

COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



Monthly Department Report – April 2007 Prepared for: Transportation Planning Committee

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Program Management

Staff presented information at the Neighborhood Climate Council's Climate Masters training program. Staff has participated in meetings with the Springfield Gateway Development Committee. Connie will be implementing the Bike Light Safety Project with the City of Eugene.

Group Pass / ETC Programs

Staff provided trip planning and **Get on Board!** Campaign kit distribution at Semperian and International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE). The **Get on Board!** Campaign will run through the month of April.

Marcia Maffei presented information to the 8th grade class at Agnes Stewart Middle School's Job Fair Day.

CarPool/VanPool/Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH)

Twenty-four individuals have registered for the Emergency Ride Home Program.

Staff met with Ken Boegli, Parking and Transportation Director at the University of Oregon, regarding Rideshare and the Emergency Ride Home program

The staff position of Rideshare Program Coordinator is vacant. A strategic plan for Rideshare Development and Delivery of Services will be created in the next two months. At that time, recruitment for a new coordinator will likely occur.

Smart Ways to School Program (SWTS)

SWTS continues to assist Monroe and Roosevelt middle schools in promoting "Safe Routes to School" activities that encourage more walking and biking and decrease traffic congestion through use of carpooling and riding buses. School staff, parent volunteers, and city staff (police, traffic engineering, recreation services, and public works) serve on the school teams for these efforts. The Monroe project was recently mentioned during a KMTR news broadcast discussing safety concerns at local schools due to traffic congestion stemming from many parents driving their children to and/or from school.

Lisa met with Bethel and Springfield district staff to encourage them to also conduct "Safe Routes to School" activities, but they do not have sufficient staff time to move forward this year.

Student Transit Pass Program (STPP)

Eugene 4J, Springfield, and Bethel school districts have declined to purchase a student Group Pass Program for the coming school year, saying that while they believe it is a great program they simply cannot justify the cost compared to other funding priorities. Staff is coordinating with the school districts to communicate the news to students, parents, and the community.

A few private and alternative schools have expressed interest in purchasing a student Group Pass Program for the coming school year.

Smart Ways to School has offered to the public school districts the idea of developing a pilot project in partnership with Chalkboard Project to seek ways to improve the efficiency of student transportation for middle and high school students. The school districts wish to discuss the idea further before making any commitments.

Regional Transportation Issues

Connie continues to work with agency staff and businesses in the Gateway area. Meetings on the Beltline/Gateway Intersection project began and will be ongoing. Connie is serving on the Olympic Trials Committee and will be coordinating Bike Valet Parking. She is also working on transportation communications with Olympic Trials Communications Team.

Park & Rides

Connie met with staff from the City of Springfield and reached agreement for LTD to use 22 parking spaces at the Booth Kelly site for overflow parking from the Springfield Station Park & Ride lot. A lease agreement is underway. We hope to announce the additional capacity by June 1, 2007.

Background information on Park & Ride facilities is being compiled for Planning and Development to use for some long-range planning discussions.