

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Kathie Robidou [Kathie@KathieSells.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 5:00 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Amazon Parkway



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I am very much in favor of the Amazon Parkway and feel as a voter that I have been duped along with my clients who were really excited about this traffic improvement.

Please do whatever can be done to get this project back on track. With the increased demand for people traveling to Veneta and Florence, this Parkway would be a God send!

Kathie



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From: Tracy Olsen [tolsen@elibrarybank.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 4:33 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: West Eugene Parkway

Good afternoon –

As a native Eugenician, I have been raised in the diverse climate that is our city. I was always taught to embrace differences of opinion as an opportunity to expand my own perspective, and to respect the democratic principle of majority rule.

This having been said, I am hopeful that the MPC will reach some sort of consensus that will allow the regional transportation plans to move forward. There are too many important projects at stake for the WEP debate to take precedence. I am concerned that projects involving safety issues and projects offering mass transit options might be delayed if we don't honor the majority vote of the Eugene citizens in favor of the WEP. The citizens have spoken and are clearly not interested in looking at any more alternatives.

Thank you for your commitment. I hope that you are able to work together to keep all of these important projects moving forward.

Sincerely,

Bryant (Tracy) Olsen

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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Evelyn Stepp [evelyn@oip.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 2:45 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: West Eugene Parkway

Metro Policy Committee;

The West Eugene Parkway needs to be constructed. It is important to the entire regional transportation system in Lane County. I live in Creswell, work from Springfield, travel to all parts of Lane County to do my business. The West Eugene Parkway is necessary for people to access the Veneta, Elmira and west Lane County. This plan affects other people besides the citizens of Eugene. Everyone will pay for the negative effects if the plan is put aside. Build the West Eugene Parkway!! Evelyn Stepp RE/MAX 1st Choice evelyn@oip.net 953-5170

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From: Sherry Galloway [sherrygalloway@windermere.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 11:23 AM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: West Eugene Parkway

November 8, 2005

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

RE: West Eugene Parkway

The Eugene Association of REALTORS® (EAR) are in favor of the Regional Transportation Plan and the process by which it is developed, so am I. It is our general recommendation that all elements and priorities be continued. In particular the West Eugene Parkway (WEP) project should continue to be a priority. The voters in Eugene and many local elected officials have continued to support the WEP and expect to see the project move forward. West Eugene area is the major source of buildable land inside the current urban growth boundary for Eugene, with all the homes being built, the traffic will only get more congested.

The West Eugene Parkway is a State of Oregon **regional** project using State Highway funds and is within a year of being ready for construction, and it is our recommendation that this project be completed.

Those who oppose the WEP have not developed an alternative plan that has been accepted by the regional community and those who are elected to represent them. It would be irresponsible to further delay, alter, or cancel the WEP at this time. The most recent action taken by the Eugene city council is an effort to impede further development of the project which will also delay further action on the other very important projects for the region with in the MTIP and STIP. It would be irresponsible to remove the WEP from the MTIP when there is no viable alternative, and starting all over with the regional planning process will take many more years of planning before a new plan could be approved and constructed. Please continue to forward the WEP within the Regional Transportation Plan and the State Transportation Improvement Plan.

I respectfully thank you for your consideration of the above issue.

Sincerely,

Sherry Galloway

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: La Rae Mehlhoff [LaRae39@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2005 6:28 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Continued support of WEP, MTIP and STIP



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***La Rae Mehlhoff, Broker
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From: Nancy Amsberry [nancy@amsberry.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2005 4:57 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: West Eugene Parkway

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Very truly yours,

Nancy Amsberry, Broker
NANCY AMSBERRY & ASSOCIATES
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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Matt R. Powell [mattpowell@windermere.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2005 4:38 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: WE-Parkway

Please, take time and look at the big picture... The Parkway needs to be constructed. It is not only important to Eugene, but all of Lane County.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Matt

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From: Jim Welsh [jdwelshco@msn.com]
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Contact: Jim Welsh, Political Advocate

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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Carleen Reilly, 395 Marion Lane, Eugene, OR 97404

RE: West Eugene Parkway

You can't imagine how thrilled I have been that the Eugene City Council did not support the West Eugene Parkway.

Because I am a resident of Lane County, I did not get any votes on the WEP. One year ago I gave testimony to the MPC, along with about 39 other citizens, in opposition to the WEP. The facts haven't changed.

- The funds are still not there to pay for a \$170 million project.
- The WEP project that the city's citizen's voted on is not the project that is currently proposed.
- ODOT will not maintain the highway within the city limits.
- Environmental concerns have not been addressed, and the West Eugene Wetlands will be threatened.
- Numerous other projects would cost less and more severe problems could be alleviated.
- Other transportation solutions could be implemented on West E 11th Avenue that would be less expensive.

As a County resident, my taxes will be included in this project, but I have had no say. What votes would be cast by the residents of Springfield or Oakridge, Cottage Grove or Veneta, or other parts of the County if they had a chance? I do not believe that our County Commissioners have fairly represented our interests on this issue. If Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey hadn't pushed through a sneak meeting of the MCP during the holidays in 2004 between Christmas and New Years, a more deliberative process would have ensued. Instead, another year of dragging out this issue has cost even more money and divisiveness in our community.

Last year I asked the MPC to "reconsider your priorities and limit them to the critical current needs and to keep them within the funding available." Once again, I urge you to follow this recommendation. In addition, I encourage you to review and adopt Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy's Principles in regard to the West Eugene Traffic Issues.

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Jim Borg [Jim.borg@paktech-opi.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2005 2:06 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: West Eugene Parkway

Dear Members:

Like everyone else who frequently travels on West 11th I am absolutely convinced that a quick and convenient alternative route is urgently needed. We are dismayed that Mayor Piercy has joined that half of the City Council who wish to prevent the West Eugene Parkway plan from moving forward, despite clear and repeated decisions by the citizenry that we wish it to be completed. Please be assured that they do not speak the voice of the majority or represent our desires on this issue.

I urge you to continue with this project regardless of Mayor Piercy's tie-breaking vote. Remember that half of the City Council members are in favor of it, and they in fact represent the majority of voters. We need a solution quickly and it affects many people beyond the narrow confines of Eugene. If one included opinions from residents to the west of the city, the vote would be overwhelmingly in favor of the WEP, rather than just the clear majority within the city who have twice voted for it. This is a regional project, and should not be abandoned because of this small contingent which temporarily holds office in Eugene.

Talk of "finding a better alternative" is empty and unfunded, as you know. I urge you as a citizen and business owner in Eugene to do the right thing and move forward with construction of the WEP. We have a problem and we must move ahead with this solution.

Respectfully,

Jim Borg

President



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*Thank you
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October 29, 2005

Lane County Commissioner Anna Morrison
125 E. 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Subject: West Eugene Parkway (WEP)

Dear Commissioner Morrison,

The Eugene City Council has chosen to thwart the will of their voters, ignoring those of us disenfranchised by their advisory vote (for City residents only) on a regionally significant planned and programmed transportation project in West Eugene of great importance to all of Lane County. The WEP is generally characterized by opponents as an environmental disaster and unnecessary boondoggle. The problem with most of the organized opposition is their myopic approach to their analysis of the project and lack of acknowledgement of the economic impacts that have and will continue to occur as a result of keeping this segment of highway from being constructed. Oregon route 126 begins at the westerly end at US 101 in Florence, recently touted in USA today as the most desirable retirement community in the entire United States, and extends easterly through the Willamette Valley over the Cascades into the fastest growing urban area on the West Coast in Deschutes County.

The only missing portion of highway along this route is between the I-105 at 6th/7th intersections and West 11th at Beltline Road through west Eugene. ORE 126 is signed over city streets along West 6th/7th avenues to Garfield Street to West 11th Avenue out west of Beltline where it joins the Florence-Eugene highway. A similar condition existed for many years in Corvallis where US 20 was routed over Third and Fourth Streets through downtown, until the Corvallis bypass constructed a new highway on the east side of the Willamette River with a new bridge connecting to the Corvallis-Newport Highway near the Mary's River south of downtown.

