Bus service may be stopped

Public transit system could lose a grant that requires multiple services.

Kirk-Tran, the region’s public bus system, is just one of the fund’s handful of money makers. "Kirk-Tran is one of the many organizations that get support from this fund," said Eileen Smith, a representative for the fund.

To maintain a grant the region’s public transit system must provide services to all citizens and provide a minimum number of connections per year. "We are looking into alternative funding for Kirk-Tran," said Smith. "We are trying to find a way to replace the federal grant." "If not, we may have to stop the service," said Smith.

The Kirk-Tran Advisory Board, which is responsible for the grant, is currently reevaluating the service. "We are looking at the needs of the community and trying to find a way to keep the service running," said Smith.

The grant, which is awarded by the federal government, is currently funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation. "We are looking at other options for funding," said Smith.

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