

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **Holiday Farmers Market**

Lane Events Center 796 W 13th Ave., Eugene

November 16 - December 22, 2019 Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sundays: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Holiday Farmers Market features fresh produce, and unique locally made gifts.

For more information, visit LaneCountyFarmersMarket.org

#### Holiday Market

Lane Events Center 796 W 13th Avenue, Eugene

November 16 - December 24, 2019 Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Featuring handcrafted gifts sold by the artists, an international food court. and live music.

For more information, visit HolidayMarket.org



### Lane Transit District

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Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24 LTD buses and paratransit will operate on regular schedule with last trips departing Eugene Station at 7:45 p.m.

- Customer Service: Open 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Administrative Office: Open 8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25 LTD buses, paratransit, and all offices will be closed.

# Transit Tomorrow

Your Transit, Your Vision, Your Future, Transit Tomorrow Update

Transit Tomorrow is a project looking at the best way to design our transit system to accomplish community goals with the resources available, understanding there are trade-offs. Over the past two years LTD has been engaging with stakeholders and the community to identify and prioritize goals and, as a result of the

conversation with the community, have created a proposed transit network that reflects a system focusing 82% of our resources on high ridership corridors.

At the November 20 meeting, the LTD Board reviewed a proposed transit system design that would key corridors. Recognizing that this is a major decision for LTD and the challenge for people to participate.

community, the Board asked staff to take additional time for outreach with riders, potential riders, and the broader community.

With additional time for outreach. LTD will reschedule public comment events originally scheduled for December 11 and focus on increased frequency along December 16 to after the first of the year since the holidays present a

Riders and the public are encouraged to review the proposed changes at **TransitTomorrow.org** 

## WINTER WEATHER

#### Be Prepared

It's time to get prepared for winter weather before it arrives. Check **LTD.org** or the Rider's Digest for a blue snowflake symbol displayed on the route. This indicates that on snow or ice days, vour route could be delayed or detoured. Standard snow and ice detour maps are available online at **LTD.org** or at the Customer Service Center at the Eugene Station. When snowy or icy conditions hit our region, up-to-the minute notice will be posted regarding bus routes or detours. The LTD website and Twitter (@LaneTransit) will be updated regularly, and your local news sources will be kept informed, as well.

To learn more, visit LTD.org/Snow-Ice-Information



New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31 LTD buses and paratransit will operate on regular Tuesday schedule.

- Customer Service: Open 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Administrative Office: Open 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1 LTD buses and paratransit will operate on Sunday schedule.

- Customer Service: Open 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Administrative Office: Closed



Winter Rider's Digests available at the LTD Customer Service Center the week of January 20.

#### WINTER SERVICE CHANGES

Winter Service Changes Begin on February 2, 2020

Three times a year, LTD makes route and schedule adjustments to improve service and gain efficiencies. On February 2, 2020, LTD will enhance routes within the system to increase connectivity. To see the exact changes to your route, go to **LTD.org.** 

#### **Adjusted Routes**

Routes with no changes are not listed.

Emerald Express	52	Irving
11 Thurston	67	Coburg/VRC
13 Centennial	96	Coburg
36 West 18th	98	Cottage Grove
41 Barger/Commerce		

## **MCVAY EMX STATION IS RE-OPENING**

On December 15, 2019, the McVay EmX Stations in Glenwood will reopen for service. In early 2017, the McVay Stations were removed to accommodate the redesign of Franklin Blvd in Glenwood.

Franklin Blvd. has served as the primary connector between Eugene and Springfield since the bridges over the Willamette River were constructed in the early 1900s. Franklin Blvd. serves as the spine of the EmX, the region's bus rapid transit system (BRT). Currently serving more than 11,000 riders per day, the system connects residents to 34,821 jobs across the region.

Springfield received funding to construct the first phase of the multiway boulevard. In order to fulfill the definition of a multiway boulevard, and ensure that transit is a strong component of the project, LTD secured a Connect Oregon grant to help fund new stations in this first phase.



## EGAN WARMING CENTER

Free transportation to Those in Need

When the nights in the Eugene/Springfield area dip below 30 degrees, a coalition of local organizations kick into gear for the sake of this area's homeless community. Lane Transit District is one of these organizations. LTD has been a partner in this endeavor for the past eight years and provides free rides to those who express interest in being sheltered at an Egan Warming Center.

To receive a free ride to an Egan Warming Center, talk to your driver. The Egan program is administered by St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County. Local media outlets will be alerted as to when the Warming Centers will open and will pass along the information to the community.

For more information, or to volunteer, visit: **EganWarmingCenter.com** 

#### MONTHLY PASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH TOUCHPASS

If you have not already downloaded the TouchPass mobile app or purchased an electronic tap card, now is the time! As part of LTD's continued efforts to improve sustainability, all monthly passes will only be available by using the tap card or mobile app, beginning January 1, 2020.

By switching all monthly passes to the TouchPass system, LTD eliminates more than 85,000 non-recyclable monthly passes from going into the landfill each year.

Electronic tap cards are available for \$3 at the LTD Customer Service Center (CSC) located at 1080 Willamette St., Mon-Fri, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Electronic monthly passes can be purchased at the CSC or through an online account. To use the mobile app, download the 'TouchPass Transit' mobile app from the app store, select LTD as the provider, follow steps to set up an account, and purchase your monthly pass.

Learn more about TouchPass: LTD.org/TouchPass | CSC 541-687-5555

#### **STUFF THE BUS 2019**

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Thanks to you, the 24th Annual Stuff the Bus event was another huge success. LTD partnered with 104.7 KDUK, local Walmarts, Food for Lane County, and the U.S. Marine Corp's Toys for Tots last month

to stuff a 40-foot LTD bus with bable food and toys for members of our

non-perishable food and toys for members of our community.

LTD staff "pre-stuffed" the bus before sending it out into the community, contributing to the overall donation of more than 7,300 pounds of food and more than \$200, which equals 6,734 meals for families in Lane County. Thank you to everyone who stopped by with donations and well wishes.

#### ROUTE 98 RESUMES COTTAGE GROVE "LOOPS"

Beginning February 2, 2020, LTD will resume regular bus service within Cottage Grove on weekdays. The LTD bus will again travel from Walmart through the center of town and back to Walmart before departing for Creswell, LCC, and Eugene on all days of the week.

LTD additionally plans to extend the pilot program period of the new Mobility-on-Demand service, the LTD Connector, within the city of Cottage Grove: Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m through August 2020. Fares for the Connector are \$1 per ride through the duration of the pilot program, and all other LTD fare is also accepted.