

Letter of Support

**Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Lane Council of Governments
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SUBJECT: Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application

**The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

This letter serves to communicate the Central Lane MPO's support for the City of Eugene and Lane Transit District's (LTD) joint Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application. If awarded, the SS4A grant would cover supplemental planning that would help improve the safety and the comfort of walking and biking to transit stops in Eugene.

This First and Last Mile Safety Study will provide vital information on where infrastructure gaps and deficiencies create barriers to safely accessing transit in this metropolitan area, as well as generate a list of proposed projects designed to alleviate these barriers. Our organization believes this project identification process is an important step as the City of Eugene continues working towards Vision Zero.

Additionally, the Central Lane MPO strongly supports the City of Eugene and LTD's inclusion of equity-centered community engagement within the scope of the project. The scoped community engagement process will offer valuable qualitative insight into the lived experiences of vulnerable transit riders, such as those who are low income or have a disability.

Central Lane MPO also believes there is value in funding demonstration activities through this grant so the City of Eugene and LTD have the opportunity to pilot treatments and gain insight into desired design refinements before committing to a permanent construction project at a location.

Our organization looks forward to the announcement of SS4A awards and hopes to see the City of Eugene and LTD's joint application funded in the full requested amount.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Steve Moe , Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee

Brendalee Wilson, Executive Director
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