

COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



Monthly Department Report –November 2008

Prepared for: Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

Program Management:

Connie Bloom Williams and Tracy Smith attended the Transportation Options Group of Oregon (TOGO) Board meeting.

Connie and Tracy attended the Oregon Transportation Conference held in Seaside, Oregon.

Tracy Smith and Mary Green attended a seminar on project management.

Group Pass/ETC Programs:

We had our Quarterly Employee Transportation Coordinator Luncheon hosted by Invitrogen. Presentations by Carla Wood from the Oregon Department of Energy's Business Energy Tax Credit program, Invitrogen employees and Cosette Rees from LTD. We had 15 attendees representing 10 organizations.

We are currently conducting a Comprehensive Group Pass Employee transportation survey. We are surveying 10,000 participants representing 75 organizations. Our last comprehensive survey was in 2002 with 35 employers participating.

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

Eleven new commuter records were added to the rideshare database in October. Twenty-eight carpool match reports were generated for new and existing commuters, with 15 commuters receiving at least one match.

Symantec Corporation, representing 1275 employees, enrolled in the Emergency Ride Home Program (ERH).

Tracy attended a Transportation Fair at Symantec Corporation, providing information on bus trip planning, transportation options, and the Emergency Ride Home Program to Symantec employees.

Smart Ways to School:

Twenty-eight local schools representing more than 9,000, K-12 students held events to celebrate the International Walk and Bike Day on October 8. This was a huge increase in participation compared to the eight schools that held events last year. Smart Ways to School helped schools develop their event ideas and provided \$250 stipends to several schools to fund event supplies and incentives. We also provided reflective vests for safety patrol volunteers. The Register-Guard published a news story and a Letter to the Editor describing the success of the event.

Lisa attended the quarterly meeting of the Communities and Schools Together four-year research project that will encourage healthy nutrition and physical activity to Bethel School District families of elementary school students. Smart Ways to School persuaded the team to conduct the Safe Routes to School parent survey as part of their data collection. This will enable the schools to apply for Safe Routes to School funding to improve conditions for safe walking and biking to school.

Education and Outreach:

Marcia gave a presentation for the U of O *Climate Masters at Home* program.