

STAFF NOTES

LANE COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

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Eugene City Hall Council Chamber
777 Pearl Street, Eugene

February 7, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Annexation of Territory to the City of Eugene (Wallace)

IV.F. BC File C EU 08 – 01

Initiated by property owner petition

Action under ORS 199.490(1)(c) of the boundary commission law

Received November 27, 2007

Action to be taken by February 25, 2008

Description

As submitted, the annexation area includes one tax lot located in the Santa Clara region of north Eugene, north of Beltline Road, east of River Road, south and east of River Loop 1, west of Admiral Street, and north of Grizzly Avenue

Property owners¹: Terry and Loretta Wallace (700 River Loop 1, Eugene)

Tax lot: 2401, T17S R04W S12 Map 20

Acres: ± 0.74

Estimate of existing population: 2 (one single family residential unit)

Existing land use: Residential

Existing zoning in Lane County: AG/UL, agriculture with urbanizable lands overlay

Applicable comprehensive plan: Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (acknowledged in August 1982 and has been subsequently amended)

Existing public services to the property: Police (Oregon State Police, Lane County Sheriff), schools (Eugene School District 4J), roads (Lane County), water (Santa Clara Water District), fire (Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District), wastewater (City of Eugene), electric (EWEB)

Reason for Annexation

The property owners are requesting annexation in order to prepare the property for potential future residential development. The Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan requires properties to annex in order to receive urban services.

Notice

As required by ORS 199.463(1), notice of a public hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation not more than 25 days nor less than 15 days before the hearing. *In this case, notice of the public hearing was advertised in The Register-Guard on January 17, 2008.* A second notice may be published in a newspaper of general

¹ Property owner means the owner of the title of real property or the contract purchaser of real property as shown on the last available complete assessment roll. ORS 199.415(13)

circulation or notice of the hearing may be mailed to each owner of land in the affected territory,² as described in the petition,³ not more than 15 days before the hearing. *In this case, notice of the hearing was sent to the affected property owners (Terry and Loretta Wallace, owners of the private property proposed for annexation and initiators of this annexation request) on January 25, 2008.* The final notice required by the boundary commission law is the posting of a notice of the public hearing in the affected city, district, or territory at least 15 days before the hearing. *In this case, notice of the public hearing was posted in the area of the annexation, at the Eugene city hall, and at the Lane County courthouse on January 23, 2008.*

In conformance with OAR 191-005-0065(3), these staff notes are incorporated as part of the record of the boundary commission public hearing of February 7, 2008.

This annexation proposal was filed with the boundary commission in accordance with ORS 199.490(1)(c), initiated by the property owners. The owners' written consent initiated the annexation request, which included one tax lot. The statutory provision to receive consent from owners of more than one-half the land area was met. The proposal was filed on November 27, 2007, and boundary commission action must occur by February 25, 2008 (90-day statutory time frame).

When property owners initiate an annexation, the affirmative decision of the boundary commission made at a public hearing is subject, if requested, to a remonstrance within the affected territory. If, within 45 days of the commission's action, 10 percent or 100 whichever is lesser, of the electors in the affected territory sign a remonstrance petition, an election will be conducted within the territory. In this case, it is tax lot 2401, T17S R04W S12 Map 20. The end of the 45-day remonstrance period on this annexation request, if approved, is March 24, 2008. At the time of submittal, there were two electors registered within the annexation area.

As submitted, the proposed annexation area includes one tax lot (refer to Maps No. IV-F-1 and IV-F-2) and is developed with one residential unit. It is not contiguous to the main body of the City of Eugene, but is in an area where other noncontiguous portions of the city exist.

After receipt of this annexation application, the City of Eugene submitted a written request asking the boundary commission to modify the annexation area to include an approximately 1,800-foot segment of River Loop 1, encompassing the entire northerly east-west section of River Loop 1 right-of-way adjacent. Annexation of this section of right-of-way will not create any unincorporated islands (refer to Exhibit IV-F-1 and Map No. IV-F-2).

The original annexation area and right-of-way proposed for inclusion are located within the urban growth boundary (UGB). The UGB is located approximately 720 feet to the southeast. The privately owned portion of the original annexation area is designated low-density residential

² Affected territory means the territory described in the petition. ORS 199.415(3)

³ Petition means the documents required to initiate a boundary change and includes, but is not limited to, an initiating document, legal description, cadastral maps, and information form. ORS 199.415(14), ORS 199.490(4), and OAR 191-006-0000(3)

in the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan) and the River Road-Santa Clara Urban Facilities Plan. It is zoned AG/UL, agriculture with urbanizable lands overlay, in Lane County. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the urbanizable lands overlay will automatically be removed and the property will need to be rezoned to a city residential zoning district consistent with the plan designation.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION REFERRALS

Boundary commission referrals were sent to the Lane County Land Management Division, Lane County Environmental Health Division, Lane County Board of Commissioners, Santa Clara Water District, and Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District.

The Santa Clara Water District submitted a letter (attached as Exhibit IV-F-1) objecting to this proposal because the district will lose customers if the property is annexed to the City of Eugene.

Boundary commission staff responds that the water district derives its revenue directly from user fees and its revenues will be reduced as a result of annexation. The property is developed with one single-family dwelling. However, development to urban densities can only occur with the provision of urban services. Urban services are provided to developing properties through annexation to the City of Eugene. Without annexation to the city, the potential for new development at urban densities does not exist under the existing metropolitan policy framework.