The need for a more direct east-west limited access facility has been envisioned since 1951 and was first documented in the *Eugene-Springfield Area Transportation Study (E-SATS)* in 1960 as the Roosevelt Freeway. When Interstate 105 was constructed in 1966 the connection to 6th/7th at Jefferson and Washington streets was intended to be temporary until the Roosevelt freeway could be completed. In 1978 the T-2000 transportation plan was adopted, replacing the Roosevelt Freeway with a new east-west corridor which became the West Eugene Parkway. In 1986 and advisory vote on pursuit of the WEP was passed by an 80% majority of voters in Eugene.

In August of 2001, the Eugene City Council passed Resolution #4687, which referred ballot Measures 20-54 and 20-53, advisory votes on whether to pursue the WEP or if that vote fails, to pursue other alternatives to the WEP. In the special election of November 2001, Eugene residents (the only voters permitted to cast ballots on these two measures that affect thousands of other users) narrowly reaffirmed the 1986 decision to build the WEP by a narrow margin (50.9% to 49.1%) and widely defeated (61.4% to 38.6%) the measure calling for the continued study of alternatives to the WEP. As a result of these advisory votes, the Eugene City Council voted in 2002 to amend the West Eugene Wetlands Plan and local transportation plans to include the WEP.

In 2004, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved a Re-Evaluation Report which allows ODOT to proceed with a Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Re-Evaluation Report also provided direction to extend the forecast year from 2015 to 2025, and to

use revised, and generally more stringent, operating and design standards for ODOT expressway facilities, adopted in 2003. The purpose and need statement for the project was re-examined and re-affirmed, traffic modeling was produced using the longer horizon and changes in volume to capacity ratio and level of service standards. The outcome of this latest work has developed a preliminary design that allows the interchange with the WEP at Highway 99 and the Terry Street connector to be "futures" beyond 2025.

Opponents to the project continue to push for alternatives to the WEP, citing the lack of a clear mandate from the 2001 advisory election. Given the number of Lane County citizens and other potential benefactors of the WEP, including my family (native Oregonians) who were disenfranchised from this vote, such a claim is hardly credible and these groups (many of whom are not from around here) seem to be ignoring the clear mandate that directed the City not to work with other government agencies to "pursue comprehensive transportation and land use strategies and projects for west Eugene" as an alternative to the WEP.

What hasn't been openly discussed and debated is the impact that not constructing this highway has had on the economy in Eugene and Lane County. Project opponents argue that increased transit service could negate the need for new roadways. Transit providers rely on payroll taxes as a major funding source and businesses are slow to develop (providing those jobs that fund transit) in areas with poor connections to freeways and growing roadway congestion. Extensive amounts of shovel-ready industrial land has remained relatively stagnant for several years, including the Greenhill Technology Park, Pioneer Park and Westec business parks.

The Region 2050 exercise recently updated the Region's transportation model to examine the impact of expected growth on congestion and delay. Without constructing planned improvements in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which the WEP is a major component of, the number of PM peak congested lane miles on the 2002 roadway network would grow from 32 to between 461 and 527 (depending upon which growth scenario is pursued) and the PM peak vehicle-hours of delay would increase from 7 to between 564 and 665.

Four City Councilors and a Mayor have symbolically slapped their voters in the face, ignored those of us outside the Urban Growth Boundary, and stabbed you fellow Regional partners in the back as a result of their action. We urge you to continue to support the West Eugene Parkway and inform the Metropolitan Planning Commission and ODOT Region 2 staff that the majority of us are not aligned with the so-called "Progressive" movement in Southeast Eugene. Their backers, including the Friends of Eugene and 1000 Friends of Oregon are no friends of ours and their no-growth stance is making this community unaffordable. We want our children and grandchildren to have the option of living working and prospering in Lane County. What these "Progressives" fail to recognize is that their actions are actually contributing to the "sprawl" that they say they abhor. When the 1,200 acres of developable land within the UGB was removed from the 20 year supply of buildable lands (required by state law) by wetland acquisition, why wasn't it replaced? Is it any wonder why Veneta, Junction City, Creswell and Cottage Grove are booming?

