

November 9, 2006

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Dear Ms. Fisher:

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

- Delta Ponds Multiuse Path – *(Eugene)*
- South A Pedestrian Enhancement – *(Springfield)*
- Spring Connector Multiuse Path – *(Eugene)*
- Commerce Connector Multiuse Path – *(Eugene)*

The TE applications and the MPO's June 8, 2006 letter of endorsement provide details on all four projects. On November 9, 2006, the MPC approved supporting prioritization of the four applications as shown below.

#1. Delta Ponds Path & Bridge (Eugene)

The Delta Ponds Path & Bridge project leverages a nearly \$5M investment partnership in Eugene to enhance the Delta Ponds natural area and link the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trail System to Eugene neighborhoods and commercial employment centers for non-motorized users while bridging over the physical barrier of Delta Highway.

#1. South 'A' Street Pedestrian Enhancement (Springfield)

The South 'A' Pedestrian Enhancement Project builds on previous enhancements constructed with the relocation of the Lane Transit District Downtown Springfield Station to this area of South 'A' Street. The project improves pedestrian safety and comfort in the vicinity of the LTD Springfield Station by extending traffic calming measures through the heart of the Downtown business district, enhancing safe highway crossing opportunities for transit users and other pedestrians, and contributing to Downtown redevelopment opportunities along South 'A' Street.

#3. Spring Connector Multiuse Path (Eugene)

The Spring Connector Multi-use Path project represents a continuing funding request from multiple federal sources (Including TE grants and federal earmarks) to implement a planned direct connection between Eugene neighborhoods through a natural setting to a popular transportation corridor and Lane Community College for non-motorized users.

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#4. Commerce Street Multiuse Path and Bridge (Eugene)

The Fern Ridge - Commerce Street Multi-use Path and Bridge project will provide desirable and safe access for non-motorized users connecting the parallel Fern Ridge Path System to one of Eugene's commercial employment centers.

Sincerely,

Bobby Green, Sr., Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee