Standards-based GTFS Data

for Passenger-Facing and Planning Applications

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Overview

What is GTFS?

Origin of the Spec; Contents and Standardization; Scale and Adoption;

Oregon's GTFS Programs

- Customer-Facing Applications; Coverage;
- Contract and Lessons for State DOTs;

What's Next?

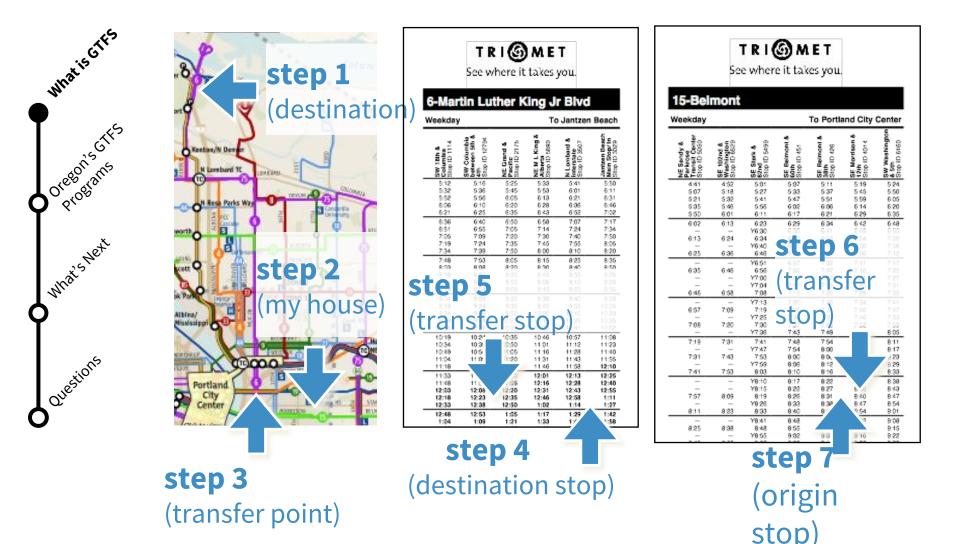
Real-time; Network Planning & TNeXT; GTFS-flex; GTFS-ride;

GTFS

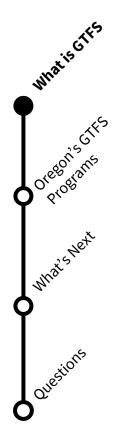
(General Transit Feed Specification)



Origin of the Spec



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Why isn't it as easy to get transit directions as driving directions?



Bibiana McHugh,

IT Manager for GIS and Location-Based Services, TriMet, in 2005



Contents and Standardization

2005: Google Transit launches as a "Labs" product.



Google's mission:

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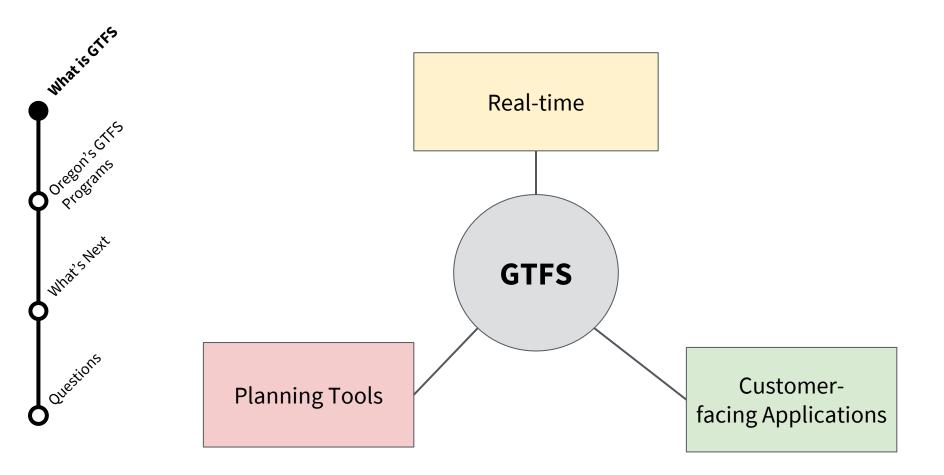
"Organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."

