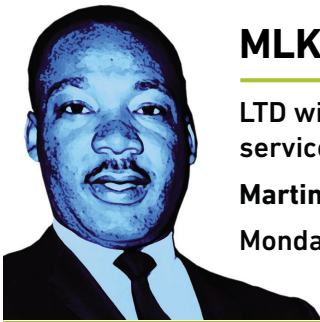


WEST EUGENE EMX

This is the year!

Construction season doesn't officially kick off until warmer temperatures move into the Willamette Valley, but LTD isn't waiting for the calendar to get things started. Beginning in early January, EmX construction crews plan to install traffic signal improvements at the intersections of West 11th Avenue and Oak Patch Road and Garfield Street. Then, from February through June, crews aim to complete road and sidewalk construction between Tyinn and Garfield Streets. Most work restricting more than a single eastbound and/or westbound lane on 11th Avenue will be done during nighttime hours, 7 p.m.-6 a.m. If you'd like to learn more, you can sign up for project updates at LTD.org



MLK JR Day
LTD will operate regular service on
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 16



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2016 IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

The ice storm

The ice storm right before the December holidays proved to be a good test for Lane Transit District. But this was a test like no other because of the freeze. While the roads themselves were dry enough to handle the buses, the branches and downed power lines provided many challenges. Bus operators would call in from their routes in the morning indicating all was clear. Just an hour later, driving the route again, debris from fallen limbs and branches, or worse, downed power lines, blocked roadways, causing hazardous driving conditions.

Director of Operations, Jake McCallum called the storm, "A different kind of animal," because of the freeze. Detours were daily and changing often. The communications team worked through the weekend to ensure the proper messages were getting to bus riders, dependent on LTD to get to their jobs or holiday shopping. Surprisingly, only one accident could be blamed on the storm and that was the first night, Wednesday, December 14, when a tree limb dropped onto the top of an LTD bus, traveling in the River Road area of Eugene. Fortunately, everyone was safe, but the bus suffered some cosmetic damage.

Riders can stay up to date on LTD's detours on Twitter @LaneTransit or at LTD.org/service-alerts



What we're celebrating!

2016 was quite a year. Despite many on social media calling 2016 the "worst year ever," LTD sees many things for us and our customers to be happy about. Here's our list of things we're celebrating as we head into 2017:

- **Better transit service:**
In 2016, LTD's Board of Directors approved a \$1 million investment in better bus service, leading to 15 minute frequencies on several routes, added trips on other routes, and expanded weekend and evening service.
- **New buses ordered:**
Riders can look forward to riding on 15 brand new buses, set to begin arriving in January. The new buses, including 10 all-electric buses, will replace some of the oldest buses in our fleet and will offer USB charging points for your mobile devices.
- **More federal funding:**
2016 was the first year of a five-year transportation bill that our own Congressman, Peter DeFazio, helped write. The bill has more money to help transit agencies like LTD replace old buses and to keep our current buses in good condition.
- **West Eugene EmX:**
Starting in September 2016, the West Eugene EmX will open, providing better, faster transit service to people who live, work, and shop in West Eugene. For those who don't ride the bus, new bike and pedestrian bridges will connect West Eugene neighborhoods to the shops on West 11th Ave. and motorists can already enjoy a freshly re-paved roadway along most the corridor. Best of all, all that pesky construction will finally wrap up this coming summer.

WINTER 2017 SERVICE

Effective Sunday, February 5, 2017

Starting Sunday, February 5, 2017, the following routes will have minor adjustments made to improve customer experience, reliability, and connections. Full route maps and timetables can be found at [LTD.org](#)

12 Gateway, Weekday Schedule

The weekday afternoon trips departing Gateway Station Bay A at 1:46 will now depart at 1:47, and departing Gateway Station Bay B at 4:33 will now depart at 4:34. Timepoint adjustments are made along the route for these trips.

24 Donald, Weekday Schedule

The weekday trips departing Willamette at 29th at 7:59 a.m., 8:29 a.m., 5:29 p.m., and 5:59 p.m. will now depart at 8:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Each of these trips will arrive 5 minutes later at the Eugene Station at 8:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 5:45 p.m., and 6:15 p.m.

27 Fairmount, Weekday Schedule

The weekday trip departing Walnut at Franklin at 7:22 a.m. will now depart at 7:23 a.m., and the weekday trip departing 24th and Agate at 5:40 p.m. will now depart at 5:41 p.m. Timepoint adjustments are made along the route for these trips.

51 Santa Clara, Weekday Schedule

The 7:45 p.m. trip will now depart at 7:30 p.m. A new trip was added at 8:00 p.m. Timepoint adjustments are made along the route for these trips.

52 Irving, Weekday Schedule

The weekday trip departing from Blair at 4th at 7:16 a.m. will now depart at 7:17 a.m. Trip arrival at Eugene Station for this trip has been changed from 8:10 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Timepoint adjustments are made along the route for this trip.

55 North Park, Weekday Schedule

The weekday departure from River Road at Park at 7:53 a.m. will now be 7:55 a.m. Arrival time at Eugene Station has changed from 8:10 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. The weekday departure from River Road Station Bay C at 3:40 p.m. will now depart at 3:41 p.m. Arrival time at Eugene Station has changed from 4:10 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Timepoint adjustments are made along the route for these trips.

95 Junction City, Weekday Schedule

The weekday departure from 1st at Front at 8:03 a.m. will now depart at 8:04 a.m. The weekday trips departing from Lindeborg at 3:12 p.m. and 6:13 p.m. will now depart at 3:11 p.m. and 6:14 p.m. Timepoint adjustments are made along the route for these trips.

98 Cottage Grove, Weekday/Sunday/Saturday Schedules

All weekday departures from UO/Sacred Heart 11th at Alder will now depart one minute earlier. All Saturday departures from UO/Sacred Heart 11th at Alder will now depart two minutes earlier. All Sunday departures from UO/Sacred Heart 11th at Alder will now depart one minute earlier.

JANUARY RIBBON CUTTING IN SPRINGFIELD

Mill Race Bike Path’s new paved section

Springfield will be celebrating in the New Year. Springfield, Willamalane, Springfield Utility Board and Springfield School District officials will gather on Thursday, January 19, (10:30 a.m. to 12 noon) to officially open the new 3 mile paved section of the Mill Race bike path. The new section means the bike path links downtown Springfield to the Middle Fork Path. The path extension will allow bicyclists, walkers and joggers the opportunity to travel from Downtown Springfield to the Thurston area on dedicated routes.

The western terminus is at the Booth-Kelley complex (The Booth-Kelly Trailhead), right behind the Springfield Station, which is where the ribbon cutting will take place.

For bike riders, this new addition opens up a multitude of possibilities linking the EmX and East Springfield for bike commuters. For more information, visit [LTD.org](#)

THE GOOD EARTH AND GARDEN SHOW

Come and see us at the show!

Mark your calendars for the annual Good Earth and Garden Show, January 20-22, 2017, at the Lane County Events Center. Once again this year, Lane Transit District will be sharing proposed service improvements at the show , with public feedback helping shape service changes in the fall. This fall, LTD will be opening the new West Eugene EmX Extension, which will also alter service to the entire region. That’s why we want to hear from riders from all over the community.

LTD will have a booth at the show. Please stop by, meet the staff and give us your input. There will be other outreach activities planned over the next several months before a public hearing, which is scheduled for March. LTD is here for you, but we can’t be the best transit system for this community without your input. See you at The Good Earth and Garden Show!

