

COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



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

Program Management: Commuter Solutions hosted the Statewide Transportation Options Working Group meeting which included an EmX presentation and tour.

Marcia Maffei made a presentation at the Climate Leadership Initiative's Climate Change Transportation Audit Class.

Staff attended the Statewide Transportation Option Working Group TravelSmart® presentation.

A peer review research project analyzing rideshare programs in communities similar to ours is underway. The results will help define the strategic goals and action plans for a revised Rideshare Program for Commuter Solutions. Once the plan is completed, we will begin to recruit a new hire to fill the position.

Group Pass/ETC Programs: Commuter Solutions hosted an Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) quarterly luncheon. Information was presented on Carpools, Vanpools, and SchoolPool.

Staff held transportation fairs at the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), and at the Oregon Center for Applied Science (ORCAS).

CarPool/VanPool/Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH): Fourteen commuters have registered for the Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program. Seven of these individuals are active for carpool matching as well.

Two companies have enrolled in the Emergency Ride Home Program:

- Lane Community College Faculty & Staff
- Oregon Center for Applied Science (ORCAS)

Connie met with the new VPSI Oregon representative and staff from UO, There are two vanpool efforts underway. One van would operate from Salem to Eugene, the other from Cottage Grove/Creswell to International Way area in Gateway.

Smart Ways to School Program (SWTS): The Monroe Middle School campaign kicked off with a walk-to-school event featuring Mayor Kitty Piercy, Eugene City Councilor George Poling, school staff, parent volunteers, and about 25 students. Students are entering the contest to win prizes for each trip to/from school made by walking, bicycling, riding a bus, or carpooling. A T-shirt sports their school's campaign slogan, "*Monroe Mustangs... We Get Around!*" Free bike clinics and bike safety classes are teaching students how to ride safely. More walks-to-school events will be held in May.

Smart Ways to School is assisting three schools in preparing applications for Safe Routes to School funding: Monroe and Roosevelt middle schools, and Thurston Elementary School.

Student Transit Pass Program (STPP): Smart Ways to School and Lane Transit District has provided flyers and newsletter stories for schools to inform students that the Student Transit Pass Program will end on June 30, 2007.

Several private schools have agreed to purchase Group Pass Programs for their students. More schools are expected to come forward before next fall.

An offer was made to collaborate with local school districts on a pilot project to explore school transportation efficiencies. We are waiting for their reply.

Springfield Park & Ride Expansion: Twenty-two additional park and ride stalls are being added under an agreement with the City of Springfield. These spots will be located on the Booth-Kelly site and will be signed.

A survey of users of the Springfield Station Park and Ride lot has just been completed. Over 60% of the respondents indicated that had difficulty in finding available park and ride parking spots.

2008 Olympic Trials

Connie attends the meetings of the Parking and Transportation Subcommittee. She is chair of communications on parking/transportation information, working closely with the Olympic Trials Marketing group.

2007 ACT International Conference

Connie sits on the Program Committee for this conference planned for September 2007 in Seattle. Over 104 abstracts were submitted and reviewed. The committee hopes to have final conference sessions chosen by early May.