

RESOLUTION 2006–06

**ENDORISING THE LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BUS RAPID TRANSIT
PIONEER PARKWAY LOCALLY-PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board has been designated by the State of Oregon as the official Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Lane region; and

WHEREAS, the LCOG Board has delegated responsibility for MPO policy functions to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC), a committee of officials from Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Lane County, Lane Transit District, and ODOT; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as the preferred transit strategy for the Eugene-Springfield area; and

WHEREAS, The RTP identifies Pioneer Parkway Corridor as a BRT route to be constructed within the planning period; and

WHEREAS, The RTP was adopted by MPC in 2004 as the federally-required regional transportation system plan; and

WHEREAS, Lane Transit District conducted public outreach and complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for development of corridor alignment alternatives for incorporation into an Environmental Assessment for the Pioneer Parkway BRT corridor; and

WHEREAS, Lane Transit District conducted focused community outreach in February, March and April 2006 to determine a Locally-Preferred Alternative for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, the Springfield City Council and LTD Board approved a Locally-Preferred Alternative, described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, New Starts rules promulgated by the Federal Transit Administration require the Metropolitan Planning Organization to adopt the Locally-Preferred Alternative for New Starts projects; and

WHEREAS, The Locally-Preferred Alternative will be evaluated in the Environmental Assessment for the Pioneer Parkway BRT Corridor to meet NEPA requirements; and

WHEREAS, A final Environmental Assessment will be completed by LTD and the Springfield City Council will be requested to give final approval to the Pioneer Parkway BRT Corridor alignment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Metropolitan Policy Committee endorses the Locally-Preferred Alternative for the Pioneer Parkway EmX as set forth in Exhibit A, attached to and incorporated within this resolution by reference.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, 2006, BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE.

ATTEST:

George Kloepfel
Executive Director
Lane Council of Governments

Bobby Green
Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee