

COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



Monthly Department Report – October 2007 Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Program Management:

Connie Bloom Williams and Marcia Maffei attended the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) International Conference in Seattle. Staff also participated in the Transportation Options Group of Oregon (TOGO) Board meeting and the Oregon Department of Energy's Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) Public Workshop.

Group Pass/ETC Programs:

Western Environmental Law Center, Alternative Work Concepts, and VersaLogic Corporation have joined the Group Pass Program, representing over 95 employees.

A pre-Group Pass Program (GPP) transportation survey was conducted for VersaLogic employees.

Commuter Solutions conducted an Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) luncheon satisfaction and informational survey.

Benefit and Transportation Fairs were held for LCC (Faculty & Staff) and for VersaLogic Corporation.

Marcia attended the Westside Transportation Alliance Stakeholder meeting discussing development of a course for Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETC) at Portland Community College.

CarPool/VanPool/Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH): Six new worksites have enrolled for the Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program. Ten new commuters have registered for carpool matching and the Emergency Ride Home program.

Smart Ways to School Program (SWTS) / Student Transit Pass Program (STPP):

Program flyers and LTD passes have been distributed to participating schools and calls from many parents and school staff were received as they settle in to a new school year.

More than 125 families have registered to receive SchoolPool, the free carpool match service.

We are assisting several parents who want to organize walking or biking groups for students to travel to and from school together.

A couple of Adams Elementary parents have organized an official "walking school bus" that follows a specific route to school and stops along the way at pre-planned locations to allow more children to join the group. Smart Ways to School is providing the group with reflective vests for the parent guides and children.

Display information has been provided for open house events at several schools.

We are working with the Oregon Department of Energy to adopt Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) administrative rule changes that would allow mass transit districts serving communities of more than 50,000 residents to apply directly for a BETC for providing service to K-12 students.