

# BUS TALK

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## Holiday Service Hours

LTD buses, Customer Service Center, and Administrative Offices operate on adjusted schedules in observation of certain holidays. A preview of adjusted holiday schedules is outlined below.

**DEC 24**

Christmas Eve

**LTD Buses & Paratransit**  
 Regular schedules with last bus trips departing Eugene Station at 7:30 p.m.  
**Customer Service Center**  
 Closed  
**Administrative Offices**  
 Closed

**DEC 25**

Christmas Day

**LTD Buses & Paratransit**  
 No Service  
**Customer Service Center**  
 Closed  
**Administrative Offices**  
 Closed through Monday, January 2, 2023

**DEC 31**

New Year's Eve

**LTD Buses & Paratransit**  
 Regular Schedules  
**Customer Service Center**  
 Closed  
**Administrative Offices**  
 Closed through Monday, January 2, 2023

**JAN 1**

New Year's Day

**LTD Buses & Paratransit**  
 Sunday Schedules  
**Customer Service Center**  
 Closed  
**Administrative Offices**  
 Closed

For a complete list of 2022 holiday service schedules, visit: [LTD.org/hours-holiday-service](https://ltd.org/hours-holiday-service)

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## International Day of Persons With Disabilities

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## Celebrating International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 3 is International Day of Persons with Disabilities, promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities worldwide. At LTD, we commit to listening, learning, and including voices from the diverse identities and abilities of our employees and our community — and we take care to consider how our decision-making processes address historic inequities in transportation. By partnering with local governments and non-profits such as White Bird Clinic, Senior and Disability

Services, Alternative Work Concepts, and South Lane Wheels, LTD delivers award-winning services for older adults and people with disabilities. LTD was the first transit district in the country to feature a fully wheelchair accessible vehicle fleet, before it became an ADA requirement. In our day-to-day operations, we strive to increase the opportunities and independence for people with disabilities to get where they need to go.

To learn more about our accessible services, visit: [LTD.org/accessibility-info](https://ltd.org/accessibility-info)

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## Students Reduce their Carbon Footprint

LTD invited high school students from Bethel School District, Springfield Public Schools, and Eugene School District 4J to crush CO2 and compete with local high schools in the first-ever "Take the Bus Challenge." 17,793 trips were taken on the LTD bus using the Student Transit Pass from November 7-20. The school with the highest participation, as well as individual students,

were recognized for their commitment to sustainability and reducing their carbon footprint. Congratulations to all of the winners!

All K-12 students in public, private, and home schools across Lane County are eligible for the Student Transit Pass. Students can visit their school office to

receive their 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 [LTD.org/student-pass](https://ltd.org/student-pass)

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## LTD Welcomes New CEO

Jameson T. Auten, Lane Transit District's (LTD) new Chief Executive Officer, officially began his tenure with the District on November 7, 2022. He comes to the District from the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), where he served as the agency's Deputy CEO/Chief Operating Officer.

“Lane Transit District is highly respected nationally,” Auten said. “I am pleased to join and lead the LTD team and I look forward to working with our communities to deliver customer-centric services that provide community value and are developed with community input. Our mission is to connect our communities in a fiscally responsible, environmentally sustainable, equitable, and transparent manner.”

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A 20-year career vet, Auten has held a variety of key leadership positions with KCATA and with the Greater Richmond Transit System (GRTC). He also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) in addition to serving in a voluntary role with the National Academies of Sciences.

He replaced Mark Johnson, who has served as LTD's Interim General Manager since August 2021, when Aurora (AJ) Jackson resigned from the District's top spot to accept a position in the private sector. Johnson will continue with LTD through Auten's transition.



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## Holiday Gifting

Need a thoughtful and practical idea? Give your loved one, coworker, or friend a tap card with stored value, or a RideSource or Diamond Express ticket book. Take a trip to the Customer Service Center at 1080 Willamette St., or visit LTD's online store to purchase.

Order online: [LTD.org/shop](https://ltd.org/shop)

## Free Rides to Egan Warming Centers

When Egan Warming Centers are open, LTD offers free transportation to those in need of a warm shelter. To receive a free ride to an Egan Warming Center, talk to a bus operator. Egan Warming Centers are a service offered by St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County and operate when overnight temperatures are forecasted to dip below freezing from Nov. 15 to Mar. 31. Local media outlets will be alerted when the service is open and pass the information to the community.

For more information, or to volunteer, visit: [www.svpd.us/services/shelter-assistance/egan-warming-centers](https://www.svpd.us/services/shelter-assistance/egan-warming-centers)

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## Be Prepared

It's time to get prepared for winter weather before it arrives. Here are three ways you can prepare right now for potential snow and ice incidents:

1. Go to [LTD.org](https://ltd.org), click on the routes you use and see if there is a blue snowflake symbol displayed on the route. This indicates that on snow or ice days, your route could be delayed or detoured. Plan ahead when snow is forecasted and expect delays.
2. Follow LTD on Twitter (@LaneTransit). The LTD website Service Alerts page and Twitter will be updated regularly, and local news sources will be kept informed as well.
3. Prepare a grab-and-go bag of snowy day essentials, such as a hat, scarf, gloves, a clip-on light to keep your hands free, and spare socks.

Standard snow and ice detour maps are available online at [LTD.org](https://ltd.org) or at the Customer Service Center at the Eugene Station. To learn more, visit [LTD.org/snow-ice-information](https://ltd.org/snow-ice-information)



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## Community Events

**Holiday Farmers Market**  
**Farmers Market Pavilion, 8th & Oak**  
 20 – December 17, 2022  
 Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Shop local and support small businesses in Lane County at the outdoor Holiday Farmers Market and indoor Holiday Market. Stop by to get unique holiday gifts, pick up some fresh produce, and grab a bite to-go.

Learn more: [lanecountyfarmersmarket.org](https://lanecountyfarmersmarket.org)

**Holiday Market**  
 Lane Events Center  
 December 3 – 4; 10 – 11; 17 – 18; 23 – 24  
 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 (closing at 4 p.m. on December 24)

Learn more: [holidaymarket.org](https://holidaymarket.org)

**Take Routes 41 and 55**

*We Love Our Riders!*  
**Rider Appreciation Events**

Stop by Eugene and Springfield Stations to enjoy some free treats and swag.

Eugene Station  
 Wednesday, December 7  
 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Springfield Station  
 Tuesday, December 13  
 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Take Routes 12, 13, 40, 66, 91, 95, and 96**

