

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AND
LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



MovingAhead: Corridor Screening

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The Eugene City Council and the Lane Transit District Board (LTD) of Directors will receive a briefing on *MovingAhead – Streets and Places Reimagined*. MovingAhead is a cooperative effort to make the main streets in the community's transportation system safer and more accessible for people traveling by foot, bicycle, mobility device, bus, or car while supporting great neighborhoods. Staff will provide corridor screening results. The City 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 developing MovingAhead to determine how to improve the main streets that connect 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, 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, rolling with a mobility device, 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 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.

Following a series of five public workshops in May, the project team developed a set of high-level design concepts ranging from Enhanced Corridor bus service to full EmX bus rapid transit service; each with space for people walking, rolling, and biking along and across the study corridors. A robust public involvement process is ongoing, drawing on stakeholder interviews, community workshops, open houses, tabling at events, online outreach, and targeted outreach to neighborhood, civic, and business groups.

The project team has attended more than 20 events throughout the city this summer with more than 300 responses collected on the high-level design concepts through an online community

survey. The corridor concepts were evaluated against screening criteria with the results presented for feedback to the MovingAhead Sounding Board and community groups, including a community open house held on September 14, 2015.

The corridor screening results indicate that both Enhanced Corridor and EmX service concepts could be considered for Highway 99, River Road, Coburg Road, and 30th Avenue to Lane Community College, and an Enhanced Corridor should be considered on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Valley River Center should not be advanced within MovingAhead. The MovingAhead Oversight Committee is scheduled to review the corridor screening results and make a recommendation on corridors to advance for continued study at its September 23, 2015, meeting.

Following this joint work session, the Eugene City Council and the Lane Transit District Board of Directors are scheduled to take action in October 2015 to select corridors to advance for further development and alternatives analysis through the winter and spring of 2016. In this next phase, these bodies will decide on a preferred alternative for each corridor.

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, pending recommendation from Oversight Committee.

SUGGESTED MOTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. MovingAhead Corridor Concepts
- B. MovingAhead Corridor Screening Results

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