



June 9, 2011

Victor Mendez
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Mendez:

On June 9, 2011 the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board officially endorsed the City of Eugene's Transportation Community and System Preservation grant application.

Blair Boulevard currently has poor facilities for pedestrians and cyclists yet high demand. The Blair Boulevard Active Transportation Corridor project will transform Blair Boulevard, a busy emerging neighborhood "main street" that is currently unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists, into a complete street that is safe, efficient, functional, and enjoyable by all users of the roadway.

This transformation will include improved street crossings, curb extensions, ADA ramps, narrowing of driveways to reduce pedestrian exposure, improved and wider sidewalks, wayfinding signs, visual and audible countdown signals, bike parking corrals, shared lane markings (sharrows), improved alleys near the roadway to reduce debris on the sidewalk, and landscaping to enhance the safety and comfort of pedestrians and bicyclists. The project will enhance multi-modal connections between Eugene's extensive bikeway and bus rapid transit networks.

The Metropolitan Policy Committee, acting as the MPO Policy Board, supports the Blair Active Transportation Corridor project. Your funding of this project will enhance the walking and biking environment and improve the livability of these neighborhood and business areas.

Sincerely

Hillary Wylie, Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee