



**SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL
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**Tuesday, September 1, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, EUGENE AND LANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSIONS

**5:30 DINNER FOR PLANNING COMMISSION
6:00 JOINT PUBLIC HEARING SESSION**

- 1. BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE –**
- 2. LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS –**

A. Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan Text Amendment and Exception to Statewide Planning Goal 15 Willamette River Greenway for Construction of a Bicycle/Pedestrian Viaduct Beneath the Willamette River I-5 Bridges

An amendment to the text of the Metro Plan and an exception to Statewide Planning Goal 15 Willamette River Greenway are necessary for the construction of a proposed bicycle/pedestrian viaduct structure (South Bank Viaduct) beneath the Willamette River I-5 Bridges. The viaduct will allow the future development of a riverfront path on the south bank of the Willamette River, connecting Eugene and Springfield through Glenwood.

Metro Plan policy #D.11 of Chapter III-D (Willamette River Greenway, River Corridors and Water Ways Element) requires the taking of an exception “*if a non-water dependent transportation facility requires placing of fill within the Willamette River Greenway setback.*” The construction of the viaduct will require placement of fill within the Willamette River Greenway setback. Metro Plan Policy #11, Chapter III, Section D. is proposed to be amended as follows:

“An exception to Statewide Planning Goal 15 Willamette River Greenway was approved by the cities of Eugene and Springfield and by Lane County authorizing construction of a bike path viaduct beneath the I-5 bridges, along the south bank of the Willamette River. The exception authorizes construction of the bike path viaduct including the fill and removal of fill necessary to build the structure. This exception satisfies the criteria of Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 660-004-0022 (6) Willamette Greenway and the exception requirements of OAR 660-004-0020 Goal 2, Part II (c) for a ‘reasons’ exception. Pursuant to OAR 660-004-0015, this exception is hereby adopted as an amendment to the Metro Plan text, Policy D. 11, Chapter III, Section D.”

Applicant: The Cities of Springfield and Eugene and Lane County
Staff: Mark Metzger, City of Springfield
Heather O’Donnell, City of Eugene
Stephanie Schulz, Lane County

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B. Metro Plan Text Amendments: New Population Forecasts for Eugene and Springfield

Eugene, Springfield and Lane County are proposing to amend the Metro Plan by adding separate population forecasts for each city and its urban growth area. The forecasts were prepared by Lane County pursuant to the provisions of ORS 195.036 and were recently adopted into the Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan. The proposed Metro Plan text amendments implement state population forecasting and land use planning statutes by providing separate coordinated population forecasts for the Eugene and Springfield jurisdictional areas of the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan.

The two cities and Lane County are proposing the following text amendment to the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan):

In order to achieve timely compliance with their statutory obligations under 2007 Or Laws Chapter 650, the Cities of Eugene and Springfield adopt the following forecasts for their respective jurisdictional areas:

	2030	2035
<i>Eugene – City Only</i>	194,314	202,565
<i>Urban Transition Area West of I-5</i>	17,469	16,494
<i>Total</i>	<u>211,783</u>	<u>219,059</u>
	2030	2035
<i>Springfield – City Only</i>	74,814	78,413
<i>Urban Transition Area East of I-5</i>	6,794	6,415
<i>Total</i>	<u>81,608</u>	<u>84,828</u>

These figures effectively provide coordinated projections for each city and the adjacent urban growth areas for years ending 2030 through 2035, enabling them to meet state requirements concerning the beginning and ending years of the 20-year planning period. In the event either city needs to provide a forecast for a planning period that begins after 2010 that city shall determine the 20-year forecast by adding 20% of the 2030-2035 total population increment for each year beyond 2030.

Applicant: The Cities of Springfield and Eugene and Lane County
Staff: Greg Mott, City of Springfield
Jason Dedrick, City of Eugene
Stephanie Schulz, Lane County

CONDUCT OF LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

- Commencement of the hearing
- Staff report
- Testimony of those in support
- Testimony of those in opposition
- Testimony of those neutral
- Questions from Springfield, Eugene and Lane County Commissioners
- Summation by Staff
- Close of public testimony
- Discussion of policy issues and compliance with adopted plans (possible questions to staff or public)
- Motion to recommend approval, approval with modification or not to adopt the proposal based on staff report and or oral and written testimony placed in the record of this hearing.

3. ADJOURN

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