

# Bus Rapid Transit is full steam ahead

First steps have been taken to pass intergovernmental agreements with LTD, Eugene, Springfield and Lane County

By Sue Ryan  
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The Springfield City Council and the Lane County Commissioners have endorsed the first phase of the Bus Rapid Transit project, which paves the way for Lane Transit District to receive \$4.5 million in funding from the Federal Transit Authority.

Springfield city councilors approved a conceptual design Monday night and the commissioners passed a resolution approving the

proved a conceptual design which will include relocating the bus station in Springfield," said Nick Arnis, a planner for the City of Springfield. "The question is going to be how do we get people across South A Street."

The Springfield City Council is scheduled to vote on a formal resolution approving the project June 4. The new station will be built between Fourth and Fifth Streets near Pioneer Parkway.

"ODOT and LTD will need to work out what's going to happen," Arnis said.

The Lane County Commissioners approval was needed because the planned line goes through areas that do not belong to either Eugene and Springfield, said Tom Stinchfield, the transportation planning engineer for Lane County.

"The state is also involved because ODOT must give permits before construction starts," he said. "That's because Franklin Boulevard is actually a state highway."

Developing intergovernmental agreements is the next step for the project planners. The first phase of the BRT project has four subsections: Springfield/Glenwood, Franklin Boulevard, the University and downtown Eugene. The approved BRT project does not involve acquiring or removing any residences or businesses in the Eugene segment.

"Some documents are required to be submitted to the Federal Transit Authority this Friday," said Ken Hamm, LTD's general manager.

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**Tom Stinchfield**  
engineer,  
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Lane County

project Tuesday morning. The Eugene City Council also passed a resolution approving the project Monday. The first phase will involve the construction of concrete troughs, known as guideways, from downtown Springfield to downtown Eugene.

"The [Springfield] council ap-

# Cleanup day needs volunteers

University Day is a chance for the campus community to improve the grounds

By Ken Stamper  
for The Emerald

Beautification in the bright sunshine is the goal of today's 12th annual University Day volunteer cleanup.

The event, which is open to all students, faculty and staff, includes picking up garbage and debris, spreading bark dust, planting flowers and painting. A special emphasis will be placed on the landscaping of the area around Hendricks Hall.

As an added incentive to get people to volunteer, all participants who volunteer for at least an hour will get a free T-shirt.

University Day provides a

chance "for members of the university community to show their appreciation for the landscaping and beauty of the campus and really take pride in the upkeep of it," University Day spokesperson Jenise Williams said.

Williams also said that a volunteer event such as this "provides a positive image boost for the campus community and demonstrates an interest in our surroundings."

Organizers hope for a large turnout, and some students are already preparing for the day's event.

"I will participate because I feel that students need to promote an image contrary to the one held by the general community," said Paul Kerege, a sophomore psychology major.

The highlight of the University Day festivities will be the dedica-

tion of a bench to renowned molecular biologist Aaron Novick, who died last December. Novick was the founder of the Molecular Biology Institute at the University.

Chemistry Professor Peter von Hippel, who will be a speaker during the ceremony, said Novick "was a wonderful man and one of the first people to recognize the problems of biology by looking at them from the perspectives of chemistry and physics."

The dedication will take place at noon in the Streisinger courtyard behind Willamette Hall. University President Dave Frohnmayer will also be speaking during the ceremony.

Participants can sign in anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the booth in front of the Pioneer Statue across from Johnson Hall.

