

Attachment 3 – Letter of Endorsement

September 3, 2004

ODOT Transportation Enhancement Program  
355 Capital Street, NE, Room 102  
Salem, OR 97301-3871

Dear Pat Rogers Fisher:

Representing the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Metropolitan Policy Committee is writing to support two Transportation Enhancement Program applications from this area:

- **Division/River Avenue Bikeway and Walkway**
- **Downtown Springfield Pedestrian Improvement Project**

Both projects support the implementation of TransPlan's goal of providing;

*“an integrated transportation and land use system that supports choices in modes of travel and development patterns that will reduce reliance on the auto and enhance livability, economic opportunity, and the quality of life.”*

The City of Eugene's project concentrates on the Division/River Avenue bikeway and walkway located at the Beltline Highway crossing of the Willamette River. It provides a necessary link between residences north of Beltline on the west side and the rest of the community. This project will improve access adjacent to Division Avenue connecting residential development.

The Downtown Springfield Pedestrian Improvement Project will install pedestrian level lighting, landscaping, and other pedestrian amenities on Main St. and South A in Springfield's historic commercial district and to improve bike and pedestrian connections between the Downtown and the new transit station. Landscaping and street furniture have been identified as sidewalk design measures that will contribute to a 'sense of place' for the Downtown. In addition, the linkages created to and from the new transit station are needed to maximize the safety and comfort of those using the transit facility. These elements are consistent with the vision presented to the Governor and the Community Solutions Team during their visit in 2000.

We strongly endorse both of these projects through the Transportation Enhancement Program.

Sincerely,

Chair, Metropolitan Policy Committee