Thank you for your common-sense representation,

Sincerely,

Gary & Lynn McNeel

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Michael Caprai [michaelcaprai@cmfsg.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2005 8:44 AM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: WEP

MPC must recognize and factor into its decisions that Eugene's two MPC designees will not be representing the position held by a majority of Eugene voters who approved Measure 20-54 and rejected Measure 20-53 in 2001. Nor will their positions reflect the opinion held by half the members of the Eugene city council. Please respect the voters will.

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From: Micheal T. Roberts [michealr@webuildit.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2005 8:31 AM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Just build it

Hello

I am sending this email to show my continued support for building the parkway, we the votes have said overwhelmingly yes two times. Please do not let a small minority undo the votes will, the majority in Lane county do support building the parkway please listen to us not the minority that is always yelling at you.

Micheal T. Roberts
Office: 541-485-4253
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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Carol Dozois [CarolDozois@prurep.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2005 5:15 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: West Eugene Parkway

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

From: Carol Dozois, Broker-Prudential Real Estate Professionals; 2001 President-Oregon Association of REALTOR

This email is to serve as testimony before your committee on Nov.10, 2005 regarding the West Eugene Parkway (WEP). As an active REALTOR in the community I would like to voice my support for the construction of the WEP. It is important to the entire regional transportation system in Lane County.

When there is no viable alternative project that has been planned, designed or engineered, let alone even budgeted for by any local, state or federal government agency, it would be irresponsible on the part of the Metropolitan Policy Committee to remove the WEP from the MTIP and STIP project lists.

The majority of Eugene voters approved Measure 20-54 and rejected Measure 20-53 in 2001. Eugene's two MPC designees will not be representing the position held by the majority of Eugene voters and be half the members of the Eugene city council!

The traffic congestion of the city of Eugene has far surpassed the need for the WEP and the City of Eugene actions to try and stop the WEP undermines cooperative regional planning which is necessary to achieve the many worthwhile projects on the STIP and MTIP project lists.

YES for the WEP!

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Barbara Wirtz [bwirtzconsulting@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2005 2:38 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: West Eugene Parkway

Dear CommitteeMembers:

I urge you to support the West Eugene Parkway for the following reasons:

1. The voters have approved this not once but twice. It is the responsibility of decision making bodies such as yourselves to uphold the vote of the people not to ignore the voters because of personal preferences. This is the basis of our democratic system.
2. Traffic in the West Eugene area is becoming increasing problematic and opposing the WEP will not stop growth. It will only make transportation problem worse.
3. The West Eugene Parkway would become part of a larger regional transportation system in Lane County--something that is sorely needed.
3. The two representatives from Eugene do not accurately represent the will of the people who voted to approve the WEP. They represent their own personal views. Their job is not to represent their own personal views as members of your committee, but to represent the will of the voters.
4. There is no viable alternative to the WEP. A great deal of time, money, and effort has already been invested around this issue. It's time to move forward with the project.

Please support the West Eugene Parkway.

Barbara Wirtz

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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Lisa Warnes [lisawarnes@efn.org]
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2005 9:20 PM
To: GREEN Bobby
Cc: *Eugene Mayor and City Council; Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization; HAMM Ken (LTD); cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; *Springfield Mayor
Subject: Re: WEP

Dear Mr. Green,

I think that the "credibility" of the council varies depending on who you talk to. Given that the council is a bit more evenly split, adding a measure of balance to issues is my take on their credibility. When the council was sided more to development, people like me, more progressive and environmentally focused had issues with that credibility. If the council was a progressive majority I believe the people that have problems with councils credibility now would be launching a campaign to remove them from office. I don't see anything disingenuous about putting this issue back on the drawing board, rather it being a situation for looking at the bigger picture that includes not only relieving traffic, but protecting our wetlands. I looked into the vote in 2001. Was it not more like 49% to 51%? I really appreciate your time communicating with me.

