



SELKIRKS - PEND OREILLE TRANSIT

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Bonner County Commissioners
C/O Alisa Schoeffel
Bonner County
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Re: Annual Support Request

Dear Bonner County Commissioners:

Funds provided by our local partners allow SPOT to continue providing existing transportation service. Operating costs continue to rise significantly. Our primary increases include fuel prices and escalating costs for maintaining our fleet (Preventative Maintenance). For this upcoming year, SPOT Bus requests that Bonner County include \$30,000 for SPOT Bus transit services in your budget. Our Bonner County existing service faces significant cuts in hours – by as much as 1/3rd.

SPOT is committed to improving our service level and ridership. Our role is to provide free safe, reliable, ADA compliant transit service in Bonner County and Boundary County. SPOT is the sole source of transportation for many, providing daily access to employment, health care, shopping, education, public services, restaurants, visiting friends and family as well as recreation. In addition, SPOT Bus provides Boundary County residents with a weekly inter-city connection between Bonners Ferry and Bonner County on Thursdays. SPOT Bus takes people where they want and need to go. We foster prompt access - improving efficiency and mobility.

SPOT Bus surpassed one million rides in early February 2023. Ridership continues to grow steadily. In 2024 SPOT provided 162,914 rides filling a crucial role in safe, reliable transportation services. When SPOT buses transport people, the economic and health benefits far outweigh our local match contributions! Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Donna Griffin
Executive Director