

## Ride Connection Land Acknowledgement

Ride Connection acknowledges that our facilities are situated on the traditional village sites of the Multnomah Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Bands of Chinook, Tualatin Kalapuya, Molalla, Clackamas, and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River, who have called this place home long before the arrival of white colonizers (Portland Indian Leaders Roundtable, 2018). We honor and recognize the enduring relationship between Indigenous peoples and their territories.

The ongoing legacy of settler colonialism has disrupted the ways of life of Indigenous communities, forced them to relocate from their ancestral lands, and resulted in the genocide of entire communities.

Indigenous people in the Portland area and throughout the Pacific Northwest established an extensive network of trade routes, facilitating the exchange of goods, ideas, and cultural practices. We acknowledge that with the arrival of white colonizers, these Indigenous footpaths were paved over as roadways and infrastructure expanded, often at the expense of Native lands, disrupting traditional practices and displacing communities.

Ride Connection is dedicated to listening to and learning from the Indigenous communities that have inhabited and cared for this land for thousands of years. We commit to recognizing and rectifying historical injustices as we strive for a more equitable and inclusive transportation systems. Our goal is to amplify the voices of Indigenous communities in decision-making processes, ensuring that their perspectives are valued and integrated into the planning and development of transportation infrastructure.