

Gold Award Girl Scout educates local drivers about highway merging.

Eugene, Oregon Sep 29, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Local Girl Scout educates drivers about highway merging through the use of flyers, posters, and a video which is used in partnership with ODOT.

A Eugene Girl Scout has partnered with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and other agencies to educate local drivers on how to safely merge into traffic.

Emily Johnson, an Ambassador Girl Scout and 2022 graduate of Academy for Character Education (ACE) in Cottage Grove, is in the final stages of completing her project to earn the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

For her final project, she is educating Eugene and surrounding area residents on how to correctly merge into traffic. Her focus has been Randy Papé Beltline (OR 569) in the Eugene/Springfield area, but she hopes the effects will spread far and wide. She is doing this by designing and distributing flyers, posters, pamphlets, and a video - which is used in partnership with ODOT. She has distributed hundreds of posters, flyers, and pamphlets to dozens of local organizations.

Emily decided to take on this project after years of frustration around the minimal amount of information provided to drivers on how to correctly merge. Many times people don't know they should get up to speed and then move over at the end of the lane. This project has been in the works for nearly five years - even before Emily could drive.

This project has been made possible by the support of many local individuals and organizations on her team, including staff at Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) and ODOT, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, Safe Lane Transportation Coalition, Girl Scout Troop 10073, Girl Scout Service Unit 67, Crystal Shum, Sarah Ferguson, and Laura Campbell. If you would like to learn more about Emily's project or would like copies of her project materials, email HappyCamperCamp@gmail.com.

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