Thanks
Lisa

On Nov 4, 2005, at 1:51 PM, GREEN Bobby wrote:

> Ms. Warnes,
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> Have an excellent weekend!
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> bgreen
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Lisa Warnes [mailto:lisawarnes@efn.org]
> Sent: Friday, November 04, 2005 1:18 PM
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> Lisa Warnes

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>> Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 6:50 PM
>> To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council
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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: GREEN Bobby
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2005 12:38 PM
To: 'Lisa Warnes'; *Eugene Mayor and City Council
Cc: *LC Board of County Commissioners; Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization; HAMM Ken (LTD); cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; *Springfield Mayor
Subject: RE: WEP

In 2001, 63% of the citizens of Eugene voted against pursuing other alternative. I respect that vote.

bgreen

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Warnes [mailto:lisawarnes@efn.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 6:50 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council
Cc: *LC Board of County Commissioners; Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization; HAMM Ken (LTD); cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; *Springfield Mayor
Subject: WEP

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Sincerely
Lisa Warnes

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Kurt Willcox [kurtw@efn.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 11:39 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: WEP Vote in Eugene

Dear MPO:

I very much appreciate the decision of Mayor Piercy and four councilors to get Eugene out from under the West Eugene Parkway (WEP). It's the wrong way to fix transportation problems in that area and it's a huge drain on our ability to deal with critical transportation issues in other parts of the city. Just because we have been going down the wrong road for 20 years doesn't mean we have to continue in the same direction. Mayor Piercy was clear about how she viewed the WEP during her campaign for office. WEP supporters, whether in the Chamber of Commerce or other elected officials, should not now be surprised or outraged that she has followed through on her opposition to the WEP. They should, instead, support her efforts to find a solution that will gain wider support in our community.

Kurt Willcox
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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: bob thompson [bthompsn@efn.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 8:27 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor
Cc: cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: [Fwd: RE: Let's do another consideration of west Eugene..]

In follow-up to my original and Mr. Green's reply.. please note!

----- Original Message -----
 Subject: RE: Let's do another consideration of west Eugene..
 From: "bob thompson" <bthompsn@efn.org>
 Date: Thu, November 3, 2005 8:19 pm
 To: "GREEN Bobby" <Bobby.Green@CO.Lane.OR.US>

Mr. Green..

> I could probably support this if the voters hadn't rejected this idea
 > in
 2001 at a clip of 63%. That mandate meant something to me if not the city council and
 Mayor Piercy.
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The voters saw fit to vote IN measure 37, too!! ..and look what THAT did to the economic
 landscape of this state! The voters saw fit to elect george w bush, and look where THAT
 got this COUNTRY!! ..and now it appears congress is going to vote to open the ANWR
 wilderness to oil drilling.. for 6 months of oil that probably will be sold to China.
 (the) Voters do not always exhibit ultimate wisdom. If I need to go west of Eugene, and
 anticipate traffic problems on west 11th, I'm likely to take Roosevelt, where I've never
 encountered more than a few cars, and certainly very few stop lights, for the entire
 length, and drop down via Danebo to 11th, already well beyond most congestion, and guess
 what.. NO IMPACT on existing, most valuable, wetlands. In other words, Mayor Piercy, the
 city council, and many, many others are saying there just may be other solution(s) to the
 problem of an auto-centric way to get through one's day, that don't involve paving over
 our precious ecosystem!!

bob thompson

> -----Original Message-----
 > From: bob thompson [mailto:bthompsn@efn.org]
 > Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2005 6:37 PM
 > To: *LC Board of County Commissioners
 > Subject: Let's do another consideration of west Eugene..
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 > Lane Commissioners..
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 > I find myself in total agreement with Mayor Piercy's vote on the west
 eugene parkway, a potential debacle in it's feared negative effect on our most critical
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From: GREEN Bobby
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 12:58 PM
To: 'Blick Family'; Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization; *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; HAMM Ken (LTD); Springfield City Manager; *Springfield Mayor
Subject: RE: Support West Eugene traffic solution that unites rather than divides our community
Categories: NoHTML

