

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



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### Work Session: Beltline Highway - Coburg Road to River Road – Oregon Department of Transportation Facility Plan Update

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Meeting Date: July 9, 2014  
Department: Public Works  
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#### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

The Eugene City Council will receive a progress update from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) about the Beltline Highway: Coburg Road to River Road Facility Plan. ODOT staff will discuss the overall facility plan process and present maps illustrating the range of improvement concepts under consideration for Beltline Highway. The council will have an opportunity to ask questions about the improvement concepts, provide feedback, and hear about the next steps in the facility planning process.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Beltline Facility Plan is to develop recommendations for long-range improvements to the Randy Papé Beltline Highway functionality between Coburg Road and River Road. Early facility plan work involved community interviews, technical data gathering and an open house on August 4 and 6, 2008, to identify concerns and develop a project problem statement. The problem statement identifies issues and concerns regarding safety, operation, and capacity of Beltline Highway in both objective and subjective ways.

Additional public open houses were held on July 29, 2009, and March 16, 2010, to both inform and engage the community throughout the facility planning process. Citizens have expressed a range of concerns from protecting the environment to fixing operational problems that would improve safety and traffic flow on Beltline Highway. The Eugene City Council last received an update on the Beltline Highway Facility planning process on April 14, 2010.

Alternative concepts for Beltline Highway have been developed and presented for public review, comment, and refinement. Those concepts have been further evaluated by staff and considered by the project stakeholder and steering committees. The stakeholder and steering committees made recommendations to narrow the range of alternatives for further consideration based on their evaluation and citizen feedback. The Beltline Facility Plan recommends project improvement alternatives, within this narrowed range, for further environmental analysis.

The Beltline Facility plan was most recently presented for public review at an open house on May

20, 2014.

At a later date, the council will be asked to endorse the Beltline Facility Plan through adoption of the Eugene Transportation System Plan. The Lane County Board of Commissioners and the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (through its Metropolitan Policy Committee) will also be asked to endorse the Beltline Facility Plan before final adoption by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

A future environmental analysis, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), will be conducted following adoption of the Beltline Facility Plan. The NEPA analysis will include more detailed and rigorous analysis of project impacts and recommend a preferred project alternative necessary for federal funding eligibility.

Additional project information (including the Facility Plan) is available through the ODOT project website at: [www.beltlineplan.com](http://www.beltlineplan.com)

### **RELATED CITY POLICIES**

The Eugene City Council engaged in a discussion of Transportation Priorities for North and West Eugene on September 25, 2006. That discussion concluded on October 9, 2006, with council action to set the Beltline Corridor from River Road to Coburg Road as the City's top priority for funding in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

A study of Beltline Highway between Coburg Road and River Road is also included in the adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation System Plan (TransPlan).

### **COUNCIL OPTIONS**

Receive information and provide feedback to ODOT and staff regarding Beltline Highway planning.

### **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

None. Information only.

### **SUGGESTED MOTION**

None.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Beltline Alternatives Summaries
- B. Beltline Alternatives Maps

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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