This requires **standardized data.**

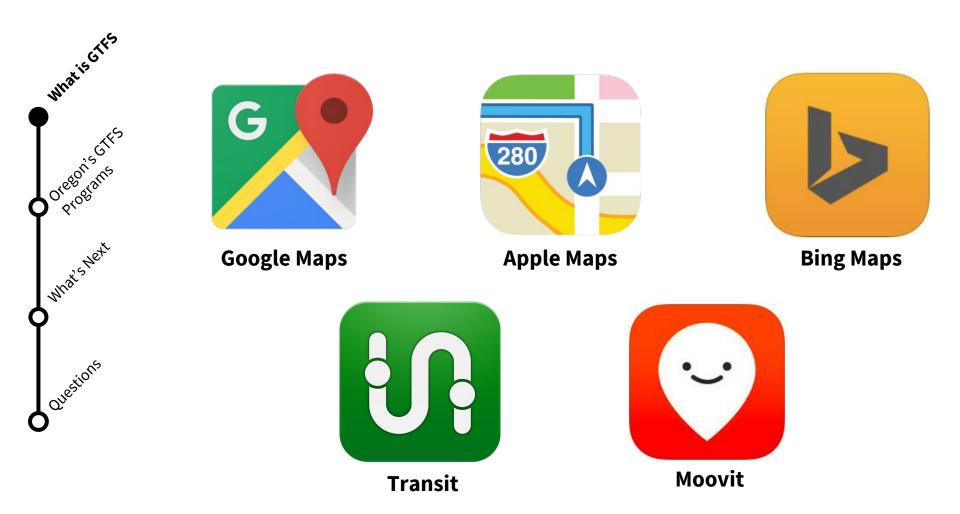
Contents and Standardization



Scale and Adoption



Customer-facing Applications



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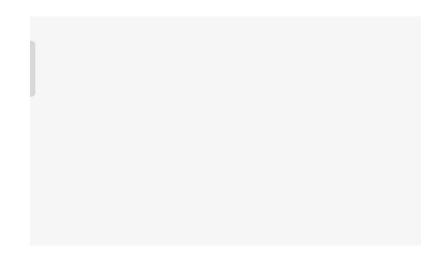


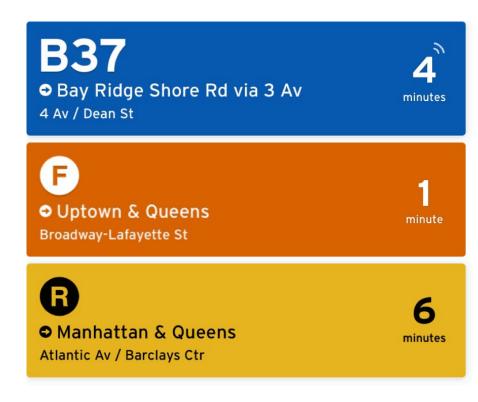
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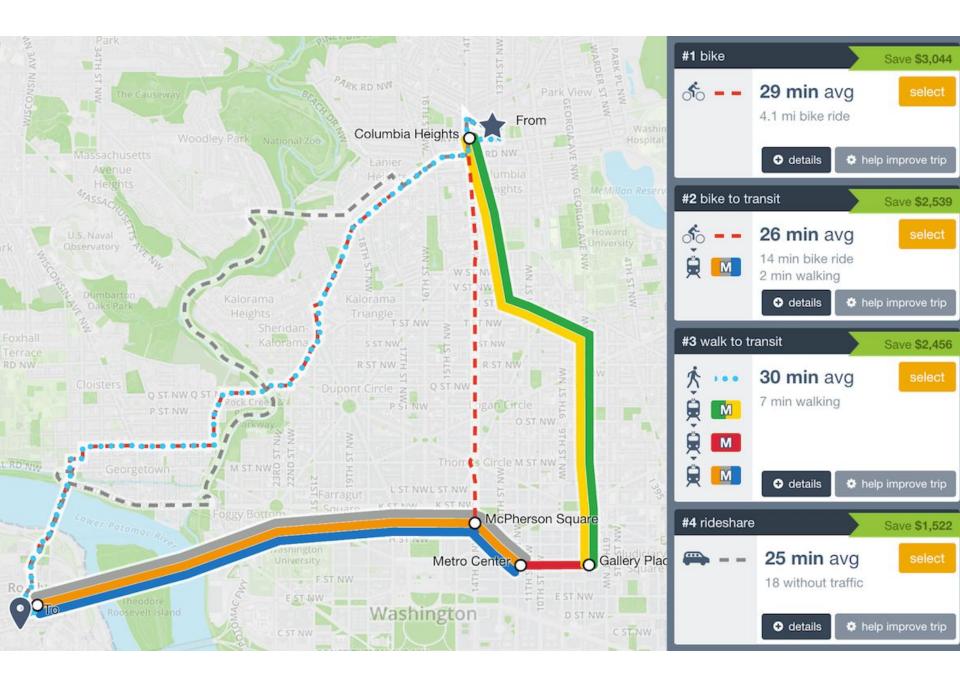