To support the Council's action would be the same of thwarting the will of the voters. 63% of the voters in 2001 did not support pursuing other alternatives. We should live with that vote.

bgreen

-----Original Message-----

From: Blick Family [mailto:blick@toast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 5:49 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization; *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; HAMM Ken (LTD); Springfield City Manager; *Springfield Mayor
Subject: Support West Eugene traffic solution that unites rather than divides our community

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Sincerely,

Sharon and Jim Blick

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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Rebecca Fisher [rebeccafisher@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 12:50 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council
Cc: *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization; TAYLOR Ted (SMTP); rgletters@guardnet.com

To whom it may concern:

In the summer of 2001, Mothering Magazine rated Eugene, Oregon as one of the best places to raise a family. (Mothering July/August 2001). They mentioned mountains and national forests, bike paths, arts and cultural events, community gardens, and the Oregon Country Fair. This glowing description was one of the factors that lead to our family moving to this city from Boulder, Colorado.

I mention Boulder because, in the minds of many, Boulder and Eugene have a lot in common. Both are small cities in the west, both have a large concentration of artists, families, and lovely nearby natural places. One difference I have seen is in the way that these nearby natural places are treated. Boulder places a high value on open space, and on maintaining the health of their natural surroundings. As a result of this, Boulder has managed to reduce sprawl and to keep the city beautiful and healthy. In addition, property values remain high, as the beautiful setting makes Boulder a desirable place to live.

Since moving here, I have questioned Eugene's priorities on a number of occasions. It seems to me that some effort should be made to conserve open space, to beautify the town, to create and protect the parks and greenery in the city. One thing that concerns me greatly is the West Eugene Parkway project.

I am a small business owner in Eugene. In addition, I am a mother raising a family in one of the Best Places in the country. I would like to see Eugene remain a good place to live, and even improve itself as much as it can. Not only for my family's sake, but for my business and my home property value. For these reasons I do not support the West Eugene Parkway. This project will destroy critical wetlands, making ugly what is now beautiful. In addition, the project is very expensive. This is money that the city does not have. This city is already struggling in a number of ways that I can see: The schools are underfunded, promised parks are not created, streets need repair, and sprawl is threatening nearby farmland.

I respectfully ask you to lay this project to rest, once and for all. Eugene does not need the Parkway. Eugene needs parks, open space, wetlands, safe streets, excellent schools, beautiful greenery, arts and culture.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Fisher

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: GREEN Bobby
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 12:20 PM
To: 'Rob Tobias'; *Eugene Mayor and City Council
Cc: *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor; Springfield City Manager's Office; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: RE:

Rob Tobias,

It is unclear to me what partners the Mayor is referencing, but I am very much ok with the direction Mayor Piercy is contemplating, however, as one commissioner, I will not support the funding of any of the options because it would imply that I too, condone the lack of respect of the public's vote to not pursue other alternatives. In 2001, voters rejected pursuing other alternatives at a clip of 63%. That should mean something.

Thanks for the note.

bgreen

-Original Message-----

From: Rob Tobias [mailto:rob@robtobias.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2005 10:33 AM
To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council
Cc: *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor; Springfield City Manager's Office; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject:

I support our mayor, Kitty Piercy in her position opposing WEP. I agree with her when she says she will "direct the city manager to consult with our intergovernmental partners and community organizations to scope a process to design and build transportation projects in West Eugene to address congestion, safety, and operation of all modes of transportation."

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<http://robtobias.com/>

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: GREEN Bobby
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 11:51 AM
To: BETTMAN Bonny S; DNoble4990@aol.com; *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: RE: Support Mayor Piercy in Finding a Non-divisive Solution to W. Eugene Traffic
Categories: NoHTML

Bonny,

We did not ignore the voters and unilaterally implement any of the measures, which under Home Rule, we could with the exception of the property tax. We respected the vote. We kept a status quo service level, much like today. We didn't have a tie-breaking vote to ignore the will of the voters. We have the responsibility to inform and let the voters decide and then lived with the outcome. If the Council had done that, this conversation would not be taking place.

