

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Envision Eugene “Roadmap”

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ISSUE STATEMENT

This work session is a check-in on the progress of Envision Eugene and an opportunity to discuss the next steps, schedule and council role in the local adoption of Envision Eugene and a new Eugene-specific Urban Growth Boundary.

BACKGROUND

The first step in Envision Eugene was the creation of a community vision for the collective future. From early 2010 through early 2012, community members spent thousands of hours in listening sessions, workshops, and other meetings, exploring desired best outcomes for the future. This community-based work was coupled with detailed technical analysis by staff, consultants and a Technical Resource Group, culminating in the publication of the Envision Eugene Recommendation in March of 2012. The recommendation outlines a vision for accommodating growth while creating the most beautiful, prosperous, sustainable, and livable community possible.

On June 13, 2012, the City Council directed the City Manager to prepare, for a formal adoption process, the planning documents to establish a new Urban Growth Boundary based on two documents. The first was the recommendations included in the Technical Components Document (Attachment A). The second was *Envision Eugene, A Community Vision for 2032, (March 14, 2012)*. Council directed staff to carry forward the pillars and strategies of Envision Eugene as part of the implementation and formal adoption process. There are three different phases of Envision Eugene Implementation:

- Phase 1: Prepare a formal adoption package to implement a new Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)
- Phase 2: Continue actions and strategies that are called out in Envision Eugene that implement the seven pillars of Envision Eugene.
- Phase 3: Perform ongoing monitoring and adjustments as needed to adapt to changing circumstances and ensure effective implementation.

This work session will focus on the steps necessary to complete the first phase of implementation, preparing a formal adoption package to implement a new UGB. These steps are described in Attachment A, which the council referenced in its June 13, 2012, action.

Because of the complexity and volume of actions to be taken, the council will consider many of these actions independently before the complete UGB package is assembled and processed through formal adoption procedures. Given the current council direction and progress to date, the council can expect to take action on the complete UGB package in mid-2014. However, many interim steps and actions either have been taken or will be taken before then, including:

- Eugene Water & Electric Board master plan and land use package (adopted July 8, 2013)
- Code amendments for commercial and multi-family housing (adopted July 22, 2013)
- Code amendments for single-family homes (anticipated December, 2013)
- A Community Design Guide (anticipated January 2014)
- Re-designation for single-family homes (anticipated February, 2014)
- South Willamette land use package amendments (anticipated February 2014)
- Re-designation and code amendments for commercial and industrial lands (anticipated March, 2014)
- Adoption of investment strategy tools (anticipated March, 2014)

Additional actions that will be included as part of the UGB package formal adoption process will include:

- Adoption of a new UGB location for parks, schools, industrial and single-family residential uses
- Adoption of a new Eugene-specific comprehensive plan, policies and a parcel specific plan diagram
- Adoption of a revised Metro Plan, Transportation System Plan and Public Facilities and Services Plan
- Acceptance of a plan for ongoing monitoring and adjustment

Additional information on each of the actions listed above is described in more detail in Attachment B.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The seven pillars of Envision Eugene and the associated strategies and actions that are described in *Envision Eugene, A Community Vision for 2032, (March 14, 2012)*:

- Provide ample economic opportunities for all community members
- Provide housing affordable to all income levels
- Plan for climate change and energy resiliency
- Promote compact urban development and efficient transportation options
- Protect, repair, and enhance neighborhood livability
- Protect, restore, and enhance natural resources
- Provide for adaptable, flexible, and collaborative implementation

COUNCIL OPTIONS

This is an informational work session; no action is required at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

No action is required on this item.

SUGGESTED MOTION

No action is required on this item.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Envision Eugene Technical Components, June 14, 2012
- B. Envision Eugene Implementation Update, July 26, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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