

Get There – New online carpooling tool launches in Benton, Lincoln, Linn counties

Get There, previously Drive Less Connect, helps Oregonians match carpool partners and plan trips, reducing need to drive alone

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) is partnering with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the launch of ODOT's new online carpooling tool – Get There, formerly Drive Less Connect.

Get There helps match carpool partners who want to share rides within Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties via a web-based ride-matching and trip-planning tool. GetThereOregon.org makes it easier than ever for Oregonians to take advantage of transportation options like carpooling, vanpooling, walking, biking or riding transit.

“The availability of multiple modes of transportation options – including carpooling and vanpooling across our region

– is critically important to connect the valley and the coast,” said Dann Cutter, mayor of Waldport, and an Executive Committee member of OCWCOG’s Board of Directors. “Get There is a great option for our residents, allowing them to save money on gas, helping our environment and removing cars from the roads. We appreciate ODOT for making the platform available and for continuing this longstanding partnership with OCWCOG.”

OCWCOG’s program, Cascades West Transportation Options (CWTO), is the regional administrator for the Get There program in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. CWTO provides outreach, education, carpool/vanpool matching services and Cascades West RideLine, an emergency ride home program for commuters living or working in the three counties.

The Get There platform allows users to be matched with a passenger or a driver looking to share a ride, available transit, or distance and time to walk or bike to a specific destination. Using the tool helps travelers choose the best mode for their

specific trip and share the cost; it also reduces automobile emissions that harm the environment.

“Our goal is to help people have more choices for the way they travel,” said Kris Strickler, administrator, ODOT Highway Division. “With more options, we usually see fewer vehicles on the road and that means less congestion and frustration for everyone.”

In October, Get There will host the annual Get There Challenge, formerly the Oregon Drive Less Challenge. This year’s challenge will feature a range of prizes for people who live or work in Oregon to log trips made without driving alone.

Statewide sponsors include Providence Health & Services and Bike Friday; local sponsors include Mid-Willamette Family YMCA, Izzy’s Pizza, Mo’s Restaurant and the Lincoln City Community Center.

Get details and sign up at GetThereOregon.org. It’s free, easy and secure!.

For more information, contact Katie Trebes at ktrees@ocwcog.org or 541-

812-2004; or visit OCWCOG.org/Transportation/Options.

About OCWCOG

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), on behalf of the member governments, carries out a variety of local, state and federal programs. The majority of funding is provided through contracts to administer specific services.

As an Oregon intergovernmental entity, OCWCOG can provide for, or on behalf of, its member governments any service that they are authorized to provide. Whether it is helping a business find appropriate capital, helping seniors and persons with disabilities plan for independent living or coordinating local road improvement priorities, OCWCOG offers these and many other innovative services to the local governments and residents of Benton, Lincoln, and Linn counties.

For more information, visit OCWCOG.org.

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399

Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494

Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512

Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234

Contract Health Services (CHS) – 800-628-5720

Siletz Clinic – 800-648-0449

Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599

Chinook Winds – 888-244-6665

Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823

Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517

Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us

477/SSP Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program is coordinating monthly trainings/presentations on a variety of topics in all of our area offices.

These are open to the community and anyone is welcome to join.

December 2019 – Presentation by the Siletz Housing Department, with an overview of programs and services.

10 a.m.-Noon – Light snacks will be provided

Dec. 2 – Portland Area Office

Dec. 3 – Salem Area Office

Dec. 4 – Eugene Area Office

Dec. 5 – Siletz Area Office (Housing conference room)

January 2020 – Presentation by Kathy Kentta with Healthy Traditions

1-3 p.m. – Light snacks will be provided

Jan. 7 – Eugene Area Office

Jan. 14 – Salem Area Office

Jan. 21 – Portland Area Office

Jan. 28 – Tribal Community Center

February 2020 – Presentation by Eli Grove on Emergency Preparedness

10 a.m.-Noon – Light snacks will be provided

Feb. 6 – Eugene Area Office

Feb. 13 – Portland Area Office

Feb. 20 – Salem Area Office

Feb. 27 – Tribal Community Center

Contact Jessica Hibler, 477/SSP coordinator, at 541-484-4234 if you have any questions.



2019 Cultural Salmon Season Open

October 18 to December 16, 2019
Tribal License and Tag **REQUIRED**

Tribal salmon tags may only be used to fish with DIP NET, GAFF HOOK, or SPEAR in posted areas at:

- ◆ Euchre Creek Falls (off Hwy 229)
- ◆ Little Rock Creek (above Hatchery off Logsden Road)
- ◆ Drift Creek (off Hwy 101)

License/Tags are available at:

CTSI Natural Resources Department 541-444-8227