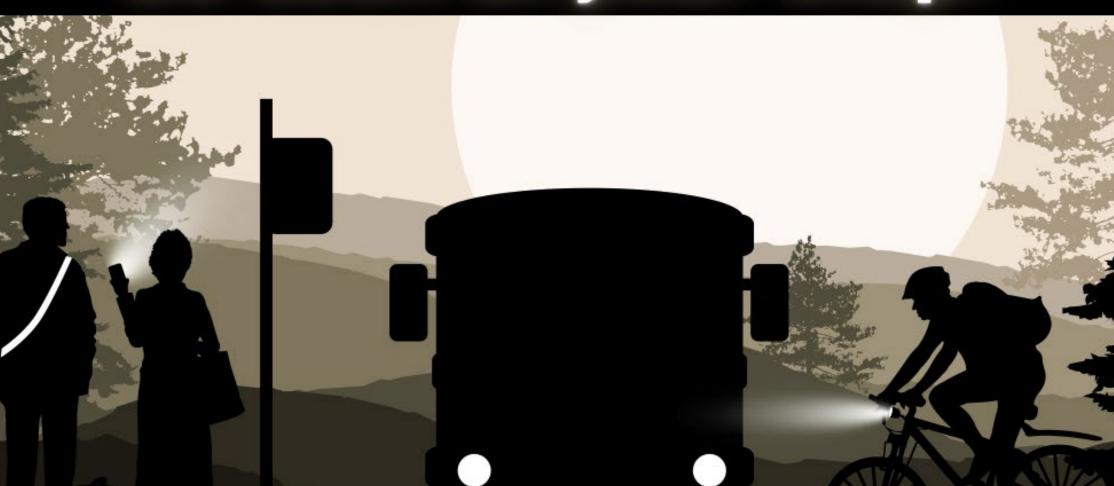


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# **BUS TALK** Newsletter

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# Be seen at your stop!



## **Be Seen at Your Stop**

With Halloween just around the corner and Daylight Savings Time transitioning to Standard Time on Sunday, November 6, LTD wants to help you "Be Seen at Your Stop." Beginning Monday, October 24, you can pick up a free pedestrian light or clip-on bike light from your bus operator or at the Customer Service Center at Eugene Station, while supplies last. When it is dark, foggy, or rainy, you can help bus operators see you at your stop by using a cell phone or light to signal to the bus operator that you'd like to be picked up.



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## Happy World Smile Day

#### Cheese! Grin! Flash those pearly whites!

We're talking about smiles. LTD is excited to celebrate World Smile Day with our riders on Friday, October 7. The celebration will continue all month long with giveaways and prizes that will make you smile! Take the World Smile Day Challenge (#WSDChallenge) by doing an act of kindness and making one person smile. Follow us on social media for details on how to win prizes by participating in the #WSDChallenge. Visit the Customer Service Center at Eugene Station to get a World Smile Day button beginning October 3, while supplies last.

## **Join the**

## Are You Up for the **Challenge?**



The Oregon Get There Challenge is a 14-day statewide challenge to encourage Oregon residents and employees to make trips by carpool, vanpool, walking, biking, riding transit, and remote work. The 10th Annual Oregon Get There Challenge officially begins on Monday, October 3, and lasts until October 16, with many chances to win prizes along the way. Challenge yourself, and help make Oregon an even better place to live, work, and play. Create an account in Get There or log in to your existing account to unlock achievements. Each achievement is worth points toward weekly and grand prize drawings. The more points you earn, the greater your chances are to win the grand prize!

Check out this year's prizes: Get There Challenge Prizes

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#### October 15 is White Cane Safety Day

In recognition of White Cane Safety Day on October 15, LTD celebrates the access and independence of people who are blind or experience visual disabilities while using public transit. LTD offers many accessibility features on all buses to help welcome people with disabilities, including:

- Braille and large print materials
- Audio announcements of all major stops, transfer points, and stops requested to the bus operator
- Tactile warnings/pavers at major transition points
- Tap cards for fast automatic fare payments
- Service animal endorsements on rider cards to expedite boarding
- Hailing kits to let passing drivers know which bus is needed
- Travel Training and Transit Hosts available to assist passengers

For more information about LTD's accessible services, visit LTD's Accessibility Web Page

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### **High School Students Can** Tap, Ride, Win!

LTD invites high school students to crush CO2 and rival high schools in the first-ever "Take the Bus Challenge" from November 7-20, 2022. Stay tuned for details on how participating high schools can earn points (and prizes!) for their school. Students can visit their school office to sign up for the free Student Transit Pass, allowing them to ride the LTD bus to school, work, and activities for free.



For more information about the Student Transit Pass, visit Student Transit Pass Web Page

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## **Connecting Our** Community to Safe **Transportation**

On Friday, September 9 LTD assisted with evacuation efforts in Oakridge, following a Level 3 (Go Now) evacuation notice for areas threatened by the Cedar Creek



passengers to the Lane Community College (LCC) emergency evacuation center. Traveling with those passengers were 20 dogs and five cats. The District's 40-foot buses brought 35 passengers and their pets to safety. In addition, LTD provided 160 fare-free bus passes for those staying at LCC and the Lane County Fairgrounds to use for travel around the area to visit friends and family, go to appointments or shop via LTD's fixed-route

Fire. In coordination with Lane County Emergency Management, LTD deployed its Diamond Express bus as well as three 40-foot buses and six RideSource paratransit vehicles to help evacuate Oakridge and Westfir residents. LTD's RideSource team took 21

bus service. Thank you to the 2,500+ people working around the clock to fight the Cedar Creek Fire, and the dozens of bus operators and supervisors who responded with heart and dedication to our community.

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## **Community Events**

#### Walk & Roll to School Day

Wednesday, October 12

Walk & Roll to School Day is an annual event that involves communities from across the country (and globe!) walking and rolling to school on the same day. Join the movement!

Learn more: Walk & Roll Day

Walk to your neighborhood bus stop or station and ride the bus to school.

#### Representative Peter DeFazio Celebration

Thursday, October 13 Springfield Station

LTD is hosting a ceremony at Springfield Station to celebrate Representative Peter DeFazio's 36 years serving the 4th congressional district of Oregon. DeFazio spent his entire Congressional career on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and was elected chairman in 2018. Chairman DeFazio and has been a champion for LTD, bringing hundreds of millions of dollars to Oregon communities. LTD continues to thank Congressman Peter DeFazio for his integral role in constructing Springfield Station, his support of LTD spanning more than 3 decades, and the critical infrastructure investments made possible by his leadership.

#### **Oregon Football**

October 1 & 27

For the 2022 University of Oregon football season, transportation to and from home games will be provided by First Student.

#### GoDucks.com

Although LTD will not be providing Autzen Shuttle service this season, you may still ride LTD to the UO and then walk to the game from campus.