The water district questioned whether or not the proposed annexation area is actually contiguous to the city limits. Boundary commission staff responds that SB 417 past in the 2007 legislative session requires annexation requests submitted prior to January 1, 2008, be processed consistent with the provisions in ORS Chapter 199. Annexation requests submitted after January 1, 2008, are to be processed consistent with the provisions in ORS Chapter 222. ORS Chapter 199 has no requirement for contiguity; therefore, the question is not applicable.

The water district also noted that development in the annexation area will be served by water mains that belong to and are maintained by the water district without reimbursement for its costs. The district currently has an intergovernmental agreement with the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB), which contemplates annexations and service transfers in the River Road-Santa Clara area. That agreement addresses the issues of ownership and maintenance of the water transition facilities in annexing areas. Consistent with the agreement, EWEB maintains all lines within the district boundaries. The agreement acknowledges that water service to annexed areas shall become the responsibility of EWEB and EWEB agrees that annexation of portions of the district will not affect supply of water or service to remaining customers of the district. Discussion about compensation to the district for expenses incurred as a result of past water system construction would most appropriately occur between the water district and EWEB. The existing intergovernmental agreement is renegotiated periodically and could provide a forum for the two bodies to discuss this issue.

The Metro Plan requires annexation to the city before urban services and facilities can be extended and development can proceed—without annexation to the city, new development is not

possible. This policy document has been in place since 1982 and identifies the ultimate provider of urban services and facilities to be the city. The Metro Plan acknowledges that single service providers will be affected by the growth of the city through annexation and that over time, special districts within the urban growth boundary will be dissolved.

No other referral responses were received as of January 30, 2008.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION STANDARDS - STAFF ANALYSIS

In this section of the staff notes, each applicable boundary commission standard is addressed. These standards are derived from ORS 199 and the boundary commission's policy administrative rule (OAR 191, Division 30).

Provide an impartial forum for resolution of local jurisdictional questions. Consider the effects of the boundary change on other units of governments. ORS 199.410(1)(b) and 199.410(3)(c)

The original annexation request was filed in accordance with provisions in ORS 199 and was determined to be a valid filing in accordance with OAR 191-006 (adopted administrative rule on boundary commission filing requirements). The item was placed on the boundary commission's agenda for February 7, 2008. Notice of the boundary commission's public hearing has been published in accordance with Oregon law. Any person may attend and will be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. With the assistance of the City of Eugene planning and public works staff, notice was sent to owners of property outside the city limits adjacent to the segment of River Loop 1 under consideration for inclusion in the annexation area.

The proposed annexation area and roadway modification area are within the Santa Clara Water District, which contracts with the EWEB for services, including water supply, distribution, storage, maintenance, billing, and administration. The water district does not currently levy taxes on any property within its boundaries. If the annexation is approved, the annexation area will be withdrawn from the water district through separate proceedings by the City of Eugene in accordance with ORS 222. Withdrawal of the annexation area will reduce revenues currently received by the district because the district derives its revenue directly from user fees and the proposal area is developed with one residential unit. In the long term, continued annexations in the Santa Clara area will reduce the service area of the water district. The Metro Plan recognizes that existing service districts within the urban growth boundary will, over time, be dissolved (policy #18, page II-C-6). Intergovernmental agreements are one method that can be used by the district and the city to address transition issues raised by annexation.

The original annexation area and roadway modification area are in the Santa Clara RFPD. Upon the annexation effective date, the area will be automatically withdrawn from both districts in accordance with ORS 199.510(2)(a) and the city will provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the proposed annexation area.

Prior to July 1, 2002, the Santa Clara RFPD and the City of Eugene had an intergovernmental agreement that provided for an in-lieu-of tax payment to the district when properties were withdrawn due to annexation to the city. The two governments were involved in a cooperative effort to plan for the transition to the provision of fire services by the city. Negotiations for a revised agreement were unsuccessful and the intergovernmental agreement that had existed between the city and district for approximately 20 years terminated on June 30, 2002. As annexations to the city continue, the size of the district will be reduced. At some point in the future, the district likely will be unable to continue to provide fire and emergency medical services efficiently and economically within its boundaries.

The Metro Plan identifies the city as the ultimate provider of urban services within the UGB. Policy #18, page II-C-6, in the Metro Plan recognizes that as annexations to the city occur, existing special service districts within the UGB will be dissolved. The continued annexation of properties to the City of Eugene is consistent with the Metro Plan, which likely will result in the elimination of special districts within the urbanizable area. Perhaps in the future, the city and districts will be able to develop intergovernmental agreements addressing transition issues including the orderly dissolution of the districts.

Upon annexation, the annexed area will be annexed automatically into the Lane County Metropolitan Wastewater Service District [ORS 199.510(2)(c)]. This special district was formed to provide the financing for the regional wastewater treatment plant serving wastewater users within the cities of Eugene and Springfield and other users within the urbanizable area.

The annexation as submitted, as well as a modified annexation area, is consistent with this standard.

Consider the orderly determination and adjustment of local government boundaries to best meet the needs of Lane County and Oregon. Consider alternative solutions where intergovernmental options are identified and make decisions based on the most effective long-range option among identified alternatives. ORS 199.410(1), 199.410(2), and 199.410(3)(a) and (e)

The original annexation area and the roadway modification area are located within the acknowledged urban growth boundary of the Metro Plan. Territory within the UGB ultimately will be within the City of Eugene. Eugene is the unit of government identified in the Metro Plan to provide urban services to territory in this area. The annexation area as submitted and if modified is not contiguous to the main body of the City of Eugene. Annexation of the tax lotted property and road right-of-way fulfills the policies adopted in the Metro Plan of annexing out to the urban growth boundary.

Noncontiguous annexations are allowed by state annexation law and provided for in the Metro Plan if certain criteria are met. The Metro Plan policy for noncontiguous annexation (policy #12, page II-C-5) requires that noncontiguous annexations meet the following criteria:

- a. The area to be annexed will be provided urban service(s), which is (are) desired immediately by the residents/property owners.
- b. The area to be annexed can be serviced (with a minimum level of services, as directed in the Metro Plan) in a timely and cost-efficient manner and is a logical extension of the city's service delivery system.
- c. The annexation proposal is accompanied by support within the area proposed for annexation from the owners of at least half the land area in the affected territory.

This annexation is consistent with boundary commission administrative rule implementing policies (1), (2), (5), and (7) which recognize annexation to an existing city as the preferred method of servicing urbanizable land.

- (1) This policy recognizes cities as the logical providers of urban levels of service within urban growth boundaries when consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- (2) This policy expresses the commission's preference for providing urban services through annexation to a city in order to provide urban services to urbanizable lands.
- (5) This policy encourages the provision of urban levels of service within urban growth boundaries.
- (7) This policy expresses the commission's preference for annexation to an existing city over all other alternatives as a means of extending services to urbanizable lands.

Implementing policy (3) recognizes that in order to meet the long-term objectives of annexing out to an acknowledged urban growth boundary, short-term boundaries are created which are logical within the context of the future service boundary. In the long term, territory within this geographic area will be annexed to Eugene.

The annexation as submitted, as well as a modified annexation area, is consistent with boundary commission policies and this standard.

Make boundary commission determinations which are consistent with acknowledged local comprehensive plans. Assure an adequate quality and quantity of public services required in the comprehensive plan to meet existing and future growth. For major boundary changes, there must be assurance that the proposed unit of government is financially viable. ORS 199.410(1)(d), 199.410(3)(b) and (d)

The original annexation area and the roadway modification area are within the Metro Plan urban growth boundary. The Metro Plan was acknowledged by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) in August 1982 and has been subsequently amended. The

Metro Plan recognizes annexation as the highest priority for extending the minimum level of key urban facilities and services to urbanizable areas (policies #8 and #10, page II-C-4) and recognizes that ultimately, all territory within the urban growth boundary will be annexed to an existing city (policy #16, page II-C-6).

Annexing road rights-of-way implements the Metro Plan goal (page II-B-2) of creating a street system to serve the existing and future arrangement of land uses with efficient, safe, convenient, and economic transportation systems for the movement of people and goods. The city notes that the practice of allowing noncontiguous annexations, which is necessary to accommodate planned growth in a manner consistent with the Metro Plan, has resulted in a fragmented and inefficient service delivery system. The city wants to provide more logical relationships between the streets and properties being annexed to the city. Streets provide physical access to the annexing property and often contain easements for water, wastewater, electric, cable, and other urban services necessary to serve the developing property. Therefore, the city supports the annexation of appropriate street segments with developing property, with the expectation that urban services will be provided in a more coordinated and connected system.

The privately owned portion of the annexation area is designated low-density residential in both the Metro Plan and the River Road-Santa Clara Urban Facilities Plan. If the annexation is approved, the annexed area will need to be rezoned to a city zoning district consistent with the plan designation.

The annexation area as submitted or if modified will take advantage of urban service delivery systems that are already in place to serve this area. Inclusion of existing road right-of-way will help fulfill the policies in the Metro Plan of annexing out to the urban growth boundary and of providing urban services to developing properties inside the city. The following facilities and services are either available or can be extended to the annexed area.

Water – Through an intergovernmental agreement with the Santa Clara Water District, EWEB currently provides water service to developed properties in the Santa Clara area. In addition, EWEB is responsible for the day-to-day operations, maintenance, and billing functions of the Santa Clara Water District. EWEB indicates there is an existing 6-inch water line in River Loop 1. There is also an existing 6-inch water main in Commodore Street southeast of the original annexation area. Following annexation, the annexed area will be withdrawn from the water district and EWEB will provide services directly.

Electricity – EWEB indicates that the original annexation area is currently served by overhead electric service from the north side of River Loop 1. If there are changes that require additional electric service to the annexation area, the applicant can contact EWEB.

Police services – Eugene planning staff indicated that police protection can be extended to the annexed area consistent with service provision throughout the city. Police currently provide service to other properties in this general area already inside the city. Service will be provided to the annexed area consistent with the call and response method used by the city. The annexed area will receive police services on an equal basis with properties inside the city. Infill

annexations and development in this area will increase the efficiency of service delivery to this area.

Fire and emergency services – The original annexation area and roadway modification are in the Santa Clara RFPD. Upon the annexation effective date, the area will be automatically withdrawn from the district in accordance with ORS 199.510(2)(a) and the city will provide fire protection services to the proposed annexation area. The intergovernmental agreement that existed between the city and the fire district for approximately 20 years terminated June 30, 2002.

The City of Eugene purchased property on Santa Clara Avenue in the Santa Clara area and built a permanent fire station there. A City of Eugene fire engine, staffed 24 hours a day, has been in place at that location since July 1, 2002, for the purpose of providing primary fire and emergency medical first response to the annexed properties in the Santa Clara area. In addition, the city and the district have negotiated an automatic mutual aid agreement that provides for each agency to respond to emergency calls in the other's jurisdiction in the event the primary engine company is already committed on another call or otherwise unavailable for service.

Emergency medical transport (ambulance) services are provided on a regional basis by Eugene, Springfield, and Lane Rural Fire/Rescue to central Lane County, including the River Road area. The area will continue to receive this service consistent with the adopted ambulance service area (ASA) plan. Mutual aid agreements have been adopted by the three regional ASA providers to provide backup coverage for each other's jurisdictions.

Parks and recreation – The original annexation area and the modification area are within the River Road Park and Recreation District. Following annexation, the annexed area will remain in this district until withdrawn through separate proceedings by the City of Eugene in accordance with ORS 222. Eugene planning staff indicates a minimum level of park services can be provided as prescribed in the Metro Plan. Emerald Park, a community park and recreational facility, is located between Howard Avenue and Horn Lane off Lake Drive. Walnut Grove is a 20-acre neighborhood park and natural area located to the north of the annexation area on Bennett Lane, south of Maxwell Road. An additional regional park system, West Bank Willamette Greenway Open Space, is located on the west side of the Willamette River in the River Road area.

Schools – Eugene School District 4J serves the original annexation area and the roadway modification area. Existing schools—Awbrey Park elementary, Madison middle, and North Eugene high—serve this neighborhood and can accommodate students resulting from new development occurring within the developable portion of the annexed area.

Wastewater – Eugene public works staff indicates the existing residence within the original annexation area is connected to an 8-inch wastewater line located in River Loop 1, abutting the north boundary of the annexation area. This system has the capacity to serve additional development in the annexation area.

Stormwater – Eugene public works staff indicates the original annexation area is one property west of the East Santa Clara Waterway, thus directing additional stormwater runoff from development of the annexation area thereto would require an easement through the intervening property. Further, the waterway is a Goal 5 protected resource that has development-related regulations. Given these circumstances, and based on available soil-type data, on site infiltration of development generated stormwater runoff appears to be the best solution for meeting pollution reduction and destination requirements. Adherence to the city's stormwater development standards will be ensured at the time of any development.

Streets – Eugene and Lane County public works staff indicate access to the original annexation area is from River Loop 1, which is a Lane County maintained road. It has a 26-foot paved surface and no curb, gutter, nor sidewalk. The city has requested inclusion of the abutting River Loop 1. This segment of River Loop 1 is not identified on the city's adopted street classification or right-of-way maps. Its functional classification as a medium-volume residential street requires a right-of-way width minimum of 50 feet and maximum of 60 feet. Additional right-of-way and street improvement needs will be determined as part of any application to further develop the original annexation area.

The City of Eugene is requesting that approximately 1,700 feet (2.00 acres) of River Loop 1 right-of-way be included in the annexation area. The city's request to modify and the justification for the right-of-way inclusion are attached in Exhibit IV-F-1. This modification would connect both the annexation area and the right-of-way to previously annexed properties within the city. River Loop 1 is a county road identified as a major collector street. As a county road, the city will not take immediate jurisdictional responsibility of the roadway after it is annexed to the city. A separate jurisdictional transfer of right-of-way under the provisions of ORS 373.270 will be processed after annexation. Maintenance responsibility for River Loop 1 is described in an intergovernmental agreement between Lane County and the City of Eugene and will not change if the roadway is annexed.

Solid waste management – Private firms and individuals collect and transport solid waste to the Lane County administered landfill.

Communication facilities – Various providers offer both wire and wireless communication services in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. Existing providers and those entering the market have the capability to provide service to future development in this area.

Land use controls – The original annexation area and the modification area are within Eugene's portion of the urban growth boundary. Through an intergovernmental agreement between Lane County and the City of Eugene, the city already has planning and building jurisdiction for this property. The city will continue to administer land use controls after annexation.

The minimum level of key urban facilities and services, as defined on page V-3 of the Metro Plan, are either immediately available or can be provided within a reasonable future time frame as needed. The annexation as submitted, as well as a modified annexation area, is consistent with boundary commission policies and this standard.

Consider the comprehensive plan's economic, demographic, and sociological trends and projections and its environmental policies, pertinent to the proposal. ORS 199.410(3)(d) and 199.462(1)

The original annexation area and the roadway modification area are consistent with the Metro Plan, as an incremental step in implementing the long-range plan for this area. The urban growth boundary, land uses, and policies in the Metro Plan were developed to meet the future needs of the metropolitan community. The existing and proposed uses are consistent with the long-range plan for the area

The annexation as submitted, as well as a modified annexation area, is consistent with boundary commission policies and this standard.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The boundary commission has the following options regarding this annexation request.

1. The commission can approve the annexation as submitted. The area annexed would include tax lot 2401, T17S R04W S12 Map 20, owned by Terry and Loretta Wallace.
2. The commission can modify the original annexation area to include a segment of River Loop 1 right-of-way, and approve the annexation as modified.

The boundary commission staff recommends that the proposed annexation to the City of Eugene (BC File C EU 08 – 01) be modified as requested by the City of Eugene (see option 2 above) and approved as modified based on the following findings and reasons.

The findings are organized to respond to boundary commission standards outlined in ORS 199, the boundary commission law. The following findings and reasons are based on approval of the request as modified. If the boundary commission does not modify the request as recommended or denies the proposal, the findings and reasons would need to be adjusted.

Findings:

1. This proposal was initiated with the Lane County Local Government Boundary Commission by the property owners on November 27, 2007, in accordance with ORS 199.490(1)(c). The proposal was found to be a valid filing under OAR 191-006.
2. The proposed annexation, as submitted, included one tax lot (T17S R04W S12 Map 20 tax lot 2401) consisting of about 0.74 acres owned by Terry and Loretta Wallace. The tax lot was developed with a single family residence and was not contiguous to the main body of the City of Eugene.

