

THOMPSON Paul E

From: Herbert Everett [perose@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 8:05 AM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: comment on apps

MPO,

The Point2point Solutions proposal to study bicycle storage facilities sounded intriguing and potentially quite useful. I believe the notion of using bikes in conjunction with other, especially public, modes of transport will become increasingly attractive. I think having bike storage facilities that are convenient and easy to use, as well as secure and safe, will be essential to developing such systems.

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From: Allen Hancock [impact@efn.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 11:18 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Cc: bicycle@efn.org; anya.dobrowolski@gmail.com
Subject: public support of North Bank Path

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing in support of allocating Surface Transportation Program - Urban (STP-U) funds for the city of Eugene's proposed North Bank Path project in Alton Baker Park. This path is an established artery for bicycle transportation and recreation but the current condition of this path is dangerous and exposes the city to liability.

Improving the North Bank trail would not only reduce a transportation hazard but it would help reduce road congestion by encouraging the use of bicycles for transportation.

Furthermore, Eugene's river paths are often noted by visitors as one of our most valuable local assets. With the Olympic trials in 2012 the proposed project will protect and enhance this asset in time for this event.

Please support the North Bank Path project in the next round of STP-U funding.

Sincerely,
Allen Hancock
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THOMPSON Paul E

From: sue.wolling@gmail.com on behalf of Sue Wolling [bicycle@efn.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 11:15 AM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Support North Bank Path Improvements

Metropolitan Policy Committee,

I strongly support the City of Eugene's proposal for improvements to the North Bank Multi-Use Path. Since I live very close to this path, I ride it all the time, and know to be extremely careful. In wet weather, the surface is very slick, and I have slid on it and gone down more than once. Even in summer the places where roots and water have made the pavement heave create hazards that can easily cause falls and crashes. Finally, when the river is high, parts of the path are underwater--and if it's dark, you might not know that, because there are no lights to help you see the waves lapping at your tires!

Since I'm familiar with the path, I can usually avoid falling victim to these hazards. But nearly everyone who ever rides a bike in Eugene will travel this path, and most are not aware of the problems--until they encounter them and may very well injure themselves or other trail users.

This is a high-priority project that I strongly urge you to approve for construction.

Thank you for your attention.

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THOMPSON Paul E

From: Charlotte Behm [behmc@lanecc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 7:11 AM
To: THOMPSON Paul E
Subject: North bank bike path

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing to express my support of the changes to the bike path in Alton Baker Park between the DeFazio bridge and the boat launch.

However, I am strongly opposed to the proposed changes between the boat launch and Leisure Lane, and think the beautiful path should stay as it is.

Just two weeks ago, I was riding my bike on this path just west of Leisure Lane and stopped to talk to a woman who lived nearby who was there with her young son. She told me that she knew that there was a proposal to change that part of the park and she was losing sleep over it because it is such a beautiful, special place that she visits often.

I have commuted by bike from Springfield to Eugene for nearly two decades - night and day, in the dark and light. The favorite part of my trip is the section that the City of Eugene is proposing to destroy by making it a "bike freeway" with a straight, wide path, fewer trees, for faster speeds. If I wanted this type of commute, I would use the existing road through the park that is already available to me - Walnut Street. Why make two paths the same when those who want an intimate connection with the river and the riparian habitat, and a beautiful slower winding path with gorgeous spring flowers, can have that too?

For more than ten years, I have been a member of the Citizen Planning Committee of the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park (CPC) - a 15-member committee appointed by the Eugene City Council and the Willamalane Board. The CPC voted unanimously to oppose the change in the path east of the boat launch. On February 14, three members of the CPC traveled to Salem to meet with project managers from ODOT to urge them to listen to the concerns of local citizens. That day, ODOT told the CPC that they would not move forward with any funding for this part of the project until the issues the CPC presented were resolved.

The changes to the bike path between Leisure Lane and the boat launch is a waste of taxpayer money when the result is something considerably worse than what we have now. I urge you to vote against this part of the proposed project.

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THOMPSON Paul E

From: Denise Brochard [brochardd@lanecc.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 2:38 PM
To: THOMPSON Paul E
Subject: Bike Paths

I heard that there is a proposal to straighten out the bike path along the north side of the Willamette river, to make a commuter bike path. Bike commuters can use the former street to commute through the park, not the scenic path along the river. I oppose the removal of trees and the straightening of the bike path east of the boat launch in West Alton Baker Park.

Sincerely,
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From: patrickb@efn.org
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: Re: Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization - Opportunity for Public Comment on Funding Requests

Thanks for the notice. If I thought it would do any good, I'd submit the following, but I've tried to do that many, many times without any impact. Here it is for your consideration:

The human race's time of indulgence is almost up, I believe. I hope I'm wrong, but afraid I'm not.

We cannot continue to consume and pollute more and more without regard to the system we depend upon, any more than cancer can indulge in our bodies.

The human population is growing by 1,000,000 people every 5 days. They, along with the other 7 billion of us, want more water, oil, food, electricity, cell phones, cars, homes, airplane trips, and on and on.

Without any more growth, we already over-use several vital resources. We drain rivers and underground water supplies faster than they can replenish, fish more than they reproduce, cut down trees faster than they grow, quickly extract oil and many other resources, and pollute the water, air and land, all resulting in the 6th mass extinction of life on Earth.

Regardless, we're rapidly growing, as if growth can go on forever. We want cheap gas, food and everything else, while we all make more money and consume more. That's what it's all about in our American society.

I'm afraid it's only a matter of years before we start a steep descent in our quality and length of life. Most people don't see it coming, or if they do, don't know what to do about it.

The first thing is to acknowledge limits to our growth, but don't expect it from our economic and government leaders. It will take you and me instead.

Thanks, Patrick

Opportunity for Public Comment

Over the next month, the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) will be considering which transportation projects to fund using \$1.58 million of Fiscal Year 2011 discretionary federal surface transportation program (STP-U) funds of the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization. The MPO has received eight applications for funding that total approximately \$3.5 million in STP-U funding, compared to the \$1.58 million available.

Several important dates have been established:

- Public Comment Period. The public comment period opens on June 3rd and closes at 5 pm, July 5, 2011. Please send written comments to:

Metropolitan Policy Committee
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MPC 5.b - Attachment 2 - STP-U Public Comments

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All written comments received during the public comment period will be made part of any final decision.

- Public Hearing. The Metropolitan Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at their June 9, 2011 meeting in Springfield to consider comments and hear public testimony. At this meeting, MPO staff will provide a presentation on all eight project applications and the funding recommendation.

- Other Public Meetings . The Transportation Planning Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee will be considering this issue at their next meetings in June. More information on these meetings is available online at: <http://www.thempo.org/calendar.cfm> .

- Decision . The Metropolitan Policy Committee will take action on the proposals at their July 14th meeting in Coburg.

More information and materials are available online at: <http://www.lcog.org/mpc.cfm> under agenda item 5.c of the June 9, 2011 MPC Meeting. Review copies are available at Lane Council of Governments, 859 Willamette, Suite 500 , on weekdays (office closed during the noon hour). Material in alternate formats can be arranged given sufficient notice by calling 541-682-4405.

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