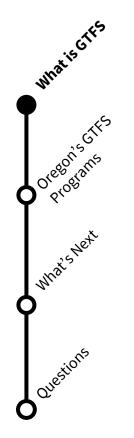
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<u>opentripplanner.org</u> *Open-source multi-modal trip planner*



Agency-facing Tools



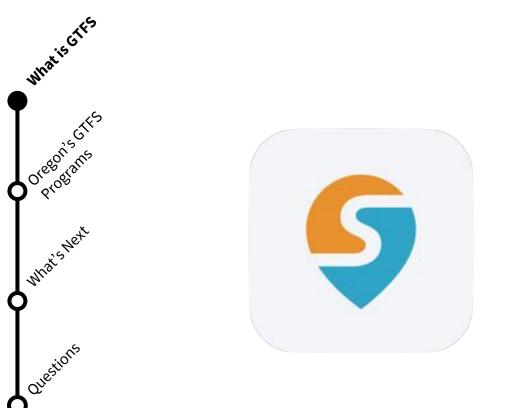
GTFS-to-HTML

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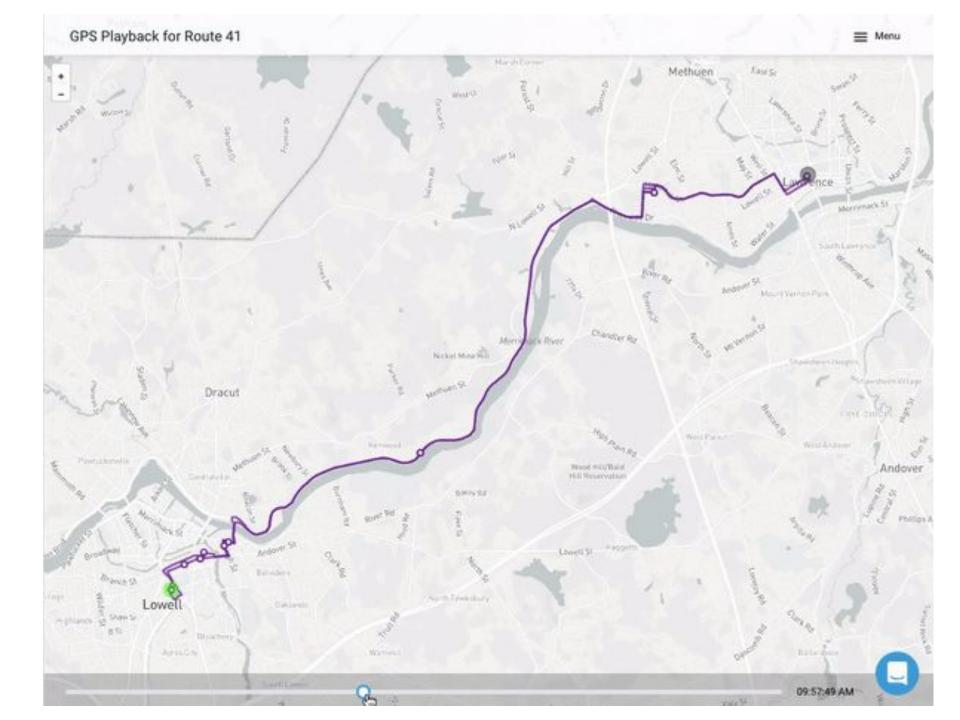
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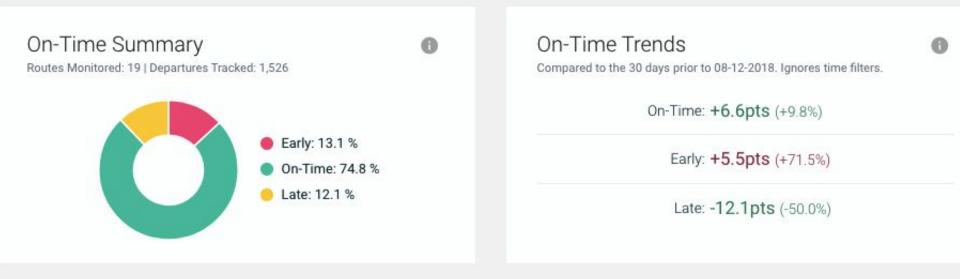
Open-source software to create HTML timetables that meet accessibility requirements: https://github.com/brendannee/gtfs-to-html

