

## COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



### Monthly Department Report – August 2007 Prepared for: LTD Board of Directors

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#### **Program Management:**

Staff attended the Citizen's Advisory Committee field tour focusing on bicycle/pedestrian projects in the MPO area. Commuter Solutions staffed an information booth at the City of Eugene's People Powered Festival.

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

Commuter Solutions hosted an Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) quarterly luncheon with 20 ETCs representing 14 organizations attending.

Oregon Medical Group – Country Club Medical Center, and InnSight Hotel Management Group representing Residence Inn, Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites – Gateway, Courtyard by Marriott, and Watkinson Laird Rubenstein Baldwin & Burgess, P.C. have enrolled in the Group Pass Program.

Marcia made a presentation to Golden Temple of Oregon's Green Team.

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

Three new worksites in and two new commuters were enrolled in the Emergency Ride Home program.

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

With support from Smart Ways to School (SWTS), three local schools—Thurston Elementary, and Monroe and Roosevelt middle schools—are preparing Oregon Safe Routes to School grant applications, due July 31.

Back-to-school materials that describe the free Smart Ways to School services and the Student Transit Pass Program are being produced for distribution to more than 160 schools next month.

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

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) has approved LTD's application to provide the Student Transit Pass Program (STPP) during September 1-December 31, 2007. ODOE staff stated that they would allow LTD to apply to provide the program for the rest of the school year after they obtain administrative rule changes to the Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) program.

Smart Ways to School and LTD announced the continuation of the Student Transit Pass Program and obtained a favorable editorial in the Register Guard and positive media coverage through RG, KPNW-AM, and KVAL-TV. In addition, several school staff and parents called or emailed LTD with their thanks for the program.

LTD assisted LCOG in submitting Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) documentation to the Oregon Department of Energy that will reimburse LTD and Commuter Solutions more than \$750,000 for providing the Student Transit Pass Program during the 2006-07 school year.