3. At the request of the City of Eugene, the original annexation area was modified to include an existing segment of River Loop 1 right-of-way totaling approximately 2.00 acres. As modified, the annexation area totaled about 2.74 acres.
4. The land use designation for the privately owned portion of the modified annexation area was low-density residential in both the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan) and the River Road-Santa Clara Urban Facilities Plan.
5. The tax lotted portion of the modified annexation area was zoned AG/UL, agriculture with urbanizable lands overlay, in Lane County. After the annexation effective date, the tax lotted property would be rezoned to a city zoning district consistent with the land use designation.

Provide an impartial forum for resolution of local jurisdictional questions. Consider the effects of the boundary change on other units of government. ORS 199.410(1)(b) and 199.410(3)(c)

6. The boundary commission held a public hearing on February 7, 2008. Notice of the public hearing was given in accordance with ORS 199 provisions. All interested parties were given a reasonable opportunity to be heard.
7. Upon the annexation effective date, the annexation area was withdrawn from the Santa Clara Rural Fire Protection District [ORS 199.510(2)(a)] and fire services were provided by the City of Eugene.
8. Withdrawal of the annexation area from the Santa Clara Water District had some financial impact because the water district derives its revenue from user fees and the annexation area was developed. The annexed area would be withdrawn from the Santa Clara Water District through separate proceedings by the City of Eugene in accordance with ORS 222. On behalf of the City of Eugene, the Eugene Water & Electric Board provided service directly to the annexation area.
9. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the modified area was annexed automatically to the Lane County Metropolitan Wastewater Service District in accordance with ORS 199.510(2)(c).
10. This request was consistent with this standard.

Consider the orderly determination and adjustment of local government boundaries to best meet the needs of Lane County and Oregon. Consider alternative solutions where intergovernmental options are identified and make decisions based on the most effective long-range option among identified alternatives. ORS 199.410(1), 199.410(2), and 199.410(3)(a) and (e)

11. Annexation to the City of Eugene was identified in the acknowledged Metro Plan as the preferred method for providing key urban facilities and services to the River Road-Santa Clara area in policies in Chapter II, sections C and F.
12. Annexation to an existing city was the method for extending urban facilities and services to urbanizable land in the boundary commission's policy administrative rule, implementing policies (1), (2), (5), and (7).
13. The proposed annexation met the criteria for noncontiguous annexations in the boundary commission law and the Metro Plan.
14. The proposed annexation was the means of boundary change outlined in the Metro Plan and the boundary commission administrative rules for ultimately providing urban facilities and services to this territory. Annexation of privately owned property and existing road right-of-way assisted to fulfill the Metro Plan policies of annexing out to the urban growth boundary.
15. This request was consistent with boundary commission policies and this standard.

Make boundary commission determinations which are consistent with acknowledged local comprehensive plans. Assure an adequate quality and quantity of public services required in the comprehensive plan to meet existing and future growth. For major boundary changes, there must be assurance that the proposed unit of government is financially viable. ORS 199.410(1)(d), 199.410(3)(b), and (d)

16. The modified annexation area was within the urban growth boundary of the acknowledged Metro Plan [Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) action in 1982 and as subsequently amended]. Annexation of privately owned property and existing road right-of-way assisted in fulfilling the Metro Plan policies of annexing out to the urban growth boundary.
17. The Metro Plan recognized annexation to the City of Eugene as the highest priority for extending the minimum level of key urban facilities and services to urbanizable areas.
18. The existing and proposed uses (residential and road right-of-way) were consistent with the policies in the Metro Plan and River Road-Santa Clara Urban Facilities Plan requiring urban levels of development within the urban growth boundary.
19. The City of Eugene indicated that the required services outlined in Metro Plan policy #8, page II-C-4 and defined on page V-3, were either available or could be provided in a timely manner.
20. This request was consistent with this standard.

