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Re: Welcome to the Hood River County Transportation District Board of Directors

Congratulations on your recent election to the Hood River County Transportation District Board of Directors! We are excited to have you join this dynamic group of community members working hard to connect the people and communities of Hood River County with an accessible, equitable and more sustainable future.

The Hood River County Transportation District was created by the electors of Hood River County in 1993 and is charged with providing all public transportation services in Hood River County as defined in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 267 – Transportation Districts. We receive a local property tax which provides the local match necessary to obtain state and Federal grants through the Oregon Department of Transportation to operate and maintain our transit systems which is commonly called CAT or Columbia Area Transit.

As part of your role to set policy for the Hood River County Transportation District and the CAT, we have provided you with a Board Governance Website where you can get details on your role as a Special District Board Member and important District information to ensure you have the knowledge when making policy decisions affecting CAT and the District. You can visit www.rideCATbus.org/Board and enter the password: IloveCATbus2020.

I am here to assist with getting you up to speed with our governance and operations. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 527-1406 or via email to amy@catransit.org

Sincerely,

Amy Schlappi
Executive Director
Hood River County Transportation District
(dba Columbia Area Transit)