Real-time



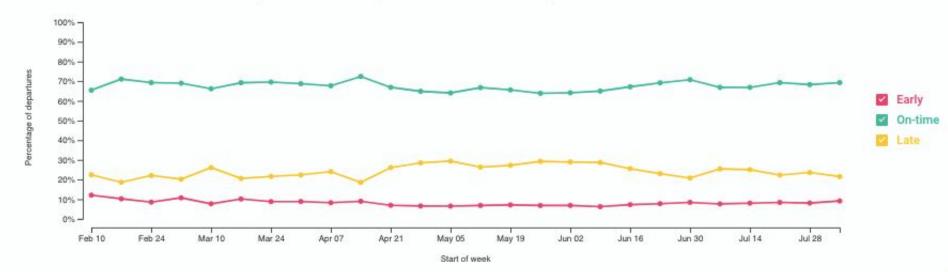
Swiftly <u>www.goswift.ly</u>

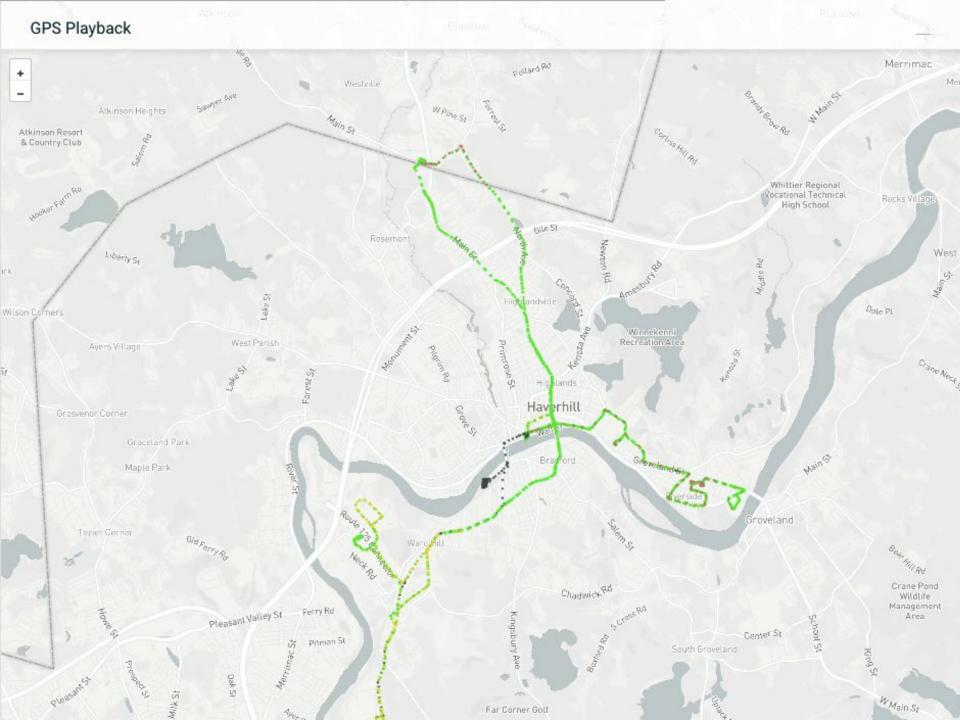




On-Time Performance By Week: All Routes

Time series chart is calculated based on OTP parameters: 1 min early and 4 min late over a 26 week period.





