



# BUS TALK

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## K-12 STUDENTS RIDE THE BUS FOR FREE

Did you know that K-12 students in Lane County public, private, charter and home schools can ride the bus for free all year long? Ask your school office about the free Student Transit Pass at back to school registration. If you got your free bus pass last school year, remember to bring your tap card to back to school registration to get a bus pass for the 2024-2025 school year loaded onto your card. Students who used the Umo app will show their account info to school staff to get a new pass.

Learn more about the [LTD Student Transit Pass](#).





## FREE FAMILY FUN IN EUGENE AND SPRINGFIELD

### Ride, Read & Rock the Block Party: August 2

Join LTD, the City of Eugene, the Eugene Public Library, and Lane Community College Downtown Center for an evening of music, activities, and family fun in downtown Eugene. From 4-8 p.m. at 10th & Olive, enjoy local arts and culture, featuring crafts, coloring, story time with LTD bus operators and public safety officers, face painting, music, and more.

[RSVP to the Ride, Read & Rock the Block Party on Facebook](#)

### Springfield Block Party: September 6

The 5th Annual Springfield Block Party is back on September 6! The Party is in the heart of Downtown Springfield on Main Street, between 3rd and 4th Streets. The event is free and open to the public, featuring activities for all ages. While you're exploring Downtown Springfield, visit LTD at Springfield Station for live music and dancing. Move to the rhythm of Descarga 54's Latin beats and salsa melodies, featuring a dance lesson from the Salseros to get everyone on their feet.

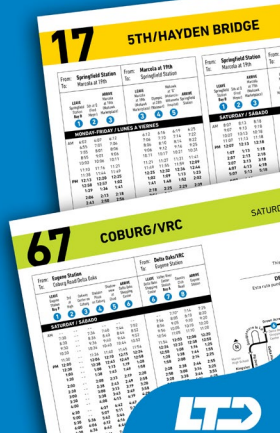
[RSVP to the Springfield Block Party on Facebook](#)



Plan Ahead...

# Fall Service Changes

Begin Sunday, September 8



## BE PREPARED FOR FALL SERVICE CHANGES

Fall service changes take effect on Sunday, September 8, bringing increased frequency and additional trips to many routes. The changes will adjust service levels to meet ridership demand and increase operating efficiency. Many of these service increases are made possible through recruitment of new bus operators. After nine weeks of comprehensive classroom and on-the-road training, LTD bus operators begin safely and confidently navigating routes on their own. Are you interested in driving with LTD? Bus operators earn a starting wage of \$25.21 per hour. [Apply to be a bus operator today!](#)

Stay tuned for details on exact changes to your routes, if applicable.

## 2024 Performances at the Plaza



**FRIDAYS • 3:30-6:00PM • ROSA PARKS PLAZA**

Join us at LTD's Eugene Station for free performances every Friday night from 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Discover a diverse lineup of talented musicians, each bringing their unique style and genre to the stage. Bring your friends and family for a musical experience in the heart of Eugene at Rosa Parks Plaza.

### August 9 - Chapwititi

Groove to the infectious beats of Chapwititi, a youth Marimba group from Eugene, that delivers unique arrangements and high energy.

### August 16 - The Muddy Souls Band

The Muddy Souls Band, a progressive/jamgrass group from Eugene delivers original songs, tight harmonies, and high-energy grooves.

### August 23 - Cloud Out Loud

Cloud Out Loud, a singer-songwriter duo from Eugene, blends jazz, folk, and pop with electric guitar and drums. Their lyrics reflect on love, loss, and transformation.



## IMPROVED CUSTOMER AMENITIES COMING SOON TO EUGENE STATION

LTD is making improvements to Eugene Station, the central hub of LTD's transit system. Construction began in January 2024 and will last through the fall of 2024. During construction, riders will experience some changes, but the Customer Service Center (CSC) building remains open for service on weekdays. On weekends, however, the CSC building is closed until construction is complete. When the Eugene Station Modernization project is completed this fall, riders and community members can expect improved rider amenities that promote safety, security, and inclusiveness, such as:

- Better station signage to help riders find their way to boarding areas
- A new look at the Customer Service Center that improves capacity and accessibility
- Upgraded, energy-efficient air conditioning systems for rider and employee comfort
- More lighting throughout the station for improved safety and security
- A more sustainable and environmentally friendly design
- New restrooms with private, accessible stalls, increased capacity, and an inclusive design
- Infrastructure maintenance and improvements to provide long-lasting and efficient operation for the foreseeable future



Learn more about the [Eugene Station Modernization](#) project at [LTD.org](#)

## 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.

### Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 6  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 21  
5:30-7:00 p.m.

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



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