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Lane Transit District

Eight to Graduate LTD Bus Operator Training

EUGENE, Ore. --- (Mar. 15, 2023) --- Lane Transit District welcomes eight new bus operators to the team on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 11 a.m. during Bus Operator Graduation at the District's Glenwood Campus.

"Congratulations to our eight new bus operators and their families for graduating from a rigorous bus operator training program," said Jameson T. Auten, LTD's Chief Executive Officer. "We welcome you to the LTD team of dedicated professionals who keep our community connected every day."

The District's new graduates will join LTD's roster of 175 bus operators who travel 30 neighborhood (fixed) routes and two EmX routes seven days per week that span the District's nearly 500 square miles. LTD bus operators pick up and deliver passengers from 1,300 active bus stops, that include 9 neighborhood stations, 60 EmX platforms, 200 neighborhood bus shelters, and two primary hub stations. Annually, they drive the District's 14 electric, 59 hybrid, and 28 renewable diesel fuel buses almost 2.8 million revenue miles per year with passenger boardings reaching more than 5 million.

LTD's bus operator training program is eight weeks. The curriculum is taught in the classroom and behind the wheel to teach candidates about customer service, laws governing bus operations, LTD operations, and how to operate the District's 40- and 60-foot fixed-route buses as well as its EmX buses that serve the bus rapid transit routes.

"LTD needs more operators to provide more service," said Perry Adams, LTD's Director of Human Resources. "The District is still replacing open bus operator positions from retirements and pandemic-related staffing adjustments."

To fill the bus operator need, the District is actively telling its story on social media, live stream television, broadcast television, and radio to inform potential employees about the opportunities and benefits of working at LTD.

Video and audio stories about LTD bus operators and staff can be found at RideLTD.org.

Information about [how to apply](#) to become an LTD bus operator is available at LTD.org.

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About Lane Transit District (LTD)

Lane Transit District (LTD) is a special district of the State of Oregon led by a seven-member volunteer board of directors appointed by Oregon's governor. LTD's budget is funded through a combination of fares, taxes paid by local employers and employees, and from state and federal sources. LTD lives its mission to connect our community by delivering more than 5 million annual passenger boardings from 30 fixed bus routes and two EmX Bus Rapid Transit lines. LTD's paratransit service, RideSource, provides more than 250,000 trips annually for people with disabilities and Medicaid recipients. More information about LTD is at www.LTD.org.