



January 11, 2007

Mr. Jeff Scheick
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Dear Mr. Scheick

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization is in receipt of your letter dated December 21, 2006 concerning reallocation of funding from the cancelled West Eugene Parkway Project.

Representing the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) is writing to thank the Area 5 manager, Jane Lee, and Region 2 staff for their efforts in retaining \$3.5 million for use within the MPO.

The I-5/Beltline project to which these funds are recommended is important to this area and we are very interested in seeing all phases completed as planned. The City of Springfield has major infrastructure improvements that have been completed and others that are proposed for the Beltline/Gateway area in anticipation of the successful completion of the I-5/Beltline project. Lane Co. and the City of Eugene have undertaken improvements along Game Farm Rd, again, in anticipation of the I-5/Beltline interchange upgrade

We are thus in favor of the reallocation of these funds to I-5/Beltline Phase 2.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the proposed reallocation.

Sincerely,

Kitty Piercy, Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee