

COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



Monthly Department Report – May 2009

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Group Pass Program:

The 2009 Group Pass Comprehensive Survey is completed and will be posted on Commuter Solution's website at www.commutersolutions.ltd.org.

An Employee Transportation survey was conducted for Glory Bee Foods Inc., which has 130 employees.

The quarterly Employee Transportation Coordinator luncheon was held in the LTD Board Room on April 15. Fifteen employer representatives attended. Business Commute Challenge Coordinator Paul Adkins gave a presentation on this year's Business Commute Challenge.

Carpool/Vanpool/Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH):

Twenty one new commuters were added to the Rideshare database during March and April.

Statewide Transportation Options providers have decided that a single online Rideshare database for all Oregon commuters would provide better quality carpool matching, and would be more user friendly for commuters. Washington State Department of Transportation and Portland Metro initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) for processing the single online Rideshare database and awarded the contract to ICarpool.com. Commuter Solutions continues to monitor the Primary Stakeholders Group's review process and to provide input for the design and functionality added to the base software package.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, representing 64 employees; and the City of Springfield representing 320 employees have enrolled in ERH program.

Rideshare Program Coordinator Tracy Smith and Program Manager Connie Bloom Williams have been meeting with Valley VanPool partners to develop a policy and guidelines for new vanpool subsidy, which will be funded through National Transit Database revenues received by Lane Transit District and Salem-Keizer Transit for vanpool passenger miles reported. ODOT, who was previously providing bridge funds for vanpool subsidies, notified statewide Transportation Options (TO) providers that they would no longer be providing vanpool subsidy funds to TO as of June 30, 2009.

Commuter Solutions sponsored a Bicycle Tune Up day for Lane Transit District employees in preparation for the Business Commute Challenge that was held on May 11-15.

Park & Ride:

Laxton's Big and Tall Store has requested LTD's assistance in restricting the use of its gravel lot for casual Park & Ride parking for the Springfield Station. Windshield flyers were placed on parked vehicles and a sign was posted, redirecting them to the authorized Park & Ride overflow parking at the Booth-Kelly lot, south of the Springfield Station.

Mark Shrive, city manager for the City of Creswell, contacted Commuter Solutions to request LTD support of their application for stimulus funds for the redevelopment of the city hall parking lot, which is used as an LTD Park & Ride lot.

Smart Ways to School and Student Transit Pass Program:

Pacific Continental Bank has chosen to be LTD's partner in the 2008-09 Student Transit Pass Program (STPP). The program provides LTD passes to 25,000 area students in grades 6-12 during the school year. The STPP is funded through the Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) program administered by the Oregon Department of Energy. The BETC program requires LTD to partner with a tax-paying business that is willing to share a tax credit. The STPP would not be possible without this partnership. Pacific Continental Bank has served as LTD's partner in four of the five years since the program began.

Education and Outreach:

Commuter Solutions staffed a booth at the City of Springfield's Benefit Fair on April 7 and Earth Day on April 18. Marcia attended the annual Eugene-Springfield Chambers Joint Greeters breakfast on April 16.