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Lane Transit District

LTD Celebrates Transit Employees On Monday, March 18

EUGENE, Ore. --- (March 11, 2024)--- Lane Transit District is asking for the public's help to show bus operators how much they're appreciated.

Monday, March 18 is Transit Employee Appreciation Day. Celebrated globally, community members are encouraged to give LTD bus operators a "thumbs up" or a thank you card on March 18 to show support for the work operators do every day. LTD has cards available at both Customer Service Centers in Eugene and Springfield.

"While LTD is in the <u>midst of massive recruitment campaign</u>, what a great moment to pause and tell our existing operators how grateful we are for their continued exemplary work. They've worked extra hard during this period, connecting our community to essential services. We are so appreciative of them," said Jameson Auten, LTD's Chief Executive Officer.

LTD is collaborating with <u>Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation</u> and <u>AARP Oregon</u> on a rally featuring local and regional leaders to honor the operators who help others get where they need to go. **This will take place on March 18 at 11:30 a.m. at LTD's Springfield Station at 355 South A Street.**

LTD has 180 bus operators. They travel 30 neighborhood (fixed) routes and two EmX routes seven days per week that span LTD's nearly 500 square miles. Operators pick up and deliver passengers from 1,300 active bus stops, that include nine neighborhood stations, 60 EmX platforms, 200 neighborhood bus shelters, and two primary hub stations. Annually, they drive LTD's 30 electric, 58 hybrid, and 25 renewable diesel fuel buses with passenger boardings reaching close to six million.

Information about jobs at LTD is available online.

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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.