

**EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AND
LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**



Work Session: MovingAhead Alternatives Review

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The Eugene City Council and the Lane Transit District (LTD) Board of Directors will be asked to take action to advance MovingAhead design alternatives for the Alternative Analysis. MovingAhead is a cooperative effort to make the main streets in the transportation system safer and more accessible for people traveling by foot, bicycle, mobility device, bus or car while supporting great neighborhoods. Staff will provide an update on outreach activities conducted since the last MovingAhead Joint Work Session in fall of 2015, review the refinements to the alternatives for each corridor to move forward into the Alternatives Analysis and describe next steps in the process. The council and board will have the 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 the community's 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.

On October 12, 2015, the Eugene City Council advanced the following MovingAhead corridors for further study to evaluate an EmX alternative, an Enhanced Corridor alternative, and a No-Build alternative during the alternatives analysis:

- Highway 99 Corridor
- River Road Corridor
- Coburg Road Corridor
- 30th Avenue/Lane Community College Corridor

And, recommended that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Corridor alternative advance as an Enhanced Corridor and a No-Build alternative for the Alternatives Analysis.

During the winter of 2015, the MovingAhead project team has been conducting outreach through the following strategies: door-to-door corridor canvassing, stakeholder meetings with businesses and nonprofits, presentations to neighborhood association meetings, as well as an online and in-person open house. This outreach has allowed the MovingAhead team to refine the alternatives for the Alternatives Analysis process. The MovingAhead Oversight Committee reviewed the corridor alternatives in March of 2016 and supported the alternatives to move into the Alternatives Analysis process.

In the fall of 2016, staff plans to provide an update to the City Council and the LTD Board on the Alternatives Analysis results as well as community outreach conducted this spring and summer.

In the winter of 2016, the Eugene City Council and LTD Board will be asked to select a locally preferred alternative (No-Build, Enhanced Corridor, or EmX alternative) for each corridor.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The MovingAhead project is in alignment and consistent with policy direction contained in the following: Envision Eugene, TransPlan, Draft Eugene Transportation System Plan, LTD Long-Range Transit Plan, and Regional Transportation Plan.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Confirm the City Manager recommendation on corridors to advance
2. Modify the City Manager recommendation
3. Take no action

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTED MOTION

Recommend action to further study the following MovingAhead corridor alternatives for evaluation of an EmX alternative, an Enhanced Corridor alternative, and a No-Build alternative for the Alternatives Analysis:

- Highway 99 Corridor
- River Road/30th Avenue/Lane Community College Corridor
- Coburg Road Corridor

And, recommend that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Corridor alternative advance as an Enhanced Corridor and a No-Build alternative for the Alternatives Analysis.

ATTACHMENTS

A. MovingAhead Maps of Corridor Overview and Design Alternatives

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