



**Lane Transit District**

January 6, 2011

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Tom Schwetz, Lane Transit District  
Subject: Item 5.g: Lane Transit District West Eugene EmX Extension Locally Preferred Alternatives

**Action Recommended:** None. Information and discussion only.

### **Issue Statement**

The Joint Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Committee will select a preliminary LPA at their meeting on January 31. This review is intended to bring MPC members up to date on work the Joint LPA Committee has done, and generally on the project's process and timeline.

### **Background**

Bus Rapid Transit, what we call EmX, is the mode identified in the area's Regional Transportation Plan. The West Eugene EmX Extension will be the third corridor of an identified 61 mile EmX system. The project officially began in September, 2007, and we are nearing the selection of a locally preferred alternative for the project. As one of three decision-making bodies who all must agree on a single alternative, MPC appointed representatives to a Joint LPA Committee. The intention of that committee is for members to delve into details of the project and its analysis, come to a consensus on an alternative, and make a recommendation to their respective bodies.

### **Additional Information**

Additional project details can be obtained by contacting one of the following LTD staff at 541-682-6100, or by visiting the project website at [www.weemx.ltd.org](http://www.weemx.ltd.org).

Project Director: Tom Schwetz, LTD

Project Manager: John Evans, LTD

### **Public Involvement**

We have attached a summary of recent public comment, and a list of public meetings scheduled for January through March, 2011, when an LPA is planned to be selected. Throughout the project, LTD and our partners have worked hard to reach out to the community to provide information and collect feedback.

### **CAC Recommendation**

The CAC reviewed the West Eugene EmX Extension project at a special meeting on December 8, and again at their regular meeting on December 16.

At their meeting on December 16, four motions were proposed. First, the CAC voted 10:2 to move that the CAC make a recommendation to the MPC on a specific preferred alternative and to include other points of view for the MPC to consider. A second motion, to recommend the No-Build option to MPC, died for lack of a second. The CAC voted 10:2 on a third motion, to recommend to MPC the West 11<sup>th</sup>-West 13<sup>th</sup> route alternative with mitigation. The CAC voted 10:2 on the fourth and final motion to recommend to MPC that the CAC wanted to recognize the value of a 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> route to the future build-out of EmX sooner rather than later.

### **TPC Recommendation**

The MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) is scheduled to make a recommendation at their February meeting.

### **Recommendation**

None. For information only.

### **Attachments**

1. Schedule of meetings leading up to selection of Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
2. Memo - Summary of process through LPA provided to Joint LPA Committee
3. Summary of public comment email and letters received between November 22, 2010 and January 4, 2011
4. Key Results of Analysis spreadsheet
5. BRT systems and planned BRT systems