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**Latinx community advocate appointed to Salem public transit board**

Oregon’s governor appointed Maria Cecilia Hinojos Pressey to the Salem Area Mass Transit District’s board of directors.

Hinojos Pressey, who is a daughter of Mexican immigrants from Chihuahua, Mexico, is the operations manager for PCUN, which is an organization that advocates for Oregon farmworkers and working Latinx families.

Previously, she worked with a refugee resettlement agency, helping refugees and asylum seekers obtain jobs, navigate public transportation, and settle into new homes. Prior to that she worked as a Latinx community advocate at the Domestic Violence Resource Center.

In addition to her role as a Cherriots board director, Hinojos Pressey is a member of the district’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

She holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from the University of New Mexico and a master's in sociology from Arizona State University.

SAMTD, formed in 1979 as a municipal corporation, provides fixed route, paratransit, regional, on-demand, and rideshare services. The public transit district provides transportation services to 19 towns and cities throughout Marion and Polk counties with connections to other counties and cities, including Wilsonville.