

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Hello:

Thanks for the opportunity to offer written testimony. I believe that EmX is a good use of transit dollars - it is clean, quiet, and above all it is fast. It is certainly less expensive than a light rail line would be, and the existing lines are being heavily utilized.

I live well outside of town and currently do not use the bus system (because of the time it takes) except for commuting around town during the day. If the EmX were extended via 11th avenue, I would be able to use a park and ride and leave my car on the outskirts of town rather than clog up scarce parking in the downtown core.

I understand the concern of businesses on West 11th, but to be effective, I believe that transit systems need to pass through areas of heavy commerce. It would do no good at all to route EmX through the industrial areas north of 11th and west of Garfield - it needs to go where people need to do business.

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