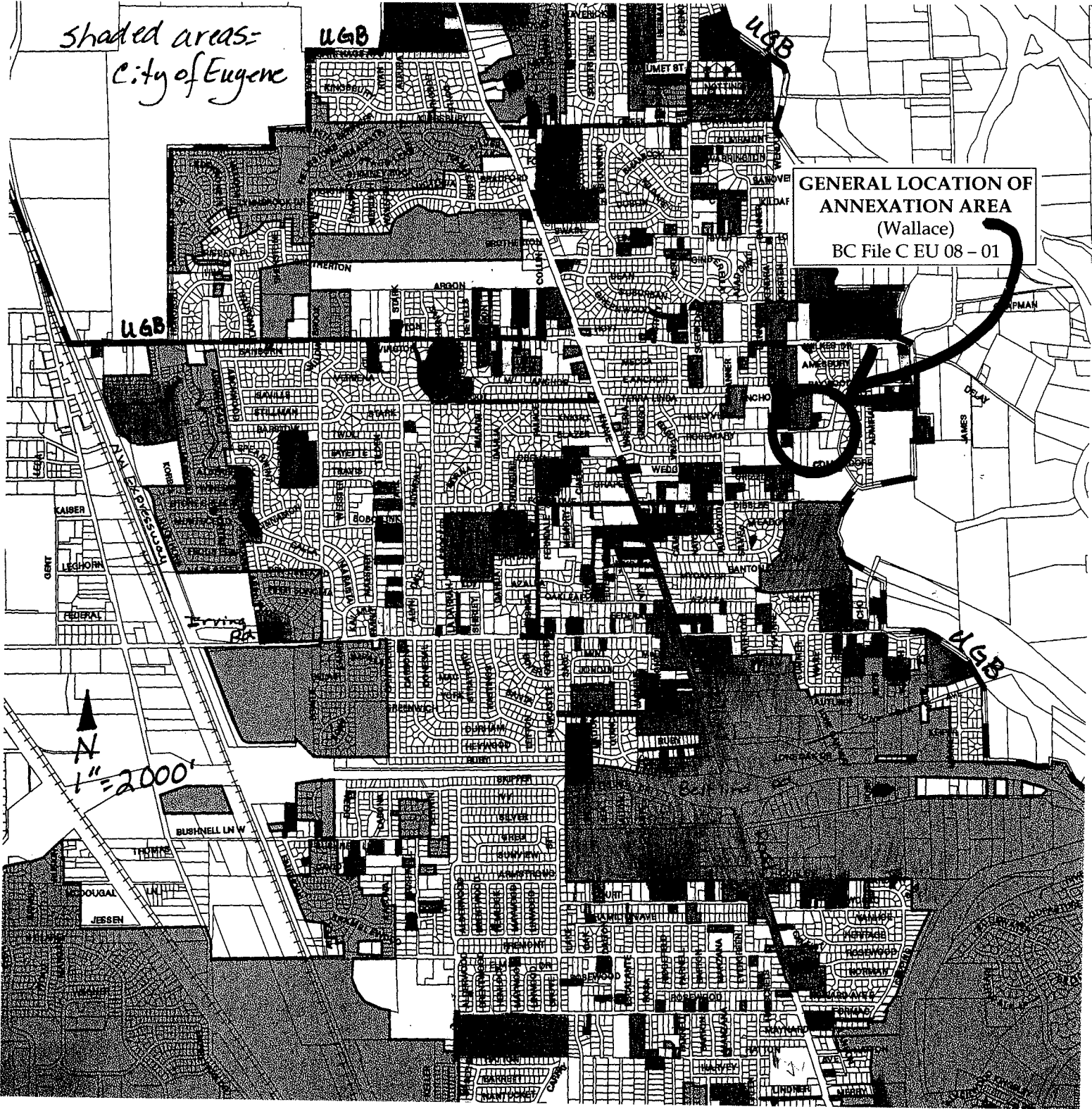
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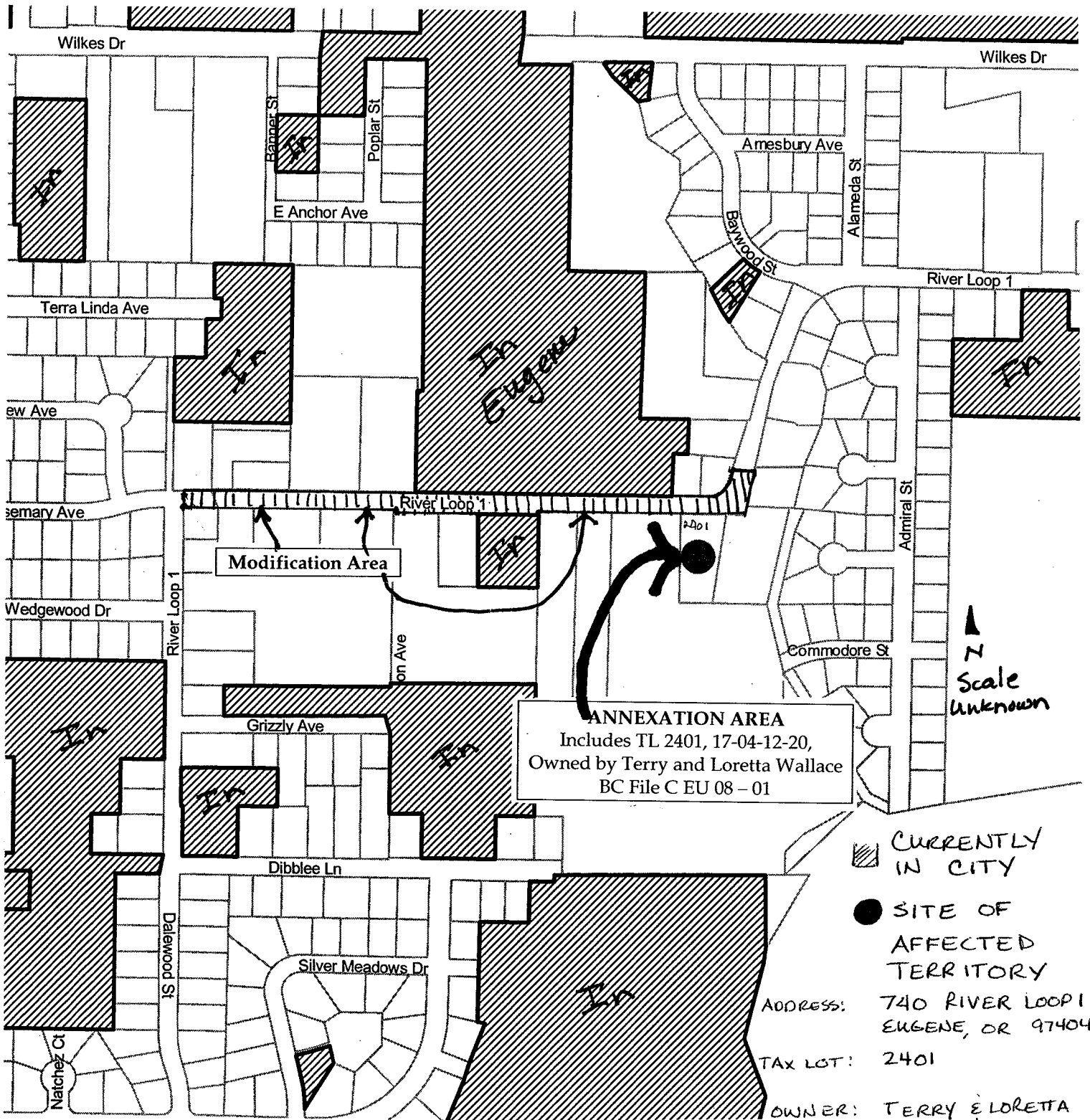
21. The modified annexation proposal was consistent with the Metro Plan, as it was an incremental step in implementing the long-range plan for this area. The urban growth boundary, land uses, and policies in the Metro Plan were developed to meet the future needs of the metropolitan community. The proposed residential use was consistent with the long-range plan for the area. Annexing existing road right-of-way facilitated the provision of urban facilities and services to fulfill the growth policies in the Metro Plan and in Oregon law.
22. This request was consistent with this standard.

