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Lane Transit District

Johnson Named LTD's Interim GM

Eugene, Ore.---(Aug. 4, 2021)---Lane Transit District's (LTD) Board of Directors have appointed Mark Johnson, the District's Assistant General Manager, as interim General Manager beginning Sept. 8, 2021. Johnson replaces Aurora (AJ) Jackson, the District's General Manager, who announced in July that after nearly six years she was leaving LTD to work in the private sector.

"LTD is an excellent organization comprised of hard working people who are dedicated to their passengers and the taxpayers," Johnson said. "I am pleased to accept the interim general manager position until a permanent replacement is hired."

A former bus operator, Johnson has served in various leadership and management capacities during a career spanning nearly 40 years. He has been at LTD for 23 years, where he has served as the District's Assistant General Manager, Director of Operations and Customer Service, and Director of Transit Operations. Prior to LTD, Johnson was the Assistant Manager of Operations at Pierce Transit in Tacoma, Washington. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and Tacoma Community College.

"The community is fortunate to have someone of Mark's professional reputation and experience step into the general manager's role during this time of transition," said Caitlin Vargas, LTD's President of the Board of Directors. "Mark provides the leadership continuity needed for the good work LTD has underway. He is well suited to continue building relationships with the District's partners to provide outstanding public transit service from McKenzie Bridge to Veneta and from Cottage Grove to Coburg."

Vargas added that the LTD's Board of Directors will begin a national search to find the District's next general manager in late 2021.



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About Lane Transit District (LTD)

LTD provides more than 10 million boardings every year on its buses and EmX Bus Rapid Transit line in Lane County, Oregon. Encompassing the Eugene-Springfield area, LTD is a special district of the State of Oregon and led by a seven-member board of directors appointed by Oregon's Governor. LTD also operates RideSource, a paratransit service for people with disabilities, and numerous transportation options programs to promote sustainable travel county wide.