

Draft Vehicle Requirements (Southern Oregon Service)

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- For the Southern Oregon service, each bus shall be a First Line transit vehicle with the capacity for at least 16 passengers (past demand for the Klamath Falls to Medford route segment has occasionally exceeded 20 passenger on a single trip) and manufactured no earlier than 2005.
- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and in the interest of extending passenger services to individuals with disabilities, all regularly assigned buses must be equipped with a working wheelchair lift and two wheelchair tie down stations that meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101, et. seq., and all State and Federal regulations promulgated there under. Unless otherwise superseded by applicable law.
- For all Covered Buses, Contractor shall provide securement and restraint devices that comply with the OTRB Securement and Restraint Rule. ODOT may, upon notice to the Contractor, require securement devices more stringent than those set forth in the OTRB Securement and Restraint Rule. In the event that the OTRB Securement and Restraint Rule is rescinded, enjoined or otherwise eliminated for a reason not involving safety concerns, the Contractor shall continue to provide and use compliant securement and restraint devices for Common Wheelchairs other than three-wheeled or four-wheeled scooters and shall comply with Amtrak/Greyhound direction concerning securement of three-wheeled and four-wheeled scooters and restraint of passengers thereon.
- A container to hold tie-down straps used to secure wheelchairs on board will be mounted on the floor or other safe location adjacent to the lift.
- Each bus shall have adequate storage space for passenger baggage and recreational equipment (i.e. skis, bicycles) and have the capacity to carry at least 2 unboxed bicycles, and 1 boxed bicycle.
- Each bus shall be climate-controlled with heat and air-conditioning to provide an interior operating temperature range of 69 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit at all times.
- Each bus shall be clean and neat, with both upholstery and floor covering in good condition.
- Each bus shall be equipped with a timetable holder, at an appropriate location near the front of the bus. The timetable holder shall be regularly stocked with timetables provided by Amtrak, Greyhound, ODOT, or other connecting services for passenger information.
- The exterior of each bus shall be clean and neatly display the ODOT specified scheme. The Contractor shall use official decals and other color specifications for the buses. The Contractor shall be responsible for having the coaches painted and the required decals or art work installed before commencement of service. Cost of painting the buses and/or decal installation will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. Successful Proposers will submit a proposal

showing artwork and logo layout for approval by ODOT prior to painting and decal installation.

- Each bus shall be equipped with an exterior head sign for display of information as prescribed by ODOT.
- Buses used in this service must be equipped with a cellular telephone for communicating with the Contractor's dispatcher and Amtrak stations. Use of this cellular telephone will be restricted to necessary conversation. All charges for cellular phone use shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Operators shall only use the phone when the bus is not in motion unless it is an emergency.
- Each bus shall be legally licensed and registered as required by the State of Oregon and the State of California.
- All buses must comply with the safety standards established by the Surface Transportation Board, US-DOT, the State of California and the State of Oregon.
- The Contractor providing this service must have or be able to obtain the appropriate operating certificates from the State of Oregon, California, and US-DOT Motor Carriers Branches.
- Each bus shall be equipped with clearly visible signs, located near the entrance door, and in the rear of the bus, stating that smoking is prohibited on the bus (by Oregon State Law).
- Each First Line bus shall be equipped to provide free internet access to passenger WiFi enabled devices. Signage notifying passengers of WiFi access should be prominently displayed. The internet service vendor selected by the Contractor should be able to provide useable internet access at least for the route segment from Grants Pass to Klamath Falls, and preferably for the entire route.
- All Second Line buses temporarily substituting for First Line equipment or utilized for extra sections under this contract shall not exceed 12 years in age during the term of the contract. Second Line buses shall have at least 16 passenger capacity, with or without an ADA wheelchair lift, need not be WiFi enabled, and need not display the ODOT bus paint scheme or sign as described previously.
- During a period, in which a Second Line bus without wheelchair accommodations is used, the Contractor shall make available alternative wheelchair accessible transportation for all bus schedules until wheelchair accessible buses are assigned to the runs. Contractor shall be responsible for payment for any alternate wheelchair transportation used.