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2017 - The Summer of the Supernatural

AASHTO PTC-MTAP Winter Meeting
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2017 Oregon’s Supernatural Summer
Total Eclipse of the Sun

Path of Totality

Salem Depot

Cool picture

Bill and Marsha
Total Eclipse of the Sun

Grant County
Population: 7185
Area: 4529 mi$^2$

Highly Rural

Grant County People Mover
Total Eclipse of the Sun

Lessons Learned:

• Start planning early
• Operations flexibility is key
• Temporary bus stops take work
• Branding matters
Total Eclipse of the Sun
Planning pays off!

In the Oregonian, the day following the solar eclipse, the Editorial Board noted that:

"The eclipse was an experience of a lifetime, and I thank you for helping us be there for it."
2017 Oregon Wildfire Season

- Oregon’s wildfires burned an area the size of Rhode Island
- 1,903 fires,
- 1,060 square miles burned,
- $340 million spent so far on firefighting costs.
2017 Oregon Wildfire Season

Eagle Creek Wildfire

Chetco Bar Wildfire
2017 Oregon Wildfire Season

Chetco Bar Wildfire
Service over for the season - we'll see you next year!
9/12/2017

First, the bad news: the final two weekends of the 2017 Columbia Gorge Express season have been cancelled. We were scheduled to run Sept 15-17 and Sept 22-24, but unsafe conditions from the Eagle Creek Fire have resulted in the continued closure of I-84 as well as many Gorge trails and sights, including Multnomah Falls.

The good news? Multnomah Falls and its historic lodge are still intact, thanks to the heroic efforts of firefighting crews. We plan to resume service in 2018, with potential expansion to Hood River and other locations in the Columbia River Gorge
2017 Oregon Wildfire Season

Lessons Learned:

• Emergency plans in place
• Clear communications
• Interconnectedness
• SAFETY
Thank you.

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