

## The NorthWest POINT *NorthWest Oregon's newly expanded bus service*

### *What?*

- The **NorthWest POINT** is an expanded bus service running from Portland to Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach and back, giving coastal and metro area Oregonians more options for connecting with friends, family and services.
- POINT stands for “**P**ublic **O**regon **I**Ntercity **T**ransit” and this is the third POINT service. The **SouthWest POINT** service began last spring and covers southern, south coast and south central Oregon. **HighDesert POINT** service between Redmond and Chemult began earlier this year.

### *Why?*

- The **NorthWest POINT helps travelers make connections**. It brings people to the national Amtrak train and Greyhound bus networks so they can connect to points north or south. Riders can also connect with other public transit providers, including Sunset Empire Transit District and Tri-Met, to access other towns, medical facilities and more.
- The **NorthWest POINT offers a new option and increased frequency**. The current route (ending March 20, 2010) operates as the Astoria Thruway bus, with one Astoria-Portland-Astoria roundtrip seven days a week. With the new and expanded NorthWest POINT, people will also have the Astoria-Portland-Astoria option — offering a realistic alternative to driving.
- The **NorthWest POINT** will also **benefit the north coast economies and residents**.

### *Who?*

- The POINT gives students, residents, visitors, people with disabilities, seniors and others in the north coast and Portland metro areas another option for getting where they want and need to go. The POINT:
  - Operates two roundtrips per day with morning and evening departures from both Astoria and Portland, seven days a week.
  - Allows passengers to make same-day roundtrips from the coast to Portland.
  - Offers two daily round trips, making it possible to take same-day roundtrips from Portland to the coast.
- The NorthWest POINT is supported in part by ODOT and Greyhound and operated by Oregon Coachways.
- The 51-passenger buses are wheelchair accessible, and have space for baggage and bicycles (boxed or unboxed).
- The buses offer AC outlets, extended legroom and free Wi-Fi service.
  - Each bus has two Verizon cellular data connections for on-board Wi-Fi service.
  - Free Wi-Fi on the buses provides passengers with more options to be productive or entertained, increasing the attractiveness of choosing the bus over driving alone.

### *Tickets/More information*

- Rates range from \$6 to \$18 for a one-way ticket (adult). Tickets are available from Amtrak and Greyhound ticket agents and online sites.
- Visit [www.Oregon-POINT.com](http://www.Oregon-POINT.com) for schedules, fares and other information.

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