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Ms. Angel Jones
Eugene City Manager *Pro Tem*
777 Pearl Street, Room 105
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear Ms. Jones:

Lane Transit District (LTD) endorses the City of Eugene's application for the Eugene Depot Connect Oregon II grant application for improvements to intermodal facilities at the Eugene Depot station. The long-term project plan to invest in the current rail facility underscores how the City of Eugene is committed to providing intermodal passenger linkages. LTD supports the redesign plans in this application, which could provide improved access to the depot by transit vehicles and move the region closer to the objective of seamless connections between passenger modes of travel.

Additionally, improved visibility of transportation options from the rail depot can:

- Improve access to jobs in Eugene because the project will improve access to the existing LTD facilities
- Result in greater utilization and efficiency of the transportation system through anticipated modal shifts from driving to riding mass transportation

As reflected by our endorsement, LTD shares many policy goals with the City of Eugene, including goals to reduce road congestion and encourage shifts from single-occupancy driving to using alternative modes of transportation. LTD is pleased to support, and looks forward to working with the City on, the Eugene Depot project, which promises enhanced transfer abilities between rail and bus vehicles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pangborn', is written over a faint background image of a building.

Mark Pangborn
General Manager

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CC: Lane County Board of Commissioners
Metropolitan Policy Committee