

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: Re: Register Guard Article Today, 9/5/12
Attachments: EA Comments.docx; EmX_EA_Ch4_TransportationFacilities_2012_06_21[1].pdf

Hello All,

I would like to add to what Erin Walters mentioned in her email below. (I sent an email yesterday to the City council, describing most of this, so I will not send them a near duplicate. Although, feel free to forward, if you see fit.)

As Walters pointed out, Andy Vobora stated in the RG article that OurMoneyOurTransit.com “***helped generate many of the comments LTD received***”, as to imply OMOT created or solicited the negative EA comments. That is not true. Vobora needs to remember that the OMOT website is printed on the No Build yard signs and banners, and people with computers are free to visit OMOT. The comments LTD received through the OMOT website were not “generated” or solicited. Public hearings and surveys have indicated that this project has widespread opposition. The negative comments LTD received confirm just that.

Yesterday's RG article also quoted Ron Kilcoyne's email to the City council. Kilcoyne, (LTD general manager), claimed, “***LTD contracted with the best traffic engineers and property experts in the state, and whose analysis has been affirmed by staff from the FTA, the Oregon Department of Transportation and the city of Eugene,***” he wrote. “***LTD is confident that data developed by the project team consultants passes all tests of sufficiency and accuracy and that the FTA will concur with these findings.***” So, I took the liberty to ask Kilcoyne the following questions in my email, yesterday.

I did not find anything in the EA that indicates the FTA, ODOT, or the City has “affirmed” or approved any of the traffic impacts, of the LPA. Have any of these agencies done an independent traffic analysis of the LPA? If they have affirmed the impacts, where is it, and who did the actual analysis?

Is it accurate that a **BusinessAccessTransit (BAT)** lane is now the same as a dedicated BRT lane? Page 4-28 and Table 4.14, (attached Ch4) of the EA, seems to indicate they are now the same, in calculating the 67% of dedicated BRT lanes, in the LPA. In the last three years there has been a fundamental difference in these two lane types. Does the EA now consider them to be the same? (This is the last of the nine EA questions I submitted during public comment, EA Comments.docx, attached above.)

Last, after much debate, the EA disputes LTD's steadfast claims that reassigning-a-lane will not reduce traffic capacity. However, on page 4-39, the EA states the “***LPA would reduce auto capacity***”, on the narrowed sections of 6th and 7th. Is that a misstatement in the EA, or an admission by LTD? (This is question #3 in my EA Comments, above.)

I find these inconsistencies between what LTD has advertised in the last two years and their recent EA specifics to be quite alarming; especially after the RG quoted Vobora to say the EA, “*was prepared in a collaborative process with the FTA. The back-and-forth process took place over almost a year and gave the federal agency many opportunities to review the data, point out problems and correct any deficiencies.*” I find Vobora’s assertion unbelievable.

Feel free to publicize my EA Comments. I’m confident the public, as well as myself, are anxiously awaiting answers from LTD.

Thank you,
Brian Weaver

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

Ashley Smith has written to you about the EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX, their message is as follows.

"No EMX!!!!!!!!!"

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Karen and Gary Smith has written to you about the EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX, their message is as follows.

"I support your effort of stopping the West Eugene Emx. It is a crazy waste of money...The Busses are rarely full as it is...Government has no business spending our money to impose this on us. It makes me sick...Let me know if I can help."

You can contact Karen and Gary Smith via email, gkite@aol.com or mail (if available):
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Susan Beals has written to you about the EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX, their message is as follows.

"This is irresponsible government... spending taxpayer dollars on a project that will only serve a tiny percentage of us. We do NOT want the West Eugene extension of EmX! "

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