

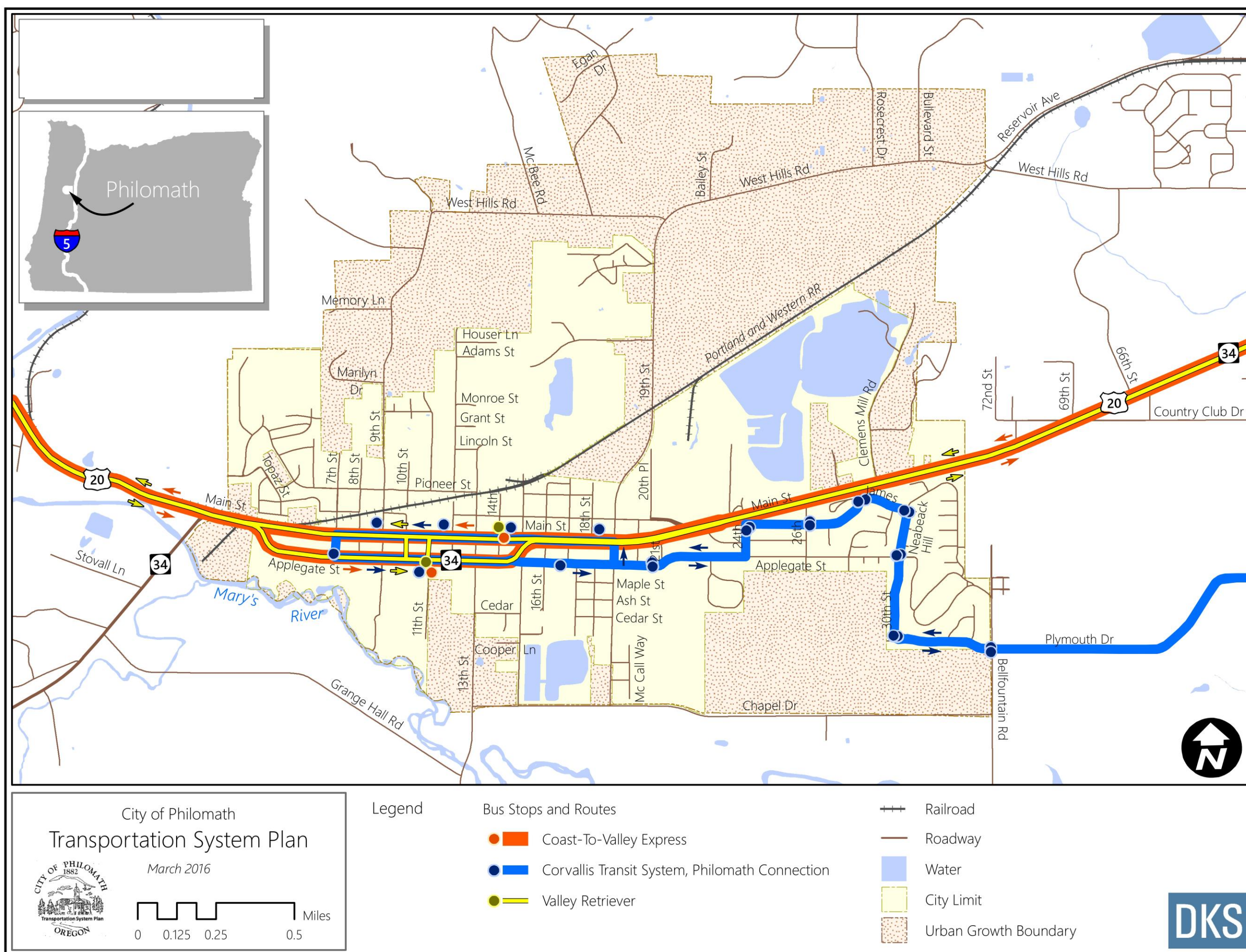
# Transit Findings



The project team collected data on conditions for people using transit in Philomath, evaluating the service coverage, passenger use, amenities, and schedule.

The assessment is being coordinated with the Corvallis Transit System's (CTS) transit development plan currently being updated.

## Public Transit Fixed Routes



Philomath Connection bus and bus stop with shelter at Main St / N. 14<sup>th</sup> St.

## Transit Service Providers in Philomath

- **The Philomath Connection**, by Corvallis Transit System (CTS), provides transit service between Corvallis and Philomath with stops along Plymouth Drive, S 30th Street, Newton Street, US 20/OR 34, and Applegate Street. Transit service along this route is provided Monday through Friday from 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., with headways between one to four hours. Key destinations along this route include downtown Philomath, Philomath High School, Oregon State University, and downtown Corvallis..
- **The Coast to Valley Express** travels through Philomath four times a day (in each direction), seven days a week from the Amtrak station in Albany to South Beach/Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport. Regional stops of significance include the Samaritan Hospital and Clinic, the Corvallis Transit center, the Bi-mart shopping center on 53rd Street in Corvallis, the Eddyville Post Office, the Toledo Park and Ride, and Newport City Hall.
- **The Valley Retriever Buslines** travels through Philomath Sunday through Friday with stops in Corvallis, Albany, Salem, and then final destinations in Bend, Newport, Toledo, or the Portland area. Key destinations include the downtown Corvallis Greyhound station, the Amtrak station, the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Portland, and the Hawthorne Station in Bend.
- **The Benton County Dial-A-Bus** service provides public transportation to seniors and persons with disabilities within Benton County who are unable to use regular fixed-route buses. Curb-to-curb Dial-A-Bus service, in wheelchair lift equipped mini-buses, is available seven days a week..

## Opportunities to Improve Transit Service

- Transit stops are frequent and accessible via sidewalks, although access is limited to the central area of the city and include limited amenities.
- The Philomath Connection service is limited to weekday morning and afternoon commuting periods. This makes off-peak trips, such as for some work or school schedules, impossible to accommodate.
- Limited frequency of transit service makes some trips inconvenient or not possible, and makes transfers unattractive.
- Future route adjustments could better serve future employment and housing growth areas.

## Share Your Story!

Data and analysis can only tell part of the story – we need to hear your experiences to help provide a complete picture of transit in Philomath.