

THE WAVE: ONE MILLION RIDES AND ROLLING!

We are excited to share that The WAVE is about to reach a milestone of One Million Rides! Please join us each week as we continue to tell our story and celebrate The WAVE: One Million Rides and Rolling!

SERIES THREE OF A FOUR PART SERIES,
THE WAVE...ROLLING AHEAD...

After "The WAVE" demonstration project ended and the management was transferred to the newly formed District, the operations were relocated from the North Coast Senior Services in Wheeler to Tillamook across from the old Safeway on Hwy 101. The District moved again in 1999 to a location along Main Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets.



In 2000, the District began a search for a permanent office and operations center. After spending months reviewing a dozen potential facility site locations, the District narrowed its choice to purchase and renovate the "State Office Building" at 3600 3rd

Street. After making the decision to purchase this property, the District was awarded a grant to prepare a plan called the "TCTD Bus Storage, Maintenance and Office Facility Plan". After completion of the Plan, the District was able to develop a financial plan to purchase the property. TCTD moved into the new office on May 1, 2002. Over the next year, bus barns were erected, a Park & Ride was completed and the administrative and operations facility renovation was completed.

In 2006, Tillamook County Transportation District was awarded an ODOT grant to design and build the Transit Visitor's Center at 2nd & Laurel Streets. The downtown Transit Visitor's Center was completed in 2008. Since the Transit Visitor's Center is a stopping place for visitors coming to and through Tillamook County by bus and car, a Ride Ambassador program was launched in March 2013 and The WAVE began providing passenger and tourist assistance and information.

In 2009, the District was awarded an American Recovery Act grant to design and build a Bus Maintenance Facility and Bus Wash Facility at the 3rd Street location. This project was completed in 2010.

The District started with two buses donated by the North Coast Senior Services and took delivery of a third bus in November 1997. In the early days of "The WAVE" demonstration project phase of service, the buses served as both deviated route and dial-a-ride buses. In December 1999, the District was able to dedicate a van solely to the Dial-A-Ride program we know today.



Today TCTD has a fleet of 17 buses and vans. The District has ten buses used to provide intercity service to Portland as well as local routes serving the greater Tillamook County. The District's remaining seven vans are used to provide local dial-a-ride services throughout the County as well as providing non-emergency medical transportation services throughout the County and to Portland.

Bus One, pictured right



Bus Six, pictured left

Following the passage of the property tax levy, the District was able to expand services to Lincoln City, add additional service to North County, the Tillamook Town Loop, and an additional day of service to Portland (three days total). Another notable change occurred in 2007 when the District extended service from Manzanita to Cannon Beach.

The WAVE's original service to Portland went through Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Beaverton Transit Center and Union Station. In addition, riders were allowed to make advanced reservations to be dropped off and picked up at several hospitals in the Portland area.

In 2003, the Portland route expanded to seven days a week and moved onto Hwy 26 with stops at 185th, Sunset Transit Center, Union Station and Greyhound Station. In late 2009, The WAVE added Banks and North Plains to its Portland route. In September 2011, "The Wave" began operating the same service on all routes seven days-a-week, which included an additional trip to Portland on Sundays.

Join us next week as we conclude our four part series: The WAVE, Rolling Into the Future...