

COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



Monthly Department Report – June 2009

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Program Management

Administrative Secretary, Mary Green, has resigned her position to move to Wisconsin. Her last day will be June 26. Her position was posted and interviews were held. Ann Harris was selected to be the new Administrative Secretary for Commuter Solutions. Ann will report to work June 11.

Program Manager, Connie Bloom Williams, attended several Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) meetings to participate in discussions on funding for the transportation options programs in our region.

Members of the Transportation Options Advisory Committee have directed staff to begin work on a Regional Transportation Options Plan. It would compliment and parallel the efforts of the local jurisdictions in development of their Transportation Systems Plans, and in LTD's effort to develop a Regional Transit Plan.

Connie is a member of the USATF (USA Track and Field) transportation committee and will work with planners to provide bike valet parking for the track and field competition in June.

Connie is a member of the Beltline Facility Plan Stakeholder's Committee and has attended two meetings to date.

Commuter Solutions (***point2point Solutions***) will be the primary sponsor for the Sustainability Village for the Eugene Celebration this year, September 4-6.

Staff met with representatives from Lane County Public Works to assist in the public outreach effort for the road work planned on River Road this summer.

Meetings on the roll-out plan for Commuter Solutions new program name, ***point2point Solutions***, continue. A brief information report will go to the LTD Board. Additional information sessions internally and with other jurisdictions are also planned.

Tracy attended the Statewide Transportation Options meeting in Medford. Tracy and Connie attended the Transportation Options Group of Oregon (To Go) Board meeting.

Group Pass Program:

The 2008 Comprehensive Group Pass Research has been delivered to the individual organizations that participated in the survey

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

Eleven new commuters were added to the Rideshare Database.

The Oregon Department of Justice, with two offices in Eugene and one in Springfield, enrolled in the Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH). The Oregon DOJ represents 71 employees.

Park & Ride

Commuter Solutions has received a signed agreement from Fred Meyer Stores to utilize 25 spaces at their store location on 5th and Q Streets in Springfield. This Park & Ride lot is conveniently located to LTD bus stop serving route 12 to Gateway and RiverBend.

A verbal agreement has been received from Rite Aid at Mohawk Marketplace, to utilize 14 spaces on the south edge of their lot adjacent to Marcola Rd. This is very conveniently located to LTD bus stops serving routes 13, 18, and 19. This will also be a convenient location for Mohawk Valley Residents to park and access transit or meet their carpool.

Smart Ways to School and Student Transit Pass Program

Lisa has been working with the Communities and Schools Together research project to prepare the Bethel School District for applying for an Oregon Safe Routes to School Non-infrastructure grant to promote walking and biking to school among their families of K-5 students.

During the 2008-09 school year, 150 new families joined the SchoolPool carpool match service to total more than 380 families remaining in the database. Research conducted earlier this year showed that the majority of families using the service were choosing to carpool to school for several trips per week. Of these, a significant number found their carpool partners through the free SchoolPool service. Those who did not find a carpool partner through SchoolPool appreciated the service and wish to remain active in the database.

Lisa is developing new back-to-school materials for the 2009-10 school year that will reflect the new Point2Point – School Solutions brand.

Education and Outreach

Staff attended a Transportation Fair at Oregon Social Learning.

Marcia presented to 15 business representatives at the *Climate Masters @ Work* program.

Tracy Smith and Dirk Beaulieu conducted a Transportation Fair at 9Wood in Springfield in preparation for the Business Commute Challenge.