

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-012

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE ADOPTION OF A SAFETY-CONSCIOUS ENVIRONMENT FOCUSED ON ELIMINATING FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES

WHEREAS, safety is Lane Transit District's highest priority;

WHEREAS, every person who rides the bus is a pedestrian;

WHEREAS, some of the people most vulnerable to transportation-related crashes - youth, seniors, low income, and disabled - are many of the same people who rely on public transit the most;

WHEREAS, Goal No. 4 of LTD's Long-Range Transit Plan calls for maintaining and enhancing safety and security of LTD's services;

WHEREAS, Policy 4.1 of LTD's Long-Range Transit Plan calls for maintaining safety and security as core values in all operational, planning, and strategic decisions;

WHEREAS, Strategy 4.1.B of LTD's Long-Range Transit Plan calls for implementation of LTD's Safety and Security Preparedness Plan during modification of the transit system using strategies that include the improved lighting of high-use pedestrian and bicycle areas and crossings, and utilization of safety controls;

WHEREAS, Strategy 4.1.C of LTD's Long-Range Transit Plan calls for coordination with agency partners to implement safety improvements for routes used by LTD;

WHEREAS, LTD is engaged with the City of Eugene and the City of Springfield, Lane County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation - the authorities of transportation facilities in their jurisdictions - in the identification and implementation of improvements along corridors where LTD operates;

WHEREAS, LTD provides oversight of the region's Transportation Options and Safe Routes to School programs, supporting safe, practical, and affordable transportation options;

WHEREAS, LTD is currently working with the City of Springfield to conduct a transit road safety audit along Main Street;

WHEREAS, fatalities and serious injuries continue to happen along corridors where LTD currently operates;

WHEREAS, LTD desires to uphold a safety-conscious environment focused on eliminating fatalities and serious injuries;

WHEREAS, in Lane County, 57 people were killed in transportation-related crashes in 2015, up from 45 in 2014, and up from the longer-term average in Lane County of 30 per year, and that several of these fatalities involved people crossing the street near bus stops; and

WHEREAS, the perceived safety of using transit affects the use of transit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane Transit District Board of Directors:

- 1) Adopts a vision of reducing deaths and serious injuries from transportation related crashes to zero through maintaining safety and security as core values in all of its operational, planning, and strategic decisions;
- 2) Supports collaboration with urban and rural partners to determine which bus routes have the highest rate, number, and severity of transportation collisions with users of the road--especially for people who are walking, bicycling, and using mobility devices - our most vulnerable users;
- 3) Supports efforts by LTD and regional partner agencies to prioritize safety improvements for all users of the road, especially for people who are walking, bicycling, and using mobility devices - our most vulnerable users;
- 4) Supports efforts by LTD and regional partners to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on our transportation system, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable users;
- 5) Directs the LTD General Manager to continually evaluate passenger safety and access along bus routes and maintain an annual report on the efforts made to improve safety; and
- 6) Directs the General Manager to develop a work program for the implementation of the provisions of this resolution.

Adopted by the Lane Transit District Board of Directors on the 20 day of April, 2016.


President, LTD Board of Directors