



Education notes...

Curt Simon, Metro Transit's executive director, will retire after more than 33 years of service. Simon will step down this fall. Simon, 66, has spent his entire working career in the transportation industry. He is a board member for the Nebraska Association of Transportation Providers and serves as an ex-officio member of the Douglas County Board of Health. Metro saw significant changes under his tenure, most recently a cost neutral system redesign, bus fleet upgrades, bus shelter replacement, onboard Wi-Fi access and a real-time bus tracking system. A major achievement will be the opening of ORBT, the region's first rapid transit line, this fall.

Teachers in the Greater Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area can apply online now through March 1 for a **Cox Charities** "Innovation in Education" grant. Available for up to \$2,500, the grants are open to both public and private schools (grades pre-K through 12). Interested educators or administrators can visit <https://www.coxcharitiescentral.org> to submit an application online. The Cox Charities program is funded through the contributions of Cox Communications employees. Cox Charities funds classroom programs and curriculum that encourage and promote students' academic success and enhance the educational experience, as well as initiatives for nonprofits, who can apply beginning April 1.

Researchers at the **University of Nebraska at Omaha** have received funding from the **National Institutes of Health** to study how the brain adapts to the use of 3D-printed prosthetic limbs. Jorge Zuniga, Ph.D., associate professor of biomechanics and Brian Knarr, Ph.D., assistant professor of biomechanics at UNO, are co-principal investigators on the study. This NIH Research Project Grant will fund research into changes in neural activity in children following regular usage of a 3D-printed prosthetic arm. This research study seeks to determine how the brain makes this adjustment to the use of a prosthetic limb.