

January 23, 2024

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Cassidy Mills, Lane County Transportation Planning
Subject: Item 7.a: Lane County Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program Letter of Support

Action Recommended: Approve Letter for MPC Chair Signature

Background and Discussion

Lane County is seeking funding via the RAISE federal grant program to construct the 30th Avenue Active Transportation Corridor Plan. 30th Avenue is a Lane County owned road that provides a critical link from South Eugene to Lane Community College; the interstate highway system; and the City of Springfield. Currently, 30th Avenue has high volumes of fast-moving motor vehicle traffic and limited spaces for people to travel who do not have access to a personal vehicle. These conditions make it uncomfortable for people to walk, bicycle, or access transit along the corridor. Unfortunately, 30th Avenue has seen more fatal or serious injury crashes involving active transportation users than any other road under Lane County jurisdiction.

After receiving funding via the MPO to conduct a comprehensive planning study, Lane County is seeking additional funding to implement the design concept and construct a protected walking and biking path; a roundabout; and install turning lanes at high-crash locations. This project will transform 30th Avenue into a vibrant community resource that supports all modes of travel.

Action Recommended: TPC has unanimously recommended that MPC approve this letter for MPC signature.

Attachments:

1. Letter of support
2. Design Concept Report