



Lane Transit District

# BUS TALK Newsletter

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULES ON MEMORIAL DAY

This Memorial Day we honor those who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice. Buses will operate on Sunday schedules on Memorial Day. The Customer Service Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. LTD's Administrative Offices will be closed. Regular service will resume on Tuesday, May 30.

Visit [LTD's hours and holiday service](#) webpage for more information.

## BE PREPARED FOR SUMMER SERVICE CHANGES

Three times a year, LTD makes route and schedule adjustments to make bus service more efficient and meet the changing needs of our community. On Sunday, June 18, summer service changes take effect. Behind the scenes, our transportation planners study ridership patterns months in advance to create an operating schedule that meets the demand of our riders.

Details on changes to routes will be available in June on social media and at [LTD.org](http://LTD.org)



## ENDLESS SUMMER FUN WITH LTD'S FREE STUDENT TRANSIT PASS

As the school year comes to an end, Lane Transit District wants to remind students to get their free Student Transit Pass before summer break. All K-12 students in public, private, charter, and home schools across Lane County are eligible for the Student Transit Pass program. Students and parents can visit their school's office to get an electronic tap card or information about how to use the Umo Mobility app to redeem a Student Transit Pass. Students must get their bus pass before the last day of school to continue riding the bus for free all summer long.

For more information visit your school's office or [LTD's Student Pass](#) webpage.

Plan Ahead...

## Summer Service Changes

Begin Sunday, June 18





## TAKE THE BUS FOR FAMILY FUN

Our riders choose LTD for many reasons. Aimee and her family take the bus to have fun and spend time together, without having to worry about where they will park when they get to the park. Whether you're a Lane County resident or a visitor to our area, it's easy to hop on the bus and visit local attractions or leave the city behind to wander through the woods. Make your way to Eugene's Skinner Butte for a quick hike and a panoramic view. Find farms, fishing, hot springs and more along the McKenzie River. Go birdwatching at Fern Ridge Reservoir or tour the murals of Cottage Grove. There's a lot to see when you ride LTD!

For more rider stories and tips for riding the bus, visit [RideLTD.org](https://RideLTD.org)

## MAY IS

# Bike Month!

All LTD buses are equipped with bike racks. Most buses have a bike rack on the front of the bus, but EmX buses have bike racks inside the bus. When boarding the bus with your bike, make eye contact with the bus operator and let them know that you want to load a bike on the bike rack. If you're boarding an EmX bus, board the bus through the rear doors.

When removing your bike from the bus, be aware of your surroundings and oncoming traffic. Look both ways and walk your bike to the curbside of the street. Never cross the street in front of the bus.

Learn how to [take your bike on the bus](#).

Don't forget to **Walk Your Wheels** while on bus platforms and stations.







## BUSINESS ACCESS & TRANSIT (BAT) LANE IMPROVEMENTS ON EMX LINES

LTD is improving road signage and markings to make it easier for personal vehicle drivers and EmX buses to share the road and access businesses. Road work is scheduled to begin in May, but the project is dependent on the weather. If mother nature allows, work crews will begin repainting the dashed lines that separate through traffic lanes from Business Access & Transit (BAT) lanes. When repainting is complete, the dashed section of the BAT lanes will be longer, allowing more time and space to merge into BAT lanes and access businesses. In addition, work crews will paint select areas of BAT lanes red to more clearly show drivers where they can and cannot drive, stop, and turn. Overall, these enhancements to road signage and markings will make driving safer and improve traffic flow.

Get project updates at [LTD.org](https://www.ltd.org).

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Rider Impacts

Watch for upcoming service alerts about alternate stop locations when work crews are painting near EmX platforms. View Service Alerts at [LTD.org](https://www.ltd.org), on social media, and on your preferred trip planning app.



### Driver Impacts

Personal vehicle drivers may experience some impacts near EmX lines during nighttime work, and may need to share the road with EmX buses accessing alternate stops during service hours.



### What is a BAT Lane?

Short for Business Access & Transit, BAT lanes help buses and other vehicles move more efficiently through traffic and provide better access to businesses. BAT lanes are reserved for buses and turning vehicles only. When driving through BAT lanes, be sure to look both ways, even when entering and exiting one-way streets, and watch for buses.



### How is LTD informing the community about these improvements and changes?

LTD is informing personal vehicle drivers of these changes by providing educational materials to local driving schools, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, police departments, neighborhood groups, and more. Look out for more information on social media and local news sources!





## PUBLIC MEETINGS

LTD offers multiple ways to attend, watch and participate in LTD's public meetings. Attend in person at the LTD Administrative Office at 3500 East 17th Avenue, or watch the meetings via Zoom, on local channel 21, or stream on Eugene Metro TV's YouTube channel.

### Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 2 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 17 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

### Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please visit [LTD's public meeting schedule](#) for the most up-to-date calendar.

## FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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