

## Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**To:** Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**Subject:** EMX alignment

Dear members of the Metropolitan Planning Council,

I am writing to encourage you to vote yes on the West Eugene EMX extension - and specifically the 13th - 11th option - as it is more affordable to build and operate and, according to LTD research, would serve the largest number of users.

This project is a critical next step to create a highly efficient mass transit service for Eugene and Springfield. There are many reasons that we need this service now, and even more over the next 10 years: 1) Fuel prices are increasing and, with global oil supply being finite, those prices are expected to continue to rise over the coming years - making efficient mass transit a critical, affordable alternative for many in our community - low income and affluent alike. 2) with these increasing transportation costs, this bus service will be an even more essential link to help W.11th businesses thrive. 3) As our urban population ages, more and more in our community (particularly those on fixed incomes) will be seeking an affordable transportation option that doesn't require them to drive. 4) Eugene's City Council voted unanimously to support a Climate and Energy Action Plan that aims to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel use, specifically. A high-functioning, widely distributed, convenient Bus Rapid Transit system is an important step toward that goal and, in fact, is called out as one of the recommendations in the Climate and Energy Action Plan.

For these reasons, and many more, I ask you to lead our community toward a future that provides convenient, high quality transportation options for all.

Thank you for considering these concerns and for your service providing leadership in our community.

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