

## COMMUTER SOLUTIONS



### Monthly Department Report – December 2007

Prepared for: Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

---

#### **Program Management:**

Commuter Solutions staffed information booths at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce's Work Trends Conference and at the City of Springfield's Employee Benefits Fair. Staff made presentations to the Gateway Development Committee and attended the 2008 Olympic Trials Transportation Committee meeting.

A peer review project investigating Rideshare programs in communities our size was recently completed. The next step in the project is to use what has been learned to develop a Rideshare strategic plan for our region.

Recruitment efforts have begun to fill the vacant Rideshare coordinator staff position. It is hoped that the new hire can begin in January, which would bring the Commuter Solutions program to a full staffing level.

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

McKay Investments, representing the Oakway Center, enrolled in the Commuter Club Voucher Program.

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

The Cottage Grove/Creswell vanpool to RiverBend Annex started on November 1. Commuter Solutions is in discussions with PakTech about forming a vanpool for their work site. Four new commuters have registered for the Emergency Ride Home program. Employees at RiverBend Annex have indicated an interest in supporting seven new vanpools to the International Way area.

#### **Smart Ways to School:**

Lisa VanWinkle chaired the Oregon Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee, which made infrastructure grant funding recommendations to improve walking and bicycling routes to school. Applicants from our region included Monroe Middle School (Eugene 4J School District) and Thurston Elementary (Springfield School District). The Committee and the Oregon Department of Transportation have approved these applications.

**Student Transit Pass Program:** Staff worked with the Oregon Department of Energy to develop a new Business Energy Tax Credit category for "Transportation Services for K-12 Students." The public comment period closed in November and the new rules were approved on December 1, 2007. These rules will enable LTD to apply directly for a Business Energy Tax Credit under the new category to fund the Student Transit Pass Program for the foreseeable future.