



# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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### Adoption of a Resolution Affirming the City of Eugene's Support for an Improved Passenger Rail Corridor Serving the Eugene Depot

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Meeting Date: March 10, 2014  
Department: City Manager's Office  
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#### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

This resolution will affirm support for maintaining and improving a passenger rail line serving the Eugene Depot.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Governor Kitzhaber created a Leadership Council of primarily elected officials from the Willamette Valley to advise the Governor and the Oregon Transportation Commission on a preferred alignment for inter-city passenger rail improvements that will become a foundation for the future to make Oregon more competitive in finding funding for future projects for freight and passenger rail service in Oregon. Mayor Piercy currently serves as Co-Chair of the Oregon Passenger Rail Leadership Council. Attachment B provides background information on the role of the Oregon Passenger Rail Leadership Council.

The City of Eugene has a long history of supporting improved passenger rail service in Eugene. Significant capital investments have been made with local, state and federal funds to preserve, maintain, and improve the Nationally Registered Historic Resource of the Eugene Depot building, plaza, and traffic circulation.

#### **RELATED CITY POLICIES**

Rail travel, both passenger and freight, serves an important role in the state's economy as well as supporting the triple bottom line of the city/metro economy.

From Eugene-Springfield Transportation System Plan (TransPlan):

##### **TSI Other Modes Policy #2: High Speed Rail Corridor**

Support provision of rail-related infrastructure improvements as part of the Cascadia High Speed Rail Corridor Project.

##### **TSI Other Modes Policy #3: Passenger Rail and Bus Facilities**

Support improvements to the passenger rail station and inter-city bus terminals that enhance usability and convenience.

## **COUNCIL OPTIONS**

The council could:

- 1) Adopt the proposed resolution as submitted or with modifications.
- 2) Take no action.

## **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

The City Manager recommends adopting the resolution on rail service to the community.

## **SUGGESTED MOTION**

Move to adopt the resolution affirming the City of Eugene's support for an improved passenger rail corridor serving the Eugene Depot.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Proposed Resolution
- B. Role of Leadership Council in Long Range High Speed Rail Planning

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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