Reasons:

1. The proposal was supported by the City of Eugene and the property owners.
2. The proposal was consistent with the LCDC acknowledged Metro Plan.
3. The services required in the Metro Plan were either available or could be provided in a timely manner when needed.
4. The proposal was consistent with past boundary commission actions supporting annexation of territory in River Road and Santa Clara to the City of Eugene.
5. The proposal was consistent with boundary commission administrative rule policies.

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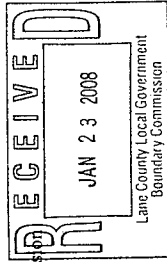


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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 6, 2007
To: Paula Taylor, Executive Officer, Lane County Boundary Commission
From: *Peggy* Peggy Keppler, Engineering Development Review Manager
Subject: Wallace Annexation (A07-42) and River Loop 1 Right-of-Way



The City of Eugene is requesting that the Boundary Commission modify this annexation proposal to include River Loop 1 right of way as part of Wallace annexation application.

This portion of River Loop 1 is located in the Santa Clara Neighborhood and is located north of Beltline Road and east of River Road. This segment of right of way is approximately 1700 feet long and connects previously annexed properties. This proposed right of way annexation, together with the Wallace annexation, would result in connecting this property to previously annexed properties within the city. This segment of right of way is a county road facility identified as a major collector street. As a county road, the city will not take immediate jurisdictional responsibility of the road way. A separate jurisdictional transfer of rights of way under the provisions of ORS 373.270 will be processed after annexation. It is a logical segment because it encompasses the entire northerly east-west section of River Loop 1 right of way adjacent to several large lots which will eventually annex to the city for development purposes. Annexation of this section of right of way will not create any unincorporated islands.

Annexation does not change the "operational maintenance" responsibilities. A 2005 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Eugene and Lane County recognizes a need to meet requirements to safeguard public welfare and increase efficiencies in public facility maintenance. The agreement describes the responsibilities for operational maintenance of the street system within the Eugene area. Generally, the agreement requires Lane County to provide operational maintenance for all streets east of River Road and north of Beltline Road, and west of River Road and north of Maxwell Road. Operational maintenance includes any shoulder and surface maintenance, drainage maintenance, bridge and structure maintenance, snow and ice control, guard rails, right-of-way permitting authority and enforcement, maintenance of existing markings, signing, and operations of traffic signals.

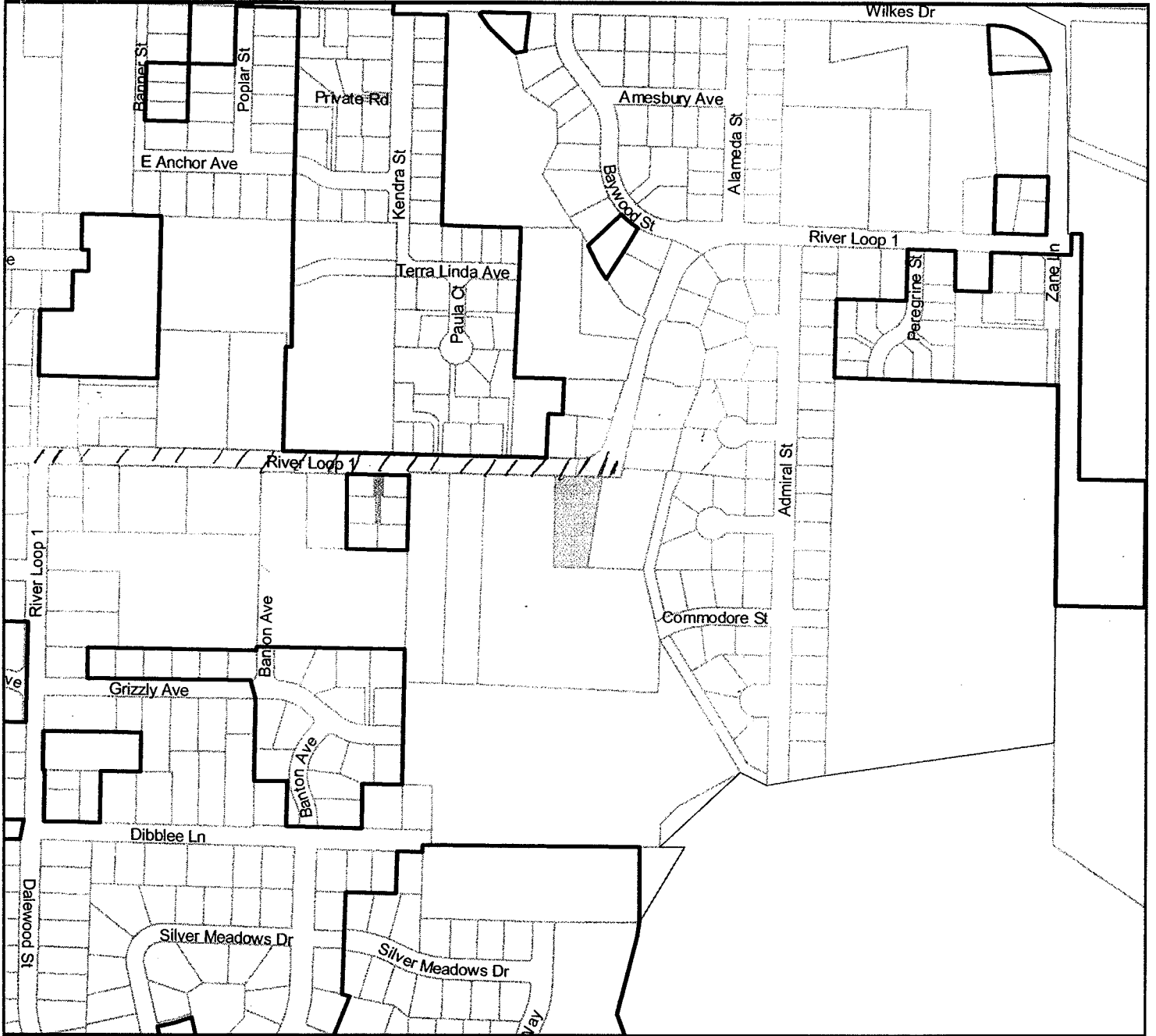
This segment of road way is not improved to urban standards and no local improvements are planned for this road way at this time. Unimproved and partially improved rights of way are subject to street improvement assessments when 50% or more of the adjacent property owners have initiated a need for a local improvement district (LID).

