

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: West Eugene EmX Update

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ISSUE STATEMENT

The West Eugene EmX Extension (WEEE) project last came before the City Council on September 26, 2012, when the council reaffirmed its support for the West Eugene EmX Extension. Subsequent to that, LTD has begun the design and engineering phase of the project. The purpose of this work session is to provide an update to the City Council on the status of the EmX Extension. No action is requested at this time.

BACKGROUND

The West Eugene EmX Extension is nearing the halfway point of final design with design completion expected in early summer and initial construction on portions of the project's 4.5 mile length due to begin as early as August 2014. The current stage of design represents a point in the project development process where uncertainty around most major design elements has been resolved. This resolution in the design has been a result of a collaborative partnership between City and LTD staff working through a design solutions team effort to fairly and efficiently examine, modify, and select project refinements that best meet the needs of the project and City requirements, and address concerns of affected property owners and businesses. The work session will cover the following elements of the project:

- Public outreach and design solutions process;
- Areas of significant change in project design;
- Model run confirms minimal impact to vehicular traffic;
- Ongoing issues;
- Contractor hired, early estimated construction schedule;
- Continued coordination with businesses; and
- Current cost estimating.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

From Eugene-Springfield Transportation System Plan (TransPlan):

TSI Transit Policy #2: Bus Rapid Transit

Establish a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system composed of frequent, fast transit service along major

corridors and neighborhood feeder service that connects with the corridor service and with activity centers, if the system is shown to increase transit mode split along BRT corridors, if local governments demonstrate support, and if financing for the system is feasible.

From the Growth Management Policies:

Growth Management Policy 11

Increase the use of alternative modes of transportation by improving the capacity, design, safety, and convenience of the transit, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation systems.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

No action is requested at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

None.

SUGGESTED MOTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Project Status, Design Solutions Summary and Outreach/Business Support (provided by LTD)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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