



## COMMUTER SOLUTIONS

### Monthly Department Report – February 2007

Prepared for: Transportation Planning Committee

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## **PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

### **Program Management**

Transportation Options Advisory Committee (TOAC) Budget Committee held an initial planning meeting to discuss the FY08 Commuter Solutions budget.

Staff participated in planning meetings with PeaceHealth for the Cottage Grove/Creswell pilot vanpool project, the Springfield Gateway Development Committee, and attended the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner.

Commuter Solutions staffed information booths at the Good Earth Home Show and LCC Wellness Fair.

### **Group Pass / ETC Programs**

Discussions are underway with Kabuki's, Oregon Research Center for Applied Science, and with Lane County employees about joining the Group Pass Program.

Looking Glass Evaluation & Treatment Center has terminated their 2007 GPP contract due to budget constraints. All other Group Pass employers have returned their signed contract renewals for 2007.

Commuter Solutions hosted an Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) quarterly luncheon. Lee Shoemaker from the City of Eugene, and Dean Bishop, City of Springfield, presented information on bicycling in our community. ETCs representing 18 companies and several members of the Transportation Options Advisory Committee (TOAC) attended.

### **CarPool/VanPool/Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH)**

Two companies have joined the Emergency Ride Home program:

- Curves on 28<sup>th</sup>
- Lane Community College Faculty & Staff

### **Smart Ways to School Program (SWTS)**

Lisa VanWinkle met with school district administrators to describe the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding opportunity and to explain how Smart Ways to School would assist them in seeking funds this year or in future years. Eugene 4J School District plans to apply this year. Bethel School District does not have enough staff resources to pursue it this year. Springfield School District is still considering. Funds will be distributed through several cycles during the next two to three years.

Lisa attended and chaired the monthly Oregon Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee meeting.

### **Student Transit Pass Program (STPP)**

Student ridership counted during January measured 22,100 boardings during the 6-day period. Boardings on school days averaged 6,100 per day, similar to the 6,390 boardings per day in early December. (Overall ridership for the count period was lower than average because there was a no-school day and a free-LTD day in celebration of the EmX debut.) This result shows a continuing trend of about 30 percent higher student ridership this year than last year.