Annexation of rights of way adjacent to developable property under consideration for annexation to the City of Eugene is consistent with the following principles identified in the Eugene-Springfield Metro Plan:

The Metropolitan Plan is based on the premise that Eugene and Springfield, the two existing cities, are the logical providers of services accommodating urban levels of development within the urban growth boundary.

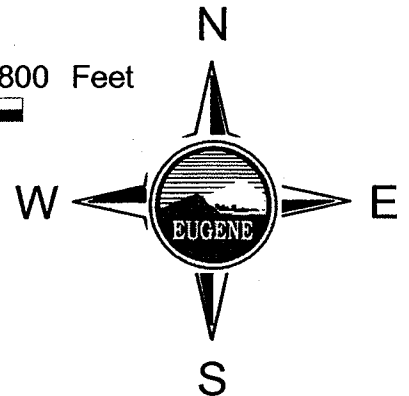
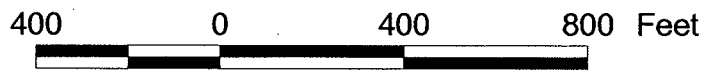
Metropolitan Goals (p. II-A-2) further provides that transportation services: Serve the existing and future arrangement of land uses with efficient safe, convenient, and economic transportation systems for the movement of people and goods. Our practice of allowing noncontiguous annexations, which is necessary to accommodate planned growth in a manner consistent with the Metro Plan, has resulted in a fragmented and inefficient service delivery system. The city wants to provide more logical relationships between the streets and properties being annexed to the City. Streets provide physical access to the subject property and often contain easement for the water, wastewater, electric, cable, and other urban services necessary to serve the property. Therefore the City recommends that appropriate street segments be annexed with the developing property, with the expectation that urban services will be provided in a more coordinated and connected manner.

The City's current expectation of an "appropriate" street segment would be, at a minimum, the full street width adjacent to the property being annexed, with logical termini, usually street intersections or logical block lengths. The City reviews each application for logical connections to other City streets and previously annexed areas. Annexation of River Loop 1 is an appropriate and a logical connection of the existing transportation and stormwater systems serving this area. Inclusion of River Loop 1 right-of-way will result in annexation of 2.0 total acres.



Legend:

- Eugene UGB
- City Limits
- Street Names
- Taxlots



Caution: this map is based on imprecise source data, subject to change, and for general reference only.

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January 15, 2008

Lane County Local Government Boundary Commission
99 East Broadway – Suite 400
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Re: CEU 08 – 1, 10, 13, 18, 21.

The Santa Clara Water District has received five notices of owners of real estate that have filed notices to annex their property into the City of Eugene and withdraw the same from our area.

Again, we have several reasons for opposing these withdrawals from our district and some of them are as follows: We would like to have all public officials realize that water that will be supplied to homes that will be constructed on these properties must pass through water mains that belong to and are maintained by Santa Clara Water District. Still no one has ever made a suggestion or an offer to reimburse us for our costs. Santa Clara Water District will lose two customers and a minimum of eighty potential new customers that would have helped us provide funds to continue to maintain our present water system and maintain and expand the street lighting system we now have.

Also, we have been informed that beginning January 1, 2008 a property cannot be annexed into the City of Eugene unless it is already contiguous. CEU 08-01 and possibly 10, 13 and 21.

Santa Clara Water District is hereby going on record as protesting these petitions and we call for public hearings on these petitions.

We also request that a copy of this protest be furnished to the Executive Director of the Lane County Boundary Commission and to each of the Board members prior to the next Board meeting.

Yours very truly,



Richard E. Rice, Clerk

