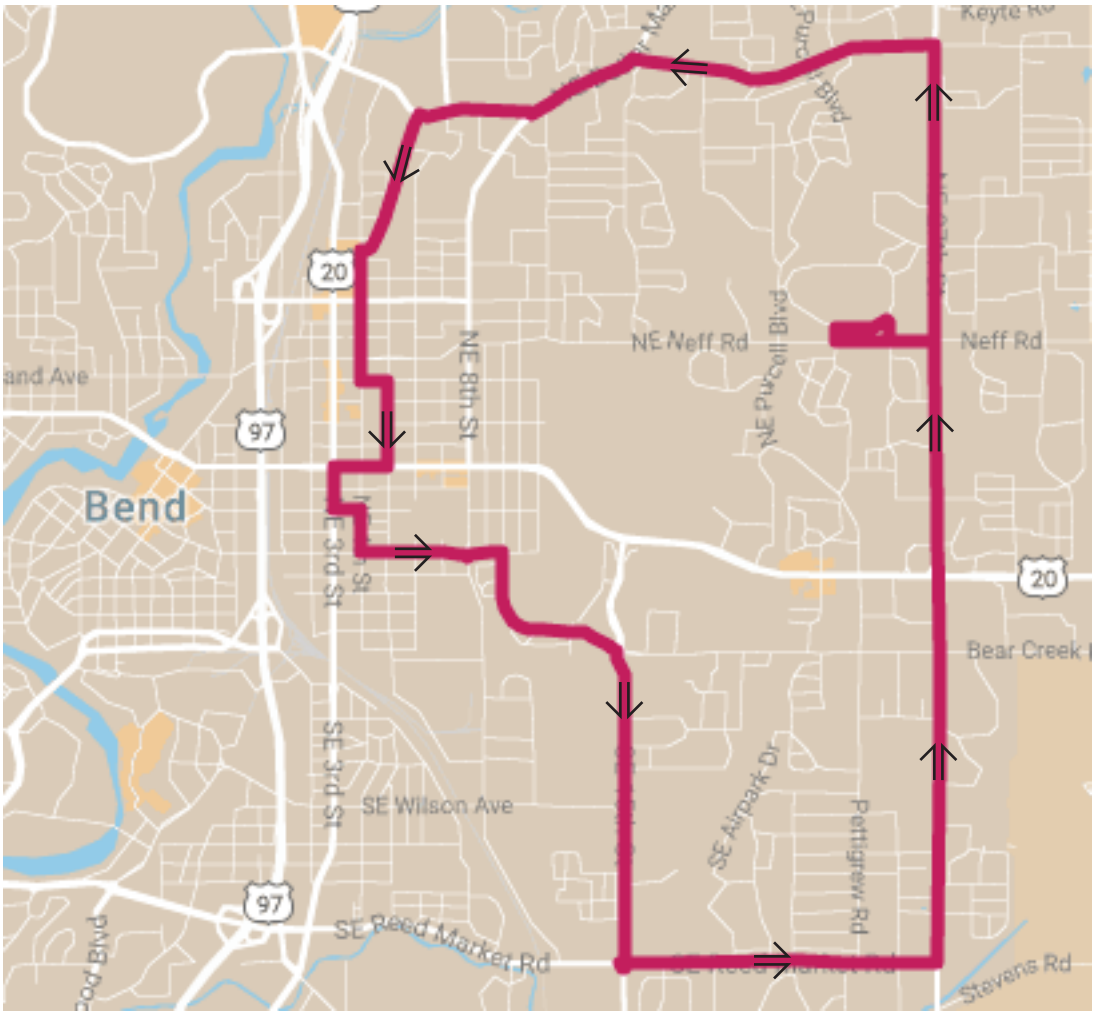
POTENTIAL ROUTE CLOSURE

As part of a system efficiency measure, **Route 6** is under consideration for elimination. Changes are anticipated to go into effect on **July 1, 2018**.

Route 5 (Wells Acres/Reed Mrkt) will continue to serve this area.



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