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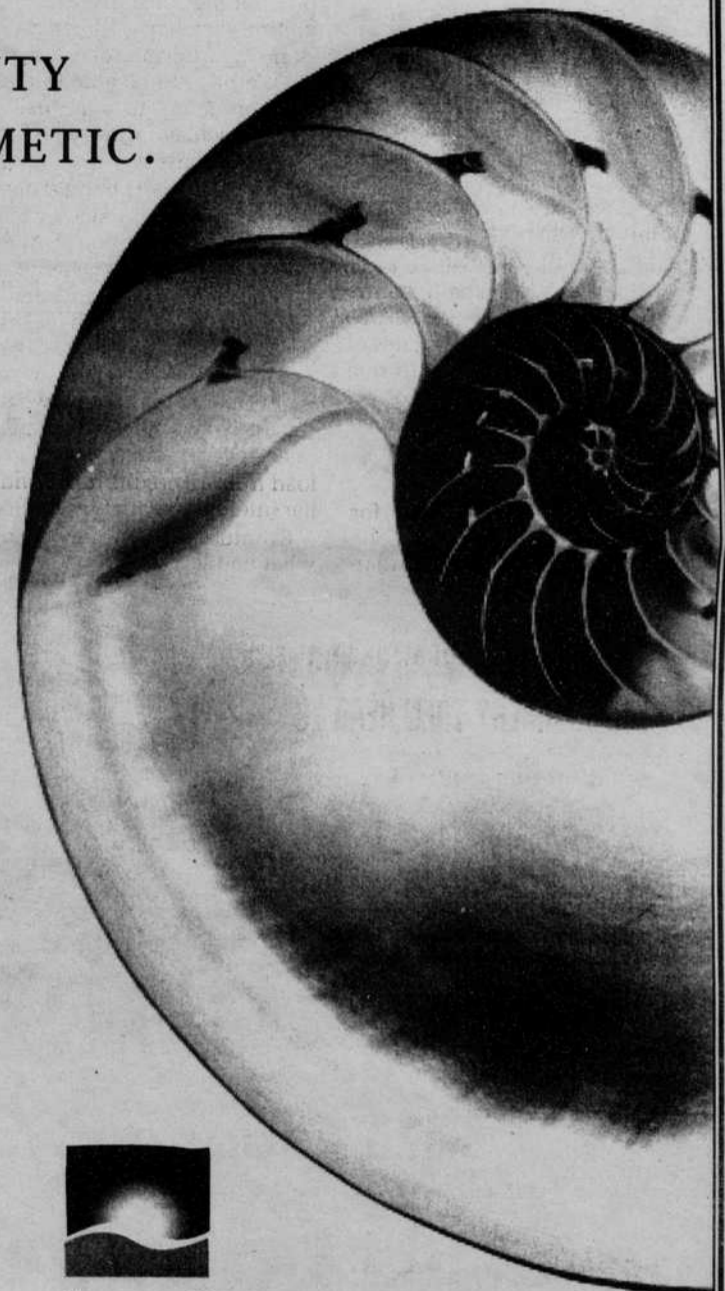
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## Calendar

### Thursday, May 17

**Campus Planning Committee Meeting:** Agenda includes the biennial implementation plan. 2-3:30 p.m. UO Campus. For information, call 346-5572.

**Romance Languages Lecture:** Walter D. Mignolo, Duke University, discusses "Globalization and the Borders of Latinidad/Latinite." 4 p.m. Room 336, Gilbert Hall, 955 E. 13th Ave. Free. For information, call 346-4024.

**Comparative Literature/Center for the Study of Women in Society Lecture:** Mary Layoun, University of Wisconsin, Madison, discusses "Occupying the National Family: Sexuality, Gender and Citizenship in Occupation Japan and in the United States, 1945-47." 4:30 p.m. Browsing Room, Knight Library. Free. For information, call 346-3986.

**Student Concert: "Poetry in Song"** features art songs performed by vo-

cal students of Milagro Vargas, Ann Tedards, Mark Beudert and Mark Kaczmarczyk. 7 p.m. Beall Concert Hall. Free. For information, call 346-5678.

**Freeman/Asian and Pacific Studies Lecture:** Economist Wang Zhi, U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service, discusses "China's WTO Accession: Implications for the International Community." 7:30 p.m. Room 128, Chiles Business Center. Free. For information, call 346-1521.

**Creative Writing Reading:** Award-winning poet Sharon Olds, author of "Blood, Tin, Straw" and other books, reads from and signs copies of her work. The former New York State Poet Laureate, she is this year's judge of finalists for the Creative Writing Program's Kidd Tutorial writing prizes. 8 p.m. Alumni Lounge, Gerlinger Hall. Free. For information, call 346-0544.

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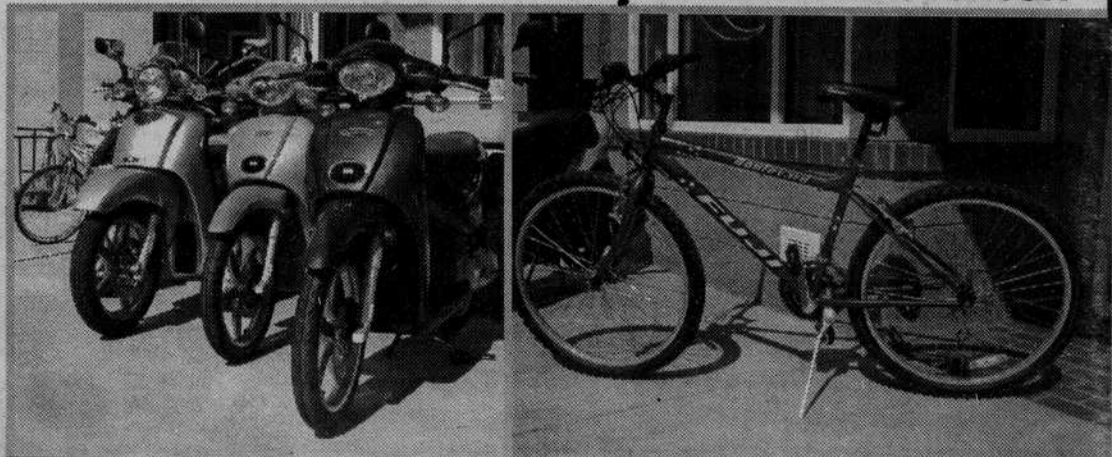
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