



MEETING NOTICE

MEETING: METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: **VIRTUAL:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87216055255?pwd=T1FOeTVxd3pyMnVsUHlyQ0ptRndhQT09>
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CONTACT PERSON: Paul Thompson, 541-682-4405, pthompson@lcog.org

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
2. CALL TO ORDER
3. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) ISSUES
 - a. Letter of Support for City of Eugene Grant Application (10 min)
 Staff Contact: Paul Thompson, LCOG Presenter: Rob Inerfeld, Eugene
Action Requested: Approve letter of support.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 6 Virtual
 November 3 Virtual



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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 12, 2022

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Rob Inerfeld, Transportation Planning Manager, City of Eugene, Public Works Engineering

Subject: MPC 3.a: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program Grant Application Letter of Support

The City of Eugene is applying for the [U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant program \(SS4A\)](#) implementation grant funding for safety improvements on River Road. The purpose of this funding is to solicit applications to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, personal conveyance, micro-mobility users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators.

The scope of the grant application will include adding **On-Street protected bike lanes, enhanced crossings**, and **infilling streetlighting gaps** by installing new and upgrading the existing streetlights to LED. The proposed enhancements will extend from Kourt Drive to Fir Lane on River Road. For Implementation Grants, the USDOT expects the minimum award to be \$5,000,000 and the maximum to be \$30,000,000.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) strongly supported the City of Eugene's SS4A grant application by providing a letter of support. Central Lane MPO has also consistently encouraged infrastructure, traffic congestion, and safety improvements on River Road. River Road corridor improvements are also identified as some of the priority investment projects in Central Lane MPO's *Regional Transportation Plan 2045*. Supporting member agency's multimodal activities help bring the Central Lane MPO's goals to fruition.

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff requests the approval of a letter of support for the City of Eugene for the FY22 Safe and Active Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

September 14, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for City of Eugene's SS4A Application for FY22 River Road Safety Enhancements

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We thank you for your commitment to investing in our nation's infrastructure. I am writing this letter on behalf of the Policy Board for the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to express my strong support for the City of Eugene's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) fiscal year 2022 application for road safety improvements on River Road.

Among the five traffic corridors approved by the Eugene City Council to improve transportation options and increase safety, River Road is by far the most pressing one in terms of safety. River Road is a high crash corridor that has led to fatalities involving people walking, biking, or traveling to or from the bus. As such, the city is applying for funding that will be critical for building the active transportation infrastructure needed to unlock the full economic and transportation potential of the River Road and Santa Clara neighborhoods, while also improving safety on the corridor.

This funding will enhance road safety infrastructure on the River Road corridor and address barriers to low-income individuals, especially the school-aged student population, who either walk or bike to school. River Road safety measures and enhancements are crucial to meet the city's Vision Zero safety goals, and this funding will offer significant opportunities to bring more safety funding to neighborhoods that have been split apart by an arterial street in an area that is underserved.

In conclusion, we are certain that this grant will help eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries among all road users — while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility on River Road. Please join us in supporting the City of Eugene's vision and affirmation of advancing transportation equity and climate justice, and creating safe and active streets for all by supporting its grant application. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randy Groves
Metropolitan Policy Committee, Chair
Eugene City Councilor, Ward 8