



Join the Get There Challenge Oct. 7-21!

You can Get There better – and get recognized for driving less. It’s easy with the state-wide Get There Challenge. From Oct. 7 – 21, log your carpool, vanpool, transit, biking, and walking trips — as well as telework days at **GetThereOregon.org** for a chance to win great prizes!

Sign up: **GetThereOregon.org**

View prize list: **LTD.org/get-there-challenge**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Be Seen Be Safe!

Tuesday, September 17

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Grocery Outlet: 2060 River Rd., Eugene

Thursday, September 19

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Grocery Outlet: 160 South 14th St., Springfield

Shorter days will soon be approaching, and Point2point at LTD will be distributing free lights in both Eugene and Springfield during a “Be Seen Be Safe” Light Giveaway event.

### Eugene Sunday Streets

September 22

Eugene Parade: 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Event: 8th Ave., Monroe St., Broadway, and Oak St.

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The event will feature several miles of traffic-free streets, allowing people to walk, bike, and roll through downtown neighborhoods. Activity centers will be located at the Park Blocks, Monroe Park, and Kesey Square with free bike repairs, live music, yoga, food carts, free bike helmet give-away, and more. For more information visit EugeneSundayStreets.org



Take Routes toward Eugene Station

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## BUS TALK

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# EmGo

GO EASY • GO GREEN • GO LTD



Download the TransLoc Micro Transit app. and start riding!



## A Sustainable Option for Commuting in Downtown Eugene

LTD is pleased to partner with the City of Eugene, Lane County, Lane Council of Governments, and RideZero to offer another way to reduce our community’s carbon footprint. The new



all-electric EmGo will provide convenient downtown transportation for those who live, work, and enjoy all that downtown Eugene has to offer.

Riders can schedule an EmGo ride by using a mobile phone app. EmGo picks up the rider at the closest downtown EmGo stop and delivers them to any of the 70+ downtown locations. The app can be downloaded

by searching for Transloc Micro Transit app or LTD.org/EmGo. The new service is free for users and will operate Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

EmGo electric vehicles carry five passengers (plus the driver). Built by Polaris, the EmGo is powered by a 48V AC battery. EmGo can travel nearly 70 miles before needing a battery recharge. With a GVWR of 3,000 pounds, the EmGo’s top speed is 25 MPH. The service is operated by RideZero.

The partners will evaluate the EmGo pilot program in the summer of 2020 to determine its viability as a permanent downtown Eugene mobility option.

Download the TransLoc Micro Transit App. | LTD.org/EmGo





# Labor Day Service

## Monday, September 2

**LTD buses** and paratransit service will operate a Sunday level of service.

**Customer Service Center** will operate 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Administrative** office will be closed.

# Try TouchPass!

Taking riders where they want to go with just the swipe of a mobile device!



On August 1, LTD launched the new TouchPass program as a new way to pay for fare. Rider’s have been downloading the TouchPass Transit app and are enjoying the convenience it provides.

By using the TouchPass app, riders can purchase fare online, avoiding the lines at Customer Service Center. In addition, by placing funds in ‘Stored Value,’ riders can pay for fare as they ride. When the fare reaches the cost of a day or monthly pass, the fare is capped for that day/month and no more fare is required to ride for that time period.

Later this fall, TouchPass will become available on reloadable electronic fare cards. Riders will still be able to purchase fare online or at the LTD Customer Service Center and enjoy the same benefits of the app. LTD will always continue to accept cash as fare and offer day passes.

The TouchPass program helps LTD provide better service and be a more sustainable organization. The anonymized data provided by the system will help LTD learn how riders are using the system which will help provide better service. With the TouchPass app and electronic cards, LTD will be eliminating more than 85,000 non-recyclable fare passes from entering the landfill.

TouchPass is one more way that LTD is making it easier for everyone to use public transit to take them where they want to go.

Download the TouchPass Transit app today at Google Play or the iOS App Store, choose LTD as the provider and follow the prompts to set-up your account. Once set-up, purchase fares or add funds to Stored Value and start riding. It’s that easy!



Customer Service **541-687-5555** | **LTD.org/TouchPass**

# STUDENTS RIDE FREE WITH LTD

Last June, LTD Board of Directors voted to provide FREE transit passes to students in grades K-12. LTD is currently working with local school districts to finalize the program to work in conjunction with the TouchPass electronic fare system by January 1, 2020. In the meantime, for the month of September, students will let the bus operator know which school they are enrolled in when boarding the bus. By October 1, all students will be required to have a current school identification card to show when boarding in order to ride for free. Final details about the TouchPass transition will follow in the coming months.

During the month of September, parents can ride the bus for FREE with their children, to and from school, to ensure their student(s) learn how to ride the system with confidence. The parent(s) may request a day pass from the bus operator in order to secure a free return trip with their child.

# FALL SERVICE CHANGES

Fall Rider’s Digest available September 4!

The fall Rider’s Digest will be available on LTD buses, at LTD Customer Service Center at 1080 Willamette, and online at LTD.org beginning Wednesday, September 4.

# AUTZEN EXPRESS

UO Football Begins

Get to the game the fastest, most cost-effective way on the Autzen Express. Park at one of LTD’s eight Park & Ride locations and board a bus that will deliver you and your friends or family to the game every 10 – 20 minutes.



LTD’s goal of the Student Transit Pass is to make it easier for families to get around town by reducing their transportation costs and the demands on parents to transport their children to school and activities.

Additional information about the student transit pass tap card and mobile app will be available later this fall. Free student transit fares are made available through a grant to LTD from the State of Oregon’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) approved through House Bill 2017.



For more details and information on Park & Ride locations, visit to LTDorg/system-map/route\_990x-999x/.

The Autzen Express is operated in partnership with the University of Oregon.