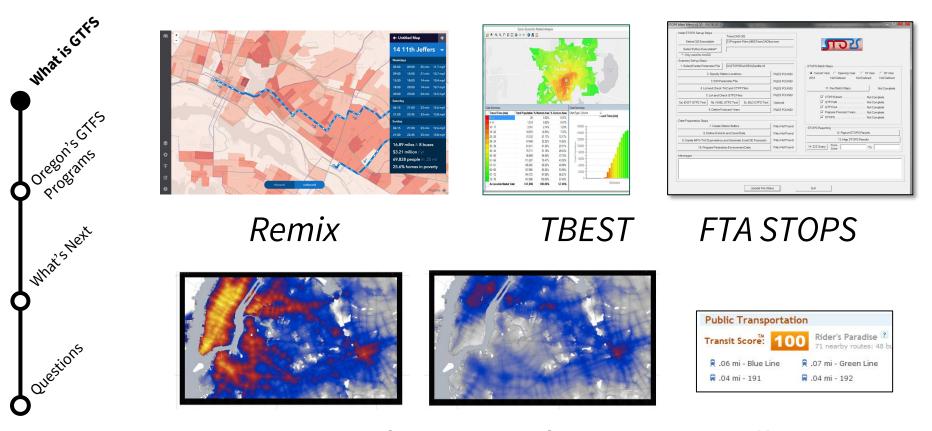
Scale and Adoption



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Planning Tools



OpenTripPlanner Analyst

WalkScore

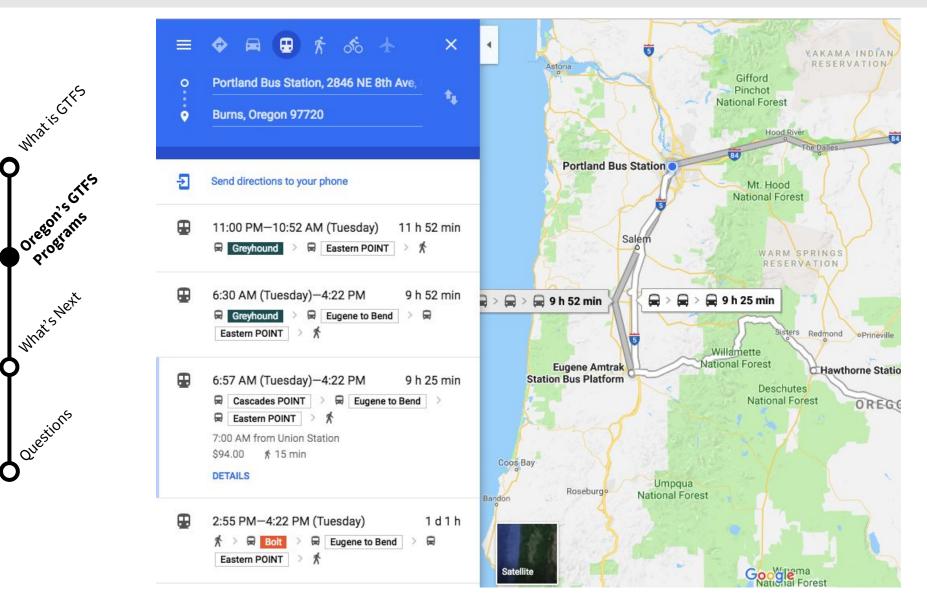


Oregon's GTFS Programs



Oregon's GTFS Program

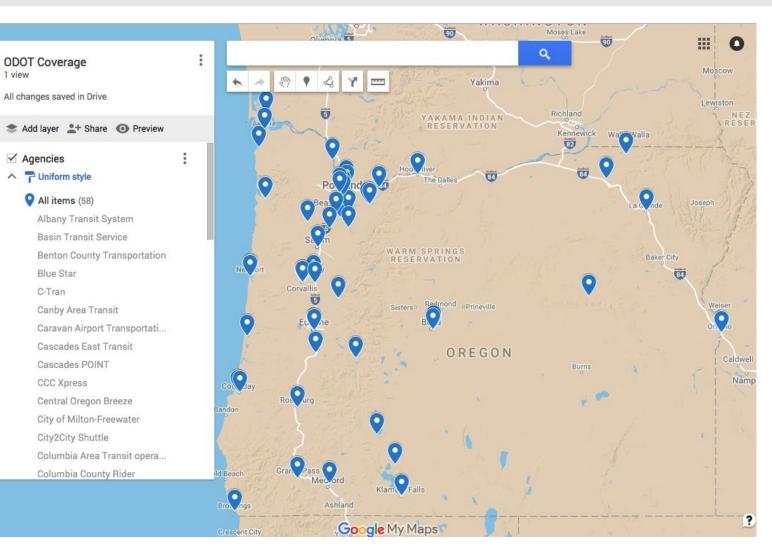
Customer-facing Applications



Oregon's GTFS Program

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Oregon's GTFS Program

Contract and Lessons for State DOTs

• Travelers benefit from statewide coverage

• Use of data for multiple purposes:

- Creates efficiency

