



Memorandum

Date: February 9, 2016
To: Mayor Piercy and Eugene City Council
From: Ethan Nelson, Intergovernmental Relations Manager-AIC
Subject: 2016 Oregon Legislative Priorities and United Front Delegation

This memo provides an update regarding the City of Eugene's Legislative Priorities for the 2016 Oregon Legislature and the 2016 United Front delegation.

Oregon Legislature

The Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee members, Councilors Clark, Poling, and Taylor met on January 27th and elected Councilor Taylor to serve as Committee Chair. The IGR Committee reviewed and discussed the 2016 Legislative Priorities document, approving it for use as the 'policy envelope' to guide the IGR program's actions during the 2016 Legislative Session. Attached to this memo are both the Agenda Item Summary for the meeting and the updated 2016 Priorities document.

The IGR program will provide regular weekly updates regarding Eugene priority bills, as well as, general bills that may impact Eugene, but are not included within the 'policy envelope'.

United Front

The United Front (UF) partners visited Washington DC between Sunday January 31st and Thursday February 4th. In addition to visits with Senators Wyden and Merkley, as well as Congressman DeFazio, the UF delegation met with a number of federal agencies to discuss elements within the targeted River Districts project.

Focal areas of discussion included funding and support for Eugene's high speed fiber project, public safety for 2021 World Championships, transportation upgrades in the Franklin Corridor, housing, a current brownfields grant, and opportunities to utilize the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) designation for projects including the Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) Catalytic Project.

The UF Priorities Book and River Districts overview documents were sent to the Mayor and Council in an update memo on February 8. If you would like a hard copy of either document, please let me know and I can get them to you.