Keep the comparisons to apples to apples and your argument would be better. Nice try though!

bgreen

-----Original Message-----

From: Bonny Bettman [mailto:bonny.s.bettman@ci.eugene.or.us]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 7:31 PM
To: GREEN Bobby; DNoble4990@aol.com; *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: RE: Support Mayor Piercy in Finding a Non-divisive Solution to W. Eugene Traffic

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Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 4:13 PM
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bgreen

-----Original Message-----

From: DNoble4990@aol.com [mailto:DNoble4990@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2005 10:25 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Support Mayor Piercy in Finding a Non-divisive Solution to W. Eugene Traffic

Dear Elected Officials and Community Citizens,

I urge you to support Mayor Kitty Piercy in her endeavor to find a non-divisive solution to traffic congestion in West Eugene. Kitty campaigned in favor of transportation solutions which would not dissect the existing wetlands in West Eugene. She was elected by a majority of voters and is holding firm on her campaign promise. After many years of contention over the proposed WEP route, now is the time for all sides to come together and identify the specific transportation problems in West Eugene and figure out solutions to these problems. We should not turn last week's Council decision regarding the WEP into a political firestorm.

I am familiar with some of the traffic routes in West Eugene as my family business is located on 1st St. between Seneca and Bertelsen, near the proposed West Eugene Parkway route. At 'rush hours', I have rarely experienced congestion problems when commuting from the 30th and Hilyard area. I travel north on Hilyard to 6th, then cross over to 5th west of Garfield to Seneca and then to 1st. Some of my route parallels the eastern portion of the proposed Parkway route.

I do experience significant traffic problems when I travel north and south on Chambers and Garfield. If the WEP were built, this congestion would only intensify as more traffic funneled toward the Parkway entrance at 6th and 7th west of Garfield. In the other direction, coming off the Parkway, there would be more traffic turning on to Chambers and Garfield as well as backing up on 7th west of the Jefferson / Washington ramps to 105.

There are several different routes commuters use when driving to West Eugene: 18th, 11th, 6th & 7th, 5th, 1st, Roosevelt, the Beltline, etc. While this street grid is spread out, most traffic eventually has to funnel in to the Bertelsen / Beltline area. Some commuters do take Hwy. 99 north to Clear Lake Rd and then head west. Traffic lane improvements and timed traffic lights are needed west of the Bertelsen and Beltline areas to alleviate traffic congestion west of Eugene. Ramp work at the intersection of Beltline and W. 11th and clearer signs South of town on I-5 would divert more traffic around, rather than through Eugene.

Many of you already know that Federal law dictates that it is illegal to build a highway through parklands. This is a major reason why the WEP has not been built. If we study how to make some of these existing routes more traffic efficient, Eugene will be much better off than if we spend another ten years fighting about the WEP.

Thank You,
Deborah Noble

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Camilla L Carter [ricammie@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 10:42 AM
To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Traffic congestion and WEP

Dear Decision Makers,

Thank you for all you do to help Eugene work and be the kind of place we want to live in for a long time.

We need to work together to solve traffic congestion in west Eugene AND to protect our critical wetlands. I support the recent Eugene City Council action to design and build transportation projects in West Eugene to address congestion, safety, and operation of all modes of transportation. Mayor Piercy's "Principles" will help [bring the community together](#) and move it forward.

Please consider the other creative solutions that can serve all of us better than WEP would.

Thank you,
Camilla Carter
2497 W. 14th Ave.
Eugene

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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Davey Jackson [daveyj@garagegames.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 10:34 AM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: WEP



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Dear LMPO:

As a new home owner in West Eugene, I want to express my strong opposition to the West Eugene Parkway. All though there are those who say that efficient traffic is necessary to promote growth and attract new citizens, I strongly disagree. I moved to Eugene only 3 years ago, and in February decided to make it my home. One of the things I value about this community is that the traffic flow through the city is intentionally slowed by stop lights, one way streets, round-a-bouts ect. Knowing that traffic can only proceed at low speeds makes me feel safe biking and makes me feel safe for the children in my neighborhood. Additionally, one of the reasons I choose to live in the Eugene/Springfield area is the focus on conservation. The bus system, for a city of this size is very good as is the system of bike paths. I recently learned that the bus system runs on Biodiesel, which I strongly support. Many people are drawn to the Eugene/Springfield area because it is NOT car focused and accommodates people with conservation based philosophies. There are very few cities in America with such strong conservation measures as Eugene employs.