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- Improves accuracy and accountability

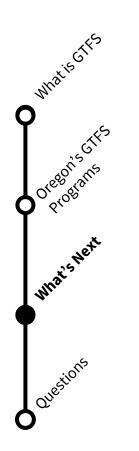
Standards-based interoperable data:

- Many components work together
- Reduced vendor lock-in
- Combine with other multimodal data
- Multi-year commitment necessary to develop agency engagement

Real-time, TNeXT, Flex, Ride



GTFS-realtime



Companion specification includes:

• vehicle positions



real-time arrival estimates

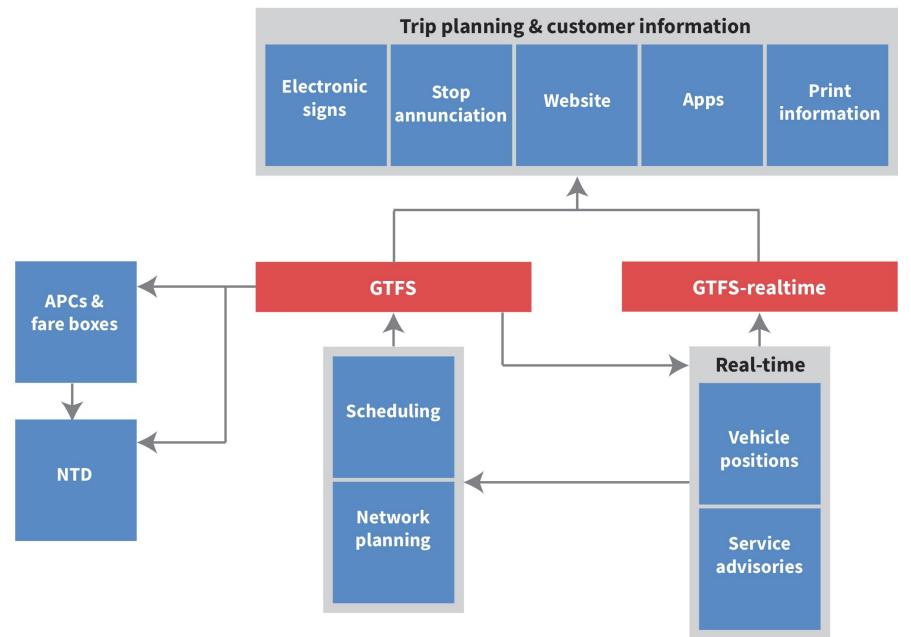
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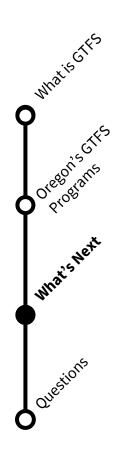
advisories

