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Meeting Date: February 2, 2010

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Lydia McKinney, Transportation Planning & Traffic
Kurt Yeiter, City of Eugene Public Works

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION/BRIEFING ON CITY OF EUGENE TRANSPORTATION
SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

I. MOTION

None requested

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City of Eugene staff will provide an introduction to the City's recently initiated Transportation System Plan update. Attached is a memo and timeline from City staff.



MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 14, 2011
To: Lane County Board of Commissioners
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Subject: Overview of Eugene Transportation System Plan

The City of Eugene is developing a local Transportation System Plan (TSP) as part of its responsibilities under the Transportation Planning Rule. This work session will provide a brief introduction to the Eugene project.

Guided by state law that provides specific criteria and legal requirements, the Transportation System Plan and several other concurrent planning activities will create a blueprint for Eugene's growth over the next 20 years. The Transportation System Plan will guide future multi-modal transportation system improvements and investment decisions for the City of Eugene and lands inside its urban growth boundary.

BACKGROUND: Until recently, the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area has been fortunate in that the Eugene-Springfield Transportation System Plan, "*TransPlan*," has essentially served as the following two required documents:

- Regional Transportation System Plan (RTSP) – a State required plan that needs approval by all the local governments in the metropolitan area, including Coburg. The RTSP must be consistent with the federally-required Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Transportation System Plan (TSP) – a State required local plan for all cities and counties. A Eugene-only Transportation System Plan, which will be new for this city, will need approval by the Eugene City Council and County Board of Commissioners pursuant to current regulations.

When the Eugene-Springfield urban growth boundary is separated pursuant to HB 3337, both cities will create separate transportation system plans that will contain local policies and project lists, in addition to maintaining a Regional Transportation System Plan.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is funding the amendments to the Regional Transportation System Plan, and both Eugene's and Springfield's local Transportation System Plans.

COORDINATION:

Like *TransPlan*, Eugene's Transportation System Plan must address automotive mobility and safety, pedestrian and bicycle needs, public transit, freight movement, passenger and freight rail, and air

transportation as the city grows over the next 20 years. There are a myriad of local and regional planning activities that affect or will be affected by the Eugene Transportation System Plan, including the following:

- Envision Eugene, a local land use plan;
- Community Climate and Energy Action Plan for Eugene;
- Eugene Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update;
- Lane Transit District Long-Range Transit Plan;
- West Eugene EmX Extension planning;
- Regional Transportation Options Plan;
- Eugene Airport Master Plan;
- Springfield Transportation System Plan;
- Regional Transportation System Plan;
- Regional Transportation Plan;
- Emerging Issues (from the Metropolitan Policy Committee)

Some of these plans will provide policy direction that can be integrated directly into the Eugene Transportation System Plan. The public involvement and input from each of these other activities will inform and enrich the local transportation plan.

Recommendations from other activities, such as those from the West Eugene Collaborative, will also be considered during the early transportation planning phase.

SCOPE OF WORK AND SCHEDULE:

The Scope of Work for the Eugene Transportation System Plan covers only the first phase of work; that is, from initiation through the identification of one viable, preferred land use and transportation alternative. Phase One will review existing transportation policies and coordinate with Envision Eugene to revise, as necessary, local policies to accommodate the next 20 years' growth. Up to four transportation system alternatives will be evaluated. Phase One is expected to be completed by the end of calendar year 2011. Phase Two of the transportation planning program, which is not yet funded, will identify specific transportation projects, implementation strategies, and cost estimates to accommodate the preferred growth scenario.

ODOT's funding for the Transportation System Plan allows for advisory committees, several public open houses or workshops, and maintenance of a project website (www.EugeneTSP.com) that will host public surveys and an interactive map. To help explain transportation planning to the general public and alleviate confusion among the many local projects, an integrated regional internet presence was created through the Regional Transportation System Plan update. This site connects the Eugene, Springfield, and Coburg Transportation System Plans, the Central lane Regional Transportation System Plan, Eugene's Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, Lane Transit District's Long Range Transit Plan, Lane County's Transportation Planning and Traffic webpage, and other related activities in one accessible location.

To advise staff and, ultimately, City and County decision makers, the Eugene transportation plan program is utilizing a Technical Advisory Committee and a Department Advisory Committee. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consists primarily of agency staff to provide operational

information about various transportation-related issues, such as school planning, freight movement, passenger rail, and street design standards, as well as coordinate with other planning efforts and city programs. Lane County transportation planners participate as members of the Technical Advisory Committee and project management team. The Department Advisory Committee (DAC) is a group of about 20 community members representing a spectrum of interests who will review and respond to project development at eight key milestones.

Kickoff meetings have been held with the Technical Advisory Committee and Department Advisory Committee. Interviews have been held with over 15 “stakeholders” to gather additional insights and perspectives on local transportation issues. A system inventory, an initial policy and regulatory analysis, local traffic counts, and an existing conditions analysis are near completion.

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ATTACHMENTS:

A: Project Timeline

Eugene Transportation System Plan Timeline

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