Please stand up and oppose the WEP and preserve Eugene's wetlands and uniqueness.

--Davey Jackson
Citizen

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Megan Kemple [megank@efn.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 8:30 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor; Springfield City Manager's Office; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Support for recent WEP decision

Dear Decision Makers

I support the recent Eugene City Council action rejecting the WEP and deciding to design and build transportation projects in West Eugene to address congestion, safety, and operation of all modes of transportation. We need to work together to solve traffic congestion in west Eugene AND to protect our critical wetlands. Mayor Piercy's "Principles" will help bring the community together and move it forward.

Megan Kemple
39 Cedar St.
Eugene, OR 97402

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From: Zef Davis [zefdavis@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 8:05 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: FW: Fwd: pppm-student: WEP Alert: Mayor Piercy needs brief e-support now

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> Thank you for reading this message that explains my opposition to the West Eugene Parkway-
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Thank You,
Deborah Noble

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From: KathyGing@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 6:27 PM
To: kathy@kathyging.com; *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: In support of Kitty Piercy's vote against WEP

This note is to inform the Councils and other parties addressed that I am in full support of the Mayor of Eugene's decision to reject the funding for the WEP. We as a community have a lot of more pressing issues and I do not think we should be wasting our scarce monetary resources on unnecessary roads and decimation of our natural environs.

I suggest you view the video:
The END of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream regarding what the future portends when planners do not accurately read the signs of the times and make the tough decisions now and in the immediate future.

Thank you all for your service to the public and your careful consideration.

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From: Blick Family [blick@toast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 5:49 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization; *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *LC Board of County Commissioners; HAMM Ken (LTD); Springfield City Manager; *Springfield Mayor
Subject: Support West Eugene traffic solution that unites rather than divides our community

Dear Decision Makers,

We need to work together to solve traffic congestion in west Eugene AND to protect our critical wetlands. We support the recent Eugene City Council action to design and build transportation projects in West Eugene to address congestion, safety, and operation of all modes of transportation. Mayor Piercy's "Principles" will help bring the community together and move it forward. Please give her approach your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharon and Jim Blick

MAYOR PIERCY'S "PRINCIPLES RE THE WEP"

- 1) There are significant traffic problems/issues in West Eugene that have long needed resolution. This has been recognized by just about everyone and recently brought to the City Council by The Roundtable.
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- 3) Our community needs a solution to the traffic problems that does not reduce the integrity and value of these wetlands.
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- 9) Numerous community and statewide people have expressed willingness and interest in contributing to the process of identifying a creative solution.

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From: GREEN Bobby
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 4:13 PM
To: 'DNoble4990@aol.com'; *Eugene Mayor and City Council; *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: RE: Support Mayor Piercy in Finding a Non-divisive Solution to W. Eugene Traffic
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If the City of Eugene wishes to use time staff time and their public dollars to study alternatives, I have no problem with that. The County is not required to consent or participate.

However, 63% of the voters said in 2001 that they did not want any alternatives to the WEP. If the City of Eugene wishes to ignore that vote, that's up to them.

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From: Nathan Tublitz [tublitz@uoneuro.uoregon.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2005 3:57 PM
To: *Springfield Mayor; cmo@ci.springfield.or.us; HAMM Ken (LTD); Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: West Eugene Parkway

Dear Eugene and Springfield Decision Makers

Transportation solutions are crucial to the success of our community. So is the need to protect our critical wetlands. I fully support Mayor Piercy's "Principles" to the address the congestion in West Eugene and support the recent Eugene City Council action to design and build transportation projects in West Eugene without harming our precious and irreplaceable wetlands.

Sincerely,

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