

MINUTES

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF
EUGENE, SPRINGFIELD AND LANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSIONS
Springfield Library Meeting Room
225 Fifth Street—Springfield

April 7, 2009
5:30 p.m.

EUGENE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Phillip Carroll, Chair; Ann Kneeland, Vice Chair; Heidi Beierle, Rick Duncan, Randy Hledik.

SPRINGFIELD PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Frank Cross, Chair; Johnny Kirschenmann, Vice Chair; Lee Beyer, Steve Moe, Sean VanGordon, Sheri Moore, Eric Smith.

LANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lisa Arkin, Chair; Robert Noble, Vice Chair; Steve Dignam, Todd Johnston, Tony McCown, Nancy Nichols, Joseph Siekiel-Zdzienicki, John Sullivan.

I. CONVENE

Mr. Carroll convened the meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER—FOUR GOVERNING BODIES

Mr. Carroll called the Eugene Planning Commission to order.

Mr. Cross called the Springfield Planning Commission to order.

Ms. Arkin called the Lane County Planning Commission to order.

Planning Commissioners introduced themselves.

Mr. Duncan arrived at 5:33 p.m.

III. WORK SESSION

TransPlan Horizon Year and Removal of Completed Projects

Eugene Files MA 09-1
Springfield File LRP2008-00014
Lane County File PA 095108

Proposal: Non-site specific text amendments to the Eugene-Springfield Regional Transportation System Plan (TransPlan) to adjust the planning period from year 2015 to year 2024 to reflect actual growth rates

since plan adoption and to remove completed transportation projects from TransPlan's project lists. Amendments to the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan) are also proposed to maintain consistency between TransPlan and the Metro Plan.

Lead Staff: Kurt Yeiter, Senior Planner, City of Eugene, 682-8379
Greg Mott, Planning Manager, City of Springfield, 726-3774
Stephanie Schulz, Senior Planner, Lane County, 682-3958

Mr. Yeiter offered the staff report. He directed Commissioners to two documents at their seats, a decoder sheet of acronyms and a memorandum dated April 7, 2009 to the Springfield, Eugene and Lane County Planning Commissions from Kurt Yeiter, Subject: Additional Information for Proposed *TransPlan* and *Metro Plan* Amendments. He reviewed the list of acronyms.

Mr. Shapiro arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Mr. Yeiter said the Commissions would hold a public hearing on the following:

- Non-site specific text amendments to the Eugene-Springfield Regional Transportation System Plan (TransPlan) to adjust the planning period from year 2015 to year 2024 to project the average growth rate that had occurred since TransPlan's adoption.
- Remove completed transportation projects from TransPlan's project lists.
- Non-site specific text amendments in the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan) needed to maintain consistency between TransPlan and the Metro Plan.

Mr. Yeiter said based on the available information and materials in the record and the preliminary findings staff recommended approval of the proposed TransPlan and Metro Plan amendments.

Responding to Mr. Siekiel-Zdzienicki, Mr. Yeiter said cities were mandated to know how the current buildable lands supply compared with the demand by the end of 2009, but there was no timeline for mandating when the urban growth boundary (UGB) would be split. The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) workplan called for establishing separate UGBs by 2013.

Responding to a question from Mr. Noble, Celia Barry, Lane County Transportation Planning and Traffic Manager, said Lane County needed to demonstrate progress to LCDC annually on the regional transportation plan (RTP).

City of Eugene City Attorney Kathryn Brotherton said the West Eugene Parkway (WEP) was different than other projects on the list and was not being removed because it had been completed. Because of this, the impacts on the transportation system as a whole had to be identified. Rejection of the project by the Eugene City Council and removal from the federal plan triggered TransPlan and Metro Plan amendment processes and full Transportation Plan Rule (TPR) analysis of those impacts. This analysis would occur over several years.

Mr. Beyer arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Yeiter stated other than questions from Commissioners that were addressed in the April 7, 2009 memorandum previously identified no other questions had been received from the public.

Mr. Carroll opened the Eugene Planning Commission public hearing.

Mr. Cross opened the Springfield Planning Commission public hearing.

Ms. Arkin opened the Lane County Planning Commission public hearing.

Mr. Carroll called for public testimony. There was no one who wished to offer public testimony.

Mr. Carroll closed the Eugene Planning Commission public hearing and closed the record.

Mr. Cross closed the Springfield Planning Commission public hearing and closed the record.

Ms. Arkin closed the Lane County Planning Commission public hearing and closed the record.

Responding to a question from Ms. Moore, Tom Boyatt, City of Springfield Public Works Transportation, said the I-5 and Beltline Road intersection project was a \$180 million project delivered over 15 to 20 years, elements of which would be built outside of the 2025 year planning horizon when the environmental assessment for the project was completed. Projects would be reprioritized when TransPlan was updated. He added the I-5 bridge project was a replacement project rather than a capacity adding project.

Commissioners offered corrections to scribes' errors which were recorded by staff.

Mr. Hledik, seconded by Mr. Duncan, moved that the Eugene Planning Commission recommend to the Eugene City Council that based on the findings of consistency set forth in Attachment E, and the evidence and testimony entered into the record, which supported the conclusions of consistency with the applicable criteria, the Eugene City Council adopt the amendments to TransPlan and the Metro Plan as set forth in Exhibits A, C, and D; and that the Regional Transportation System Plan project lists be updated to delete all projects completed by the time of the elected officials' hearing on this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 5:0.

Mr. Kirschenmann, seconded by Mr. Cross, moved that the Springfield Planning Commission recommend to the Springfield City Council that based on the findings of consistency set forth in Attachment E, and the evidence and testimony entered into the record, which supported the conclusions of consistency with the applicable criteria, the Springfield City Council adopt the amendments to TransPlan and the Metro Plan as set forth in Exhibits A, C, and D; and that the Regional Transportation System Plan project lists be updated to delete all projects completed by the time of the elected officials' hearing on this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 7:0.

Mr. Noble, seconded by Ms. Nichols, moved that the Lane County Planning Commission recommend to the Lane County Board of Commissioners rebased on the findings of consistency set forth in Attachment E, and the evidence and testimony entered into the record, which supported the conclusions of consistency with the applicable criteria, the Lane County Board of Commissioners adopt the amendments to TransPlan and the Metro Plan as set forth in Exhibits A, C, and D; and that the Regional Transportation System Plan project lists be updated

to delete all projects completed by the time of the elected officials' hearing on this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

Mr. Carroll adjourned the Eugene Planning Commission at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Cross adjourned the Springfield Planning Commission at 6:40 p.m.

Ms. Arkin adjourned the Lane County Planning Commission at 6:40 p.m.

(Recorded by Linda Henry)

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