

COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



Monthly Department Report –March 2009

Prepared for: Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Program Management:

Tracy and Marcia attended the Statewide Transportation Options working group quarterly meeting in Corvallis. Connie has been working on the FY 09-10 budget with the Transportation Options Advisory Committee's Budget Subcommittee.

Commuter Solutions has been undergoing an "identity audit" and new branding process. Based on research, the new name chosen is, "Point 2 Point Solutions." We are currently in the process of choosing a new logo. A public information/outreach campaign will be planned once the logo and naming process are complete.

Group Pass Program:

Work continues on the Comprehensive Group Pass Research project. The total sample report is done, and individual company reports are near completion. Staff will bring a report to the Board for information and discussion in the near future.

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

Ten commuters were added to the rideshare database in February. There are a total of 676 commuters registered in the database. Work is underway to set up the Vanpool Subsidy Funds for ongoing vanpool support. This effort is funded by revenues traced to vanpool miles reported to the National Transit Database.

Connie and Tracy met with Herb Horner of the UO to discuss promotion and management of carpool efforts for the UO faculty, staff, and students.

Park & Ride

Park & Ride users have been notified that the Lane County Fairgrounds Park & Ride lot has been discontinued and a new Park & Ride has been established at the Eugene Faith Center. There are about 10 – 15 daily users of the Eugene Faith Center P&R lot.

New signs have been posted for the St. Matthews Episcopal Church Park & Ride lot on River Road.

Bike Loops have been installed next to the LTD bus shelter at the Creswell City Hall Park & Ride.

Smart Ways to School and Student Transit Pass Program:

Lisa chaired the Oregon Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee during a "part two" meeting to guide the grant application process for the remaining infrastructure and non-infrastructure funds that total about \$3 million. The application deadline is set for June 15, 2009. We anticipate that several Eugene area schools will apply for funds.

Lisa staffed the Smart Ways to School booth during the Eugene Walk and Bike Summit. She also assisted Shane Rhodes, Eugene 4J Safe Routes to School coordinator, with a Safe Routes to School break-out session for Summit participants.

Smart Ways to School is conducting another count of Student Transit Pass Program usage for documentation to the Oregon Department of Energy. Tallies show that students represent more than 7,000 LTD boardings per weekday and nearly 2,000 boardings on weekends.