

LTD plans renovation of station on Kincaid

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Lane Transit District plans to expand and improve the University Station North bus station on Kincaid have been approved by the University Design Review Subcommittee and are tentatively scheduled to begin in June.

The proposed improvements would include expanding the bus shelter by approximately 240 feet and extending the roof to the west wall of the Chiles Center.

Lighting and landscaping in the area would be increased if the final go-ahead is given for the project, which is expected to cost around \$100,000. Dead trees will be replaced and the muddy areas will be cleaned up, LTD Facilities Coordinator Charlie Simmons said.

The Design Review Subcommittee voted unanimously at the beginning of April to approve the plans for improvements as drawn and pass them on to the

University president's office for final approval.

If the plans are approved by President Dave Frohnmayer's office, the Lane Transit District will gather bids. It hopes to begin construction at the end of spring term, Simmons said.

Although the plans will be more definite in a month, Simmons said that LTD hopes the improvements will be completed by the middle of September.

Improvements are being made because the University is one of the areas with the largest LTD ridership, he said.

"The University is one of our biggest stops," Simmons said. "It is extremely busy."

Although the bus station sits on University property, it belongs to the transit district and LTD is responsible for the full cost of the improvements according to LTD's contract with the University, said Chris Ramey, University planning director and architect.

Inmate denied release, dies in Salem Hospital

SALEM (AP) — An Oregon State Penitentiary inmate who had been denied a medical release died Monday at Salem Hospital from complications of liver disease.

Brian Campagne, who was serving a 15-year sentence for kidnapping, rape, sodomy and burglary, was hospitalized Friday following 11 days of care in the penitentiary's infirmary, the Oregon Department of Corrections said.

Campagne, 45, had been in prison since July 1993. He was paroled in January under laws governing the release of inmates who are terminally ill or incapacitated, and went to live with his mother at her home in Yachats on the central coast.

But the Oregon Parole Board later reversed its decision and returned Campagne to prison, citing letters he had written to his victim after his conviction. They said that evidence should have been considered before they released him.

His release angered residents and Lincoln County officials who were concerned that Campagne, who could walk on his own, was still dangerous and was released into their county without any notification.

Campagne was convicted in 1993 for breaking into his ex-girlfriend's home in Bend and forcing her into a car, where he raped and sodomized her. He led police on a 40-mile chase before being arrested.

Measure would require notification for abortions

SALEM (AP) — A measure that would require doctors to notify parents before performing abortions on teen-age girls is headed for a vote in the Oregon Senate.

The Health and Human Services Committee on Monday passed the measure, SB1126, to the full Senate with a 4-1 vote.

The bill requires physicians to give parents or guardians 48 hours notice before performing an abortion on girls under 18.

Abortion foes said they see the bill as a reasonable step and believe the measure will find much support in the Republican-controlled Legislature.

But parental notice laws will endanger the lives of teens who are in abusive homes, said Maura Roche, a lobbyist for Planned Parenthood of Oregon.

"We're very disappointed with the committee's vote," Roche said. "We are doing everything we can to stop this bill. There are people who are undecided. When they understand this bill puts teens at risk, they aren't going to support it."

Roche said Oregonians don't want a notice law. An initiative measure to require parental notice for abortions on minors

was defeated by voters. Backers of the bill say it is more than just an abortion issue — it is a health and family concern as well.

"It's an issue about family rights," said Senate President Gordon Smith, R-Pendleton. "Parental notification is required to give our daughters an aspirin at school. We certainly ought to require parental notification to provide them an abortion."

Lynda Harrington, executive director of Oregon Right to Life, said the language of the bill is reasonable and will find votes in both the Senate and the House.

"We think it's a good first step," Harrington said. "Of course, there are a lot of steps ahead."

The measure would allow minors to seek court orders to obtain abortions without parental notice in some cases.

Roche said it would cost \$208,000 to \$1.4 million per biennium to pay for teens' court-appointed counsel.

Another provision allows a teen to be exempted from the notification requirement if she signs an affidavit stating that at least one of her parents is mentally ill or drug-addicted.



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