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Work Session: MovingAhead (Key Corridor Study)

Meeting Date: May 11, 2015 Department: Public Works

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Agenda Item Number: A Staff Contact: Chris Henry Contact Telephone Number: 541-682-8472

ISSUE STATEMENT

The Eugene City Council and the Lane Transit District (LTD) Board of Directors will receive a briefing on *MovingAhead – Streets and Places Reimagined*. MovingAhead is a cooperative effort to make the main streets in the area's transportation system more safe and accessible for people traveling by foot, bicycle, bus, or car, while supporting great neighborhoods. The council and board will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

BACKGROUND

The City of Eugene and Lane Transit District, with the help of other regional partners, are launching MovingAhead to determine how to improve the main streets that connect area neighborhoods, shopping areas, and places of employment. MovingAhead will prioritize transit, walking, and biking projects so they can be efficiently advanced to design and construction. It will focus on the key corridors identified in Envision Eugene, Springfield 2030, LTD's Long-Range Transit Plan, and the Regional Transportation Plan.

MovingAhead is a system-level approach to corridor improvements. Over the next year, MovingAhead will: determine the needs of people using transit, biking, and walking in each corridor; develop concepts for how transit might work in these corridors and what improvements are needed for biking and walking; evaluate the concepts and determine which ones best meet the community's needs; select which corridors are most ready for near-term projects; refine corridor concepts, and complete a study of environmental impacts and benefits. Then, projects will be ready to design, fund, and build.

A robust public involvement process is planned to draw upon stakeholder interviews, community workshops, open houses, tabling at events, online outreach, and targeted outreach to neighborhood, civic, and business groups.

The Eugene City Council and the Lane Transit District Board of Directors will be asked this fall to

select up to four corridors to advance to project development. In the next phase, these bodies will decide on a preferred alternative for each corridor. Transit improvements could range from bus route enhancements to comprehensive bus rapid transit, depending on specific corridor needs and conditions. Improvements for people walking and biking could include, crossing treatments such as pedestrian islands and signals, expanded sidewalks, or separated bike lanes, etc. The Eugene City Council and Lane Transit District Board of Directors will also receive input from a sounding board of existing board and commission members, a Project Oversight Committee, and the staff and consultant Project Management Team.

The first round of community workshops are scheduled for May 18 - 28, 2015, to gather input from the community about specific corridor needs and how the system of key corridors should work in the future.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Envision Eugene, TransPlan, Draft Eugene Transportation System Plan, LTD Long-Range Transit Plan, and Regional Transportation Plan.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

Receive information and provide feedback to staff.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

SUGGESTED MOTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

A. MovingAhead Fact Sheet

B. MovingAhead Community Workshop Announcement

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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