



Columbia Area Transit
224 Wasco Loop
Hood River, OR 97031
rideCATbus.org
541-386-4202

June 15, 2021

Re: Free Employee 2021 Gorge Bus Pass

Dear Downtown Hood River Business Owner or Manager,

In an effort to reduce traffic congestion and provide an opportunity to experience public transportation while saving on parking costs, the City of Hood River and Columbia Area Transit (CAT) have come together to provide your employees with a **FREE** 2021 GOrge Pass (valid through December 31, 2021) for use on CAT, Mt Adams Transportation Service, The Link Public Transit and Skamania County Transit!

CAT buses provide services in Hood River County (Hood River, Parkdale, Odell, Cascade Locks) as well as to The Dalles, Mosier, Multnomah Falls, Troutdale, and Portland. In the wintertime, the pass allows riders to get to Mt. Hood Meadows and Government Camp.

For those of your employees that live in the City of Hood River, CAT operates on weekdays, a City route that is available from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., every 45 minutes and a Weekend Trolley route on weekends from 9:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., every 30 minutes. You can learn more about CAT services at www.rideCATbus.org or by calling (541) 386-4202.

Best of all, our buses have bicycle racks, wi-fi, security cameras and ramps for those in mobility devices to board the bus.

Please have your employees who wish to participate fill out the simple application attached with this letter, provide proof that the employee works for your business (ex. paystub, letter, or ID badge) from a business located in Hood River's downtown (map is on the reverse side of this letter) and email it to info@rideCATbus.org or mail/drop off to: Columbia Area Transit, 224 Wasco Loop, Hood River, OR 97031 to receive your free GOrge Pass for 2021. You can also return this application to City of Hood River City Hall, 211 2nd Street, Hood River, OR 97031. Your employees could also apply for the program here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H79BR69>.

Act quickly, as the final date to submit an application for **FREE** 2021 GOrge Pass is September 30, 2021. Help CAT and the City of Hood River reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and provide your employees a stress-free way to travel to and from work, seven days a week!

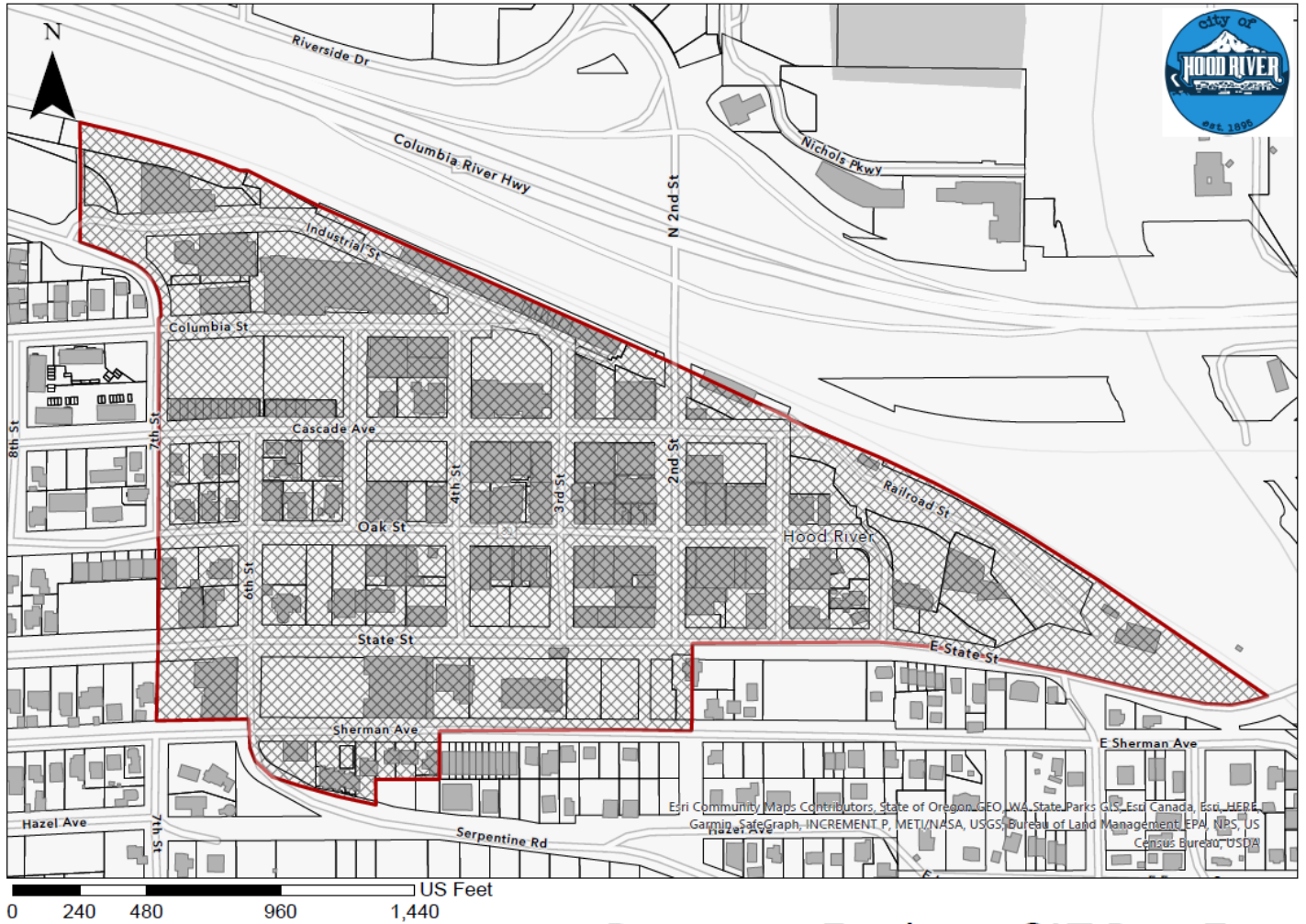
Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (541) 400-2817 or via email to john.andoh@catransit.org.


Sincerely,

John Andoh, CCTM, CPM
Assistant Executive Director



Eligible Downtown Boundaries



 Downtown Employee CAT Pass Zone



2021 GORge Pass for Downtown Hood River Employee Application
Businesses must reside in the Hood River Downtown to be eligible for a free GORge Pass. See reverse side for a map.

Date of Application: _____

Employee Name: _____

Current Resident Street Address: _____

City State Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____

Please Answer A Few Questions:

1. How do you typically get to work? (Circle one)

Carpool Bus Drive Bike Walk Other: _____

2. If you drive to work, where do you park? _____

3. Have you ever ridden the bus before? yes no

4. If yes, where does CAT pick you up? _____

5. Does your route require a transfer? yes no

6. Would you like CAT to do an individualized trip plan for you? yes no

- If yes, please tell us the following:

1.) Where do you want to be picked up? _____

2.) Where do you want to go? _____

3.) When do you want to get to work? _____

4.) When do you want to come home? _____

5.) Any other information that you want to share with us? _____



Program Guidelines

- I understand that the GORge Pass is for my own personal use only and that the passes are non-transferable.
- GORge Passes do not work on Dial-A-Ride or ADA Paratransit services and that full fare is required to use those services. An additional \$1.00 is required for custom pick-ups on Upper Valley and Cascade Locks routes.
- **If you lose your GORge Pass, no replacements are provided. Protect your GORge Pass!**
- This pass is provided at no cost to you by the City of Hood River and CAT as a mitigation measure to traffic and parking congestion in the Downtown area.

Employee Signature

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