Route 5 is experiencing significant delays due to flooded roads

Transit Stack



GTFS-flex



Draft specification includes:

 deviated fixed-route

• dial-a-ride

• flag stop service

Depart	From	
2:52pm	Main Stre	eet Library
Arrive	То	Service note:
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Rural Com	munity Transportation	Dial-a-Ride

before your trip to request

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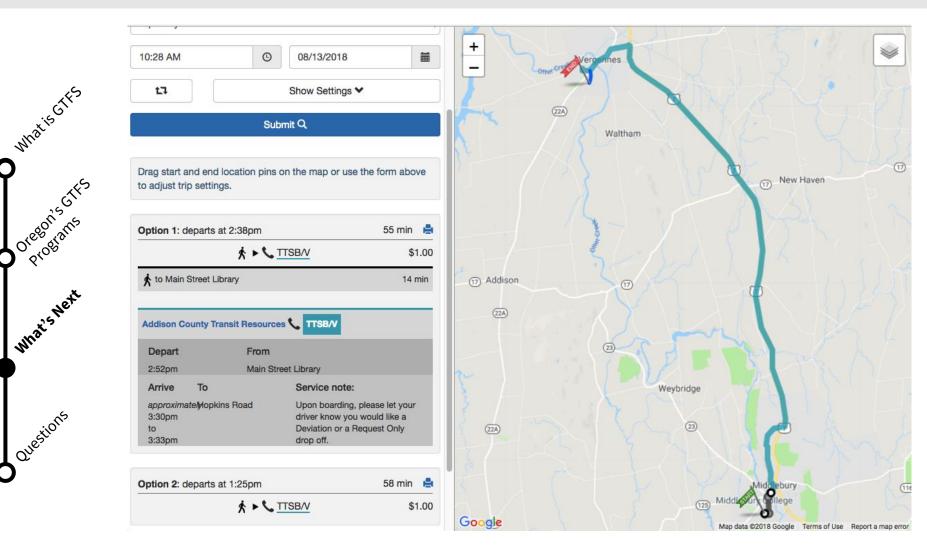
" he Curren o Guilford	Brattleboro Blue	Line
Depart	From	Flag Stop
11:35am	corner of Maple Street and Belmont Avenue	Wave the bus down in a safe location. The driver will not stop near corners, on steep hills, or other hazardous areas.

GTFS-flex

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Questions



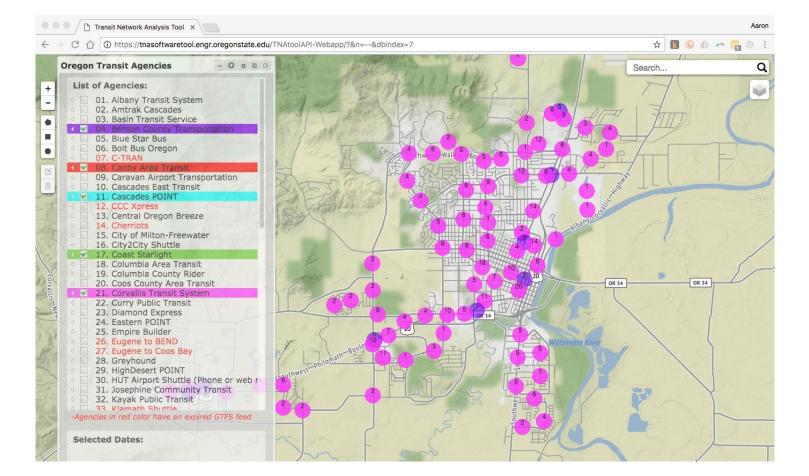
Network Planning: TNeXT and GTFS-ride



- **TNeXT (Transit Network Explorer Tool)** in statewide network planning
- **GTFS-ride** to relate ridership to schedules and stops

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