

## Oversight Committee Meeting #1 Summary

Date: September 23, 2015

### Members in attendance:

Gary Gillespie, LTD Board of Directors  
Alan Zelenka, Eugene City Council  
Greg Evans, Eugene City Council  
Frannie Brindle, ODOT  
Sarah Medary, City of Eugene Planning  
Kurt Corey, City of Eugene Public Works  
Lydia McKinney, Lane County  
Ron Kilcoyne, LTD General Manager

### Staff in attendance:

Chris Henry, City of Eugene Public Works  
Terri Harding, City of Eugene Planning  
Sasha Luftig, LTD  
Rob Inerfeld, City of Eugene Public Works  
Lynda Wannamaker, Wannamaker Consulting

### Public in attendance:

Pat Hocken, League of Women Voters  
Rob Zako, Better Eugene Springfield Transit  
Mike Deluise, Citizen

### Welcome and introductions – Luftig

Sasha reviewed the meeting agenda and led the group in introductions. The group approved the meeting summary from the June 29 Oversight Committee meeting. Sasha also reviewed the adopted charter and reminded the members of the addition of Lane County Commissioner Farr to the Oversight Committee meeting.

Councilor Evans had questions about LTD's contracting policy for DBEs and asked for more information. Sasha said LTD staff will follow up with him.

### Project update – Luftig

Sasha shared information that Centennial Boulevard is no longer being studied as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard corridor due to limited resources at the City of Springfield and Springfield's desire to focus their energy on the Main/McVay Transit Study.

### Public outreach – Harding

Terri reviewed the public outreach done to date and shared the number of survey responses as well as open house attendees.

## Level 1 screening results and recommendation – Wannamaker

Lynda reviewed the Level 1 screening results and summarized the recommendation from the project management team and the Sounding Board. Then, Oversight Committee members asked questions about the concepts and screening results:

- Evans asked why the Highway 99 line is truncated at Barger and Beltline. He pointed to lots of development happening beyond this point and that service is not as robust in Bethel as other areas in the community as examples.
- Zelenka asked if Civic Stadium redevelopment plans were taken into consideration for the 30<sup>th</sup>/LCC corridor.
- Zelenka asked how the Coburg corridor will connect with Gateway.
- One member asked about whether BAT lanes could be looked at as an Enhanced Corridor.
- Another member asked if there was any interest in looking at EmX for the lower segment of the Valley River Center corridor.
- Brindle asked what the next steps are after selection of which corridors are advanced for more study.
- Gillespie asked that staff not forget about Beltline and encouraged further planning around it.
- Evans pointed out that transit investments in Beltline could be a good transit oriented development instigator.
- Medary asked what the process looks like if we say yes to the recommendation. She also asked what the risk of this decision is.

A motion was made by Gillespie to recommend advancing EmX options and Enhanced Corridor options for further study for Highway 99, River Road, Coburg Road, and 30<sup>th</sup>/LCC corridors; also advancing for further study and Enhanced Corridor option for MLK, Jr. Blvd. The motion was seconded by Evans. The voting Oversight Committee members passed the motion unanimously.

## Public comment

There two people who provided public comment at this meeting. Public comment will be moved to the beginning of future Oversight Committee meetings.

*Mike Deluise:*

Deluise introduced himself as a new resident to Eugene. He used to represent a chamber of commerce in Rhode Island. He explained that people look to Eugene as an example of smart planning and this process seems to be that. He went on to say that long-term planning is important and will make a difference. He said his experience so far with the transit system has been very welcoming and that he has never seen so many bikes in his life. He suggested that we make an effort to reach out to even more community members about the project.

*Rob Zako:*

Zako talked about needing to focus on how to get to yes. He discussed needing to tell a compelling story that speaks to people about why this project is important.

## Adjourn and next steps - Henry

Chris reviewed the upcoming meetings, including a joint work session on September 29 and informed the group we would circle back to schedule the next Oversight Committee meeting.

Oversight Committee members recommended several additions to the PowerPoint presentation for the upcoming joint work session between the Eugene City Council and LTD Board of Directors including:

- Adding slides to set the context about why we are doing this project and where are we going.
- Make sure staff discuss Envision Eugene and scenario planning.
- Also, stress the difference between investing in transit frequency versus capital investments.

Evans also asked that staff be very clear on return on investments and discuss the economic benefits as well as livability improvements that can occur.