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Valley Lift Driver Receives Oregon Transit Association Award

Seaside, Oregon – October 21, 2014. Edoardo Turati, a Paratransit Services driver for Valley Lift, was honored with an Outstanding Public Transportation Employee Award at the Oregon Transit Association (OTA) 2014 Public Transportation Conference held in Seaside, Oregon. Edoardo was presented with the award by OTA Executive Director Kelly Ross during the Award Luncheon held October 21 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Valley Lift is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible transit program serving greater Medford, Oregon. Paratransit Services, a nonprofit company based in Washington State, has operated Valley lift for the Rogue Valley Transportation District since 2005. Mr. Turati has been a Valley Lift driver for the past 5 years, and has twice earned the company's Medford Driver of the Year honor.

The stated purpose of the OTA Outstanding Public Transportation Employee Award is to honor "an employee of a public transportation system who has made outstanding contributions to the public transportation industry." Mr. Turati was nominated for the award by Paratransit Services Medford General Manager, Bill Kluth.

In making the nomination, Mr. Kluth noted that Edoardo "has truly been an Ambassador for ADA Public Transportation and for Paratransit Services here in Medford," and went on to commend the driver's customer-friendly approach to the job of providing accessible transportation, his safe driving skills, and the positive influence Edoardo has on other Valley Lift drivers.

About Paratransit Services

Paratransit Services is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) transportation services firm based in the Puget Sound city of Bremerton, Washington. Founded in 1980, the company currently operates accessible public transit systems in Washington State, Oregon, and Northern California.

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Edoardo Turati displays his OTA Outstanding Public Transportation Employee Award with Medford General Manager Bill Kluth (left) and OTA Executive Director Kelly Ross (right).