

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**April 16, 2014
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Alan Zelenka, George Poling (via conference phone), Mike Clark, Chris Pryor, Betty Taylor, Claire Syrett, Greg Evans

Mayor Piercy called the April 16, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: South Willamette Street Improvement Plan

Transportation Planning Engineer Chris Henry introduced Ed Whitelaw, Ellen Teninty, and Scott Mansur, who provided an overview of the project and their recommendation to proceed with Alternative 3.

Council discussion

- Concern expressed that trial period won't yield accurate or useful results.
- Public safety concerns are not reflected in the plan goals.
- Goal of the project is to facilitate all modes of transportation efficiently and safely.
- Experience of other cities that have implemented "road diets" is useful to consider.
- Issue is clouded for many by hopes and fears rather than empirical evidence. Trial period will generate real data.
- Community supports transition to "complete streets."
- Important to educate residents on what to do when emergency vehicles need access.

The work session adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Forrest
City Recorder