

COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



Monthly Department Report – July 2007

Prepared for: Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Program Management:

Staff attended the Springfield Gateway Development Committee meeting and the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours event for the McKenzie Willamette Medical Center.

Group Pass/ETC Programs:

Comfort Suites, in the Gateway area with 16 employees has joined the Group Pass Program. Oregon Medical Group Country Club Medical Center has joined the Group Pass Program. Marcia conducted a transportation fair for Northwest Community Credit Union's 120 employees.

CarPool/VanPool/Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH):

Two new worksites in and eight new commuters were enrolled in the Emergency Ride Home program.

Smart Ways to School Program (SWTS):

Monroe Middle School wrapped up its pilot program to promote walking and bicycling to school. The campaign kicked off with a walk-to-school event featuring Mayor Kitty Piercy and Eugene Councilor George Poling. The campaign offered students a six-week contest, free bike safety classes, free weekend bike clinics, a map of safe routes to Monroe, and other resources to educate them and encourage their participation. More than 140 students won prizes for using alternative modes to school including walking, biking, carpooling, or riding a bus.

Lisa is working with Monroe Middle School, Roosevelt Middle School, and Thurston Elementary School to prepare applications for Oregon Safe Routes to School funds. Applications are due July 31.

Student Transit Pass Program (STPP):

LTD and Oregon Department of Energy staff met to discuss ways to continue the Student Transit Pass Program next year. We are preparing a proposal based on their recommendations that, if accepted, will allow the STPP to continue next year offering the same service to the same student population as in 2006-07.

If the STPP is approved for 2007-08, then the schools that were planning to purchase Group Pass Programs for their students next year will be converted to the free bus pass program.