

## MINUTES

**Eugene City Council  
Harris Hall, 125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**May 28, 2019  
5:30 p.m.**

Councilors Present: Emily Semple, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Yeh, Mike Clark, Claire Syrett

Councilors Absent: Greg Evans, Chris Pryor

Mayor Vinis opened the May 28, 2019, work session of the Eugene City Council.

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e)**

**2. WORK SESSION: Franklin Boulevard Transformation Project Update**

Associate Transportation Planner Larisa Varela presented information about the project including the timeline, public involvement plan, and draft design concepts.

Council Discussion

- Councilor Syrett– expressed appreciation for and previous experience with the presentation; expressed opposition to making street wider per multiway boulevard trade-offs; noted lack of comparison to Pioneer Parkway with regard to medium bikeway options; asked how EmX would interact with roundabouts; inquired if ODOT owns East Gateway I-5 off-ramp and how planning would work with ODOT.
- Councilor Zelenka– discussed roundabouts in other locations; asked why roundabouts would be a safer form of intersection; discussed potential for safety and efficiency impacts in relation to experience with roundabouts; inquired about East Gateway format and pedestrian feedback regarding lack of safety; expressed support for roundabouts.
- Councilor Taylor– shared concerns about roundabouts; discussed what ultimate purpose of corridor is for and what it should be for; discussed experience with corridor and suggested need for way to intersect with streets in the corridor; expressed desire to do something about street interactions.
- Councilor Yeh – expressed appreciation for presentation; reiterated comments opposing wider street and two-way bike way; expressed concerns with roundabouts and inquired about data about roundabouts in various street forms; discussed bike signaling at Hayden Bridge; expressed approval for roundabout options and experience with green space in corridors.
- Councilor Clark – expressed appreciation for work done by staff and public involvement; opposed making street wider and shared lack of excitement about roundabouts; discussed use and efficiency of automobiles and access to businesses; asked about limiting or diminishing access points to businesses; inquired if staff have solicited public input about the issue of access; discussed conversations with business owners and public about fears about losing frontage in front of businesses.

- Councilor Semple – expressed appreciation for the presentation and points of approval of presentation items; discussed roundabouts and bike/pedestrian safety concerns; expressed desire for more trees.
- Mayor Vinis – expressed support for roundabouts and trees; mentioned options for Sunday Street public education opportunities.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Forrest*

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City Recorder

*(Recorded by Samantha Roberts)*

Link to the webcast of this City Council meeting: [here](#).