

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Collaborative Process to Identify a Transportation Solution for West Eugene and the FY06-FY09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The City Council is being requested to direct the Council's representatives to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) to request the MPC to adopt the proposed resolution shown as Attachment A and that the City Manager direct the City's representatives on the TPC to submit to the TPC a project application for \$200,000 in STP-U funds for the collaborative process to identify a transportation solution for West Eugene that has widespread understanding and acceptability and that the Council's representatives to the MPC support that expenditure of STP-U money when the matter comes to the MPC.

The proposed resolution for the MPC will approve the FY06-FY09 MTIP, except that the funds for the WEP will be reprogrammed for FY09; endorse and agree to participate in a collaborative process as outlined in Option II of The Osprey Group's "Conflict Assessment, Florence-Eugene Highway Project (commonly referred to as the West Eugene Parkway or WEP)" dated May 2006; and request that ODOT delay conclusion of the NEPA process on the WEP until after completion of the collaborative process and to consider the product of that collaborative process.

BACKGROUND

At the City Council meeting held on October 26, 2005 the Council failed to pass the following motion:

To continue to support the West Eugene Parkway as a modernization project priority when the Metropolitan Policy Committee considers the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization modernization project priorities for the 2008-2011 State Transportation Improvement Program and the 2006-2009 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

The following subsequent motion was passed by the City Council:

To direct the City Manager to consult with the City of Eugene's inter-governmental partners and community organizations to scope a process to design and build transportation projects in West Eugene to address congestion, safety, and operation for all modes of transportation.

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With the direction provided by the failure of the first motion the Council's two representatives on the MPC voted against the adoption of the FY06-FY09 MTIP at the MPC meeting held on November 10, 2005. The FY06-FY09 MTIP remains un-adopted.

In March, 2006 the Osprey Group was selected to conduct an assessment of the controversy surrounding the West Eugene Parkway, with a particular emphasis on what, if any expanded community involvement might be helpful. The Osprey Group completed its work and prepared a report titled "Conflict Assessment, Florence-Eugene Highway Project (commonly referred to as the West Eugene Parkway or WEP)" in May, 2006. The Osprey Group identified three options for moving forward towards a decision including:

- Proceed with the current NEPA review process
- A collaborative process
- Heightened commitment to public engagement

The Osprey Group concluded that a collaborative process can best address the challenge of getting to a transportation solution for West Eugene that has widespread understanding and acceptability.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The Council may:

1. Direct the Council's representatives to MPC to request MPC to adopt the proposed resolution shown as Attachment A and that the City Manager direct the City's representatives on the TPC to submit to the TPC a project application for \$200,000 in STP-U funds for the collaborative process to identify a transportation solution for West Eugene that has widespread understanding and acceptability and that the Council's representatives to MPC support that expenditure of STP-U money when the matter comes to MPC
2. Modify either or both the proposed resolution shown as Attachment A and the direction to the Council's representatives to the MPC and the City Manager, and then take action.
3. Not take any action on the suggested motion.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that the Council direct the Council's representatives to MPC to request MPC to adopt the proposed resolution shown as Attachment A and that the City Manager direct the City's representatives on the TPC to submit to the TPC a project application for \$200,000 in STP-U funds for the collaborative process to identify a transportation solution for West Eugene that has widespread understanding and acceptability and that the Council's representatives to MPC support that expenditure of STP-U money when the matter comes to MPC.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move that the Council's representative to the MPC request the MPC to adopt the proposed resolution shown as Attachment A and that the City Manager direct the City's representatives on the TPC to submit

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ATTACHMENTS

A. Draft MPC Resolution

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