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Subject: EmX

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Well, I saw a possible view of the future today. And it was not a pretty thing.

An LTD bus stopped on the right side of west 7th between Lincoln and Charnelton. Traffic was backed up a block behind it, as it sat there for three minutes. Lincoln was blocked at times.

Drivers were so frustrated with waiting they started to zoom around the bus. I watched two near fender benders on that one stop. Now, keep in mind this was one three minute stop. I shudder to think what would happen if the much bigger EmX bus was rolling by every ten minutes.

An LTD spokesman was giving me a bunch of stats about traffic flow, Eugene city growth etc. Maybe you should have asked a real expert. Me, I have had a business on that block for 22 years.

If this EmX goes through it may do what no other collectibles business has been able to do - Shut down my business of nearly 30 years.

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Subject: EA Comment: Believe It or Not

October 7, 2011 Summary of Sept 2011 Board meeting where little old lady gave public input on EmX.

The following report is not fiction; strange and bizarre, but all true. We were there and can pass a lie detector test if needed. Call it an **OMOT** version of **"BELIEVE It or NOT"**. Kudos to Mike Dubick for looking out for the public. He noticed that the board was being asked to approve board minutes from Dec 2010. They were going to be approving about 8 months of overdue minutes (one of the months in the middle was missing?). He requested that the staff be more timely in providing the minutes since they are and should be in public record as soon as possible. Thank you Mr. Dubick for your logic; wish more of the Board had access to logic and common sense.

OMOT would like to suggest all the meetings be televised. Anyone can see that the minutes, even when they do appear, are not a true verbatim transcript but an abridged report that tends to favor LTD staff and goals and minimize any public participation. To televise would allow everyone to see and hear tonal inflections and not make the public have to trek to meetings. The viewers could then decide who is who and what is what from the comfort of their couch. Please remember we do not get paid to sit in meetings.

The report was from Point to Point Solutions and it was a great one! With much smiling and enthusiasm, it was presented as a great triumph. LTD received a **\$55,000** grant from ODOT to promote and study carpooling. Results of program: LTD distributed approx **\$4,138.75** in gift certificates to new and existing carpoolers who logged 10 trips. LTD spent **\$21,666.72** just to administer that little program. Board member Doris Towrey was very pleased with the end result of a calculated savings of **\$12,575.21** in fuel. Towrey said she loved numbers and wanted the TV stations notified. She forgot to notice that the ODOT grant allowed for **\$11,000 (20% of 55,000)** to administer the entire grant amount. LTD spent **\$21,666.72** on just that small program so they had to pull **\$10,666.72** out of the Point to Point budget. Good news is they have over **\$38,000** of the grant left, which is not for administrative costs. If they have the same rate of success, it will only cost **\$180,000** more in admin to make that last **\$39,861.25** disappear. Perhaps Ms. Towrey needs a calculator for that last bit. Oh, if you actually read the entire report, 31% of the enrolled people failed to fill out the pre-entry survey so the end data recovered was junk. My favorite quote from this report: Page 51 "From a budgetary perspective, the Carpool Incentive Program was able to exceed its goal of VMT/VMR reinforced using only 47% of projected program costs." Yup they actually printed that! Guess someone predicted even higher admin costs? P.S. Data on page 42 of board packet conflicts and says you saved 12,575.2 gallons of fuel when calculations in the chart on page 49 shows it is actually 3353.4 gallons.

Board member Gary Gillespie stayed in character. At last month's Board meeting he said that LTD should not pay attention to elected officials since they are just trying to get elected. He thought the LTD Board and Staff should go to the planners and City Managers and ignore elected input. So after another month of thought, he had his brilliant observation for this month. He is concerned and is frustrated that LTD cannot just do what they want and are not in control of their own destiny. They have to answer to so many people and other local agencies! It is just not fair.

Duh. Mr. Gillespie, of the unelected LTD board, wants to have full control so he would have to get approval from no one? What else you want Mr. Gillespie- **\$94 million** in your bank account and unlimited Power of

Eminent Domain? And your third wish would be?

Tom Schwetz gave another glowing report that shows LTD does things better than Tri Met. He claims Tri -Met contacts no one on planned service routes until the projects are fully funded. He nearly dislocated his shoulder patting himself on the back. LTD has had 300 meetings with people on the West Eugene EmX Extension in the 4 years they have been working on it (that would be an average 75 per year and probably includes multiple visits to the same property owner). By the way he was carrying on, you would think they had never promised to meet with all 800-1200 property and business owners before submitting for the Small Starts \$94 million grant on Sept 12th. Cossette Reese had, in prior public meetings and Board meetings, stated they would meet with all affected property owners. LTD made a whole list of property owners and said she and staff were diligently notifying and meeting with people. Guess a postcard was all they needed. I guess you may meet them at their office when they close your driveway.

Mr. Vobora, Director of Service Planning, did not have much to say. I am not sure, but he may have been benched for this meeting.

Tom Schwetz had a double feature. He had another grant they had to spend. So, LTD hired CH2M Hill to help waste funds. The CH2M guy was not too helpful, or maybe he was way more educated than this observer. But thank our lucky stars, Tom quickly cleared up everything. Let's all get on this make believe bus and pretend it did not go to Ferry Street Bridge, but straight to the FUTURE! In that future, 2021, Lane County would not have 320,000 people but 400,000 bus hungry inhabitants. Eugene would have \$7.00 a gallon gas so EVERYONE would ride the bus! So in the hypothetical world, what would the Board members suggest LTD do? Yes this is all true, it really happened, Believe it or not. They had two staff taking notes on easels. Tom was asking if the Board members did their homework problems. Tom could not seem to get the participation he wanted and many confused looks were exchanged. Some stuff was written on the two easels. The exercise just kind of ended with no conclusions. I would love to know what this exercise cost us taxpayers. Let's see, two easels, two pens, CH2M Hill guy, Tom Schwetz time, misc staff time. Hopefully only **\$100,000