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From: Betsy & Christian F. Nielsen [bgncfn@qwest.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2003 5:17 PM
To: pthompson@lane.cog.or.us
Subject: Beltline Rd.

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Paul,

Subject: Beltline Rd.-- River Rd. to Coburg Rd.

We are concerned because we have not heard of any plans to add lanes and improve the exits and on-ramps on Beltline Rd. from River Road to Coburg Rd. That area of Beltline is so dangerous and cramped, that changes to this have been long overdue. With the Peace Health project beginning next Spring, Beltline Rd. will become a major access road to that hospital. Beltline Rd. is already clogged with traffic and problematic at those interchanges: River Rd, River Ave., Delta Highway, and Coburg Rd. With additional traffic from cars and ambulances, this project needs to take priority, along with the changes at Beltline and I-5/Gateway.

What are the plans for the areas we mention?

Betsy and Chris Nielsen

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From: Nancy Ellen Locke [n_e_locke@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2003 3:42 PM
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Subject: Transportation issues in the region.....

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Dear Paul E. Thompson, For the past few years I, and the rest of the Friendly Area Neighbors Executive Board members and many neighborhood residents, have put a great deal of energy into seeking a Nodal Development designation for the Willamette Street and 29th Avenue Area. I truly believe that Nodal Development is a smart way for the City of Eugene to address our traffic issues and to utilize the space within our Urban Growth Boundary. That being said, I was also interested in the attention that such a designation would bring to our long standing traffic problems here in South Eugene. Since we have seen the Nodal Development Plan for our neighborhood area tabled, most of us have lost hope that our traffic issues would be address either - until now. I did not even know of the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). I had no idea who to address for help on such large traffic issues. I felt at a loss. Now I would like to make a heartfelt plea that the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) take a look at the needs of South Eugene in general and Willamette Street at 29th Avenue in particular as soon as possible. I have served as the Co-chair for the Friendly Area Neighbors and I have served as an Executive Board Member over the last 5 years. I have heard a constant stream of complaints about the number of accidents and how difficult it is to enter and leave the businesses along Willamette Street from 24th Avenue to 29th Avenue. Many folks are no longer shopping along that commercial strip and this is effecting the businesses more than ever now that we have entered a recession. We need help. We belong on the 2004-2006 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) List!!!

Thank you,

Nancy Ellen Locke
Past Co-chair and
Current Board Member
Friendly Area Neighbors

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From: Nancy Ellen Locke [n_e_locke@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2003 6:54 PM
To: pthompson@lane.cog.or.us
Subject: Post Script.....

Dear Paul E. Thompson, In my last e-mail, a plea for the addressing of traffic issues in South Eugene in general and along South Willamette Street in the area of 24th Avenue to 29th Avenue in particular, I forgot to mention that development is moving ahead at a very rapid pace. We have a new credit union building on the corner of 29th Avenue and Willamette Street. The traffic pattern for this building does not enhance the traffic flow in that area one bit! Standard Insurance is re-developing the Willamette Plaza with an investment of \$10-\$12 million dollars. Even through Standard Insurance is working with the City of Eugene on the traffic issues, the very best that will be accomplished, or even hoped for in this area, is many more cars moving along an out dated, band aided, part of the street! Now, Cascade Manor, a retirement center on 29th Avenue, across the street on 29th Avenue from the Willamette Plaza, is adding 50 more units! I do want to say, that the plans for the new apartments at Cascade Manor do incorporate many Nodal Development ideas and of course they are needed with the graying population of Eugene/Oregon/America. However, that is still a major development in the area of an already broken down and out dated road system! The point that I am trying to make is this. The area between 24th Avenue and 29th Avenue along Willamette Street was considered for Nodal Development because it was ripe for re-development and infill. The Nodal Development plans were tabled. The reality is the re-development and the infill are moving ahead and there are no plans in place to work with the stake holders on the traffic issues involved!! The re-development boom has started and there is no holding back the wave of progress. It is not to late to work on the traffic issues involved - the sooner the better!!

Thank you,

Nancy Ellen Locke
Past Co-chair and current Board Member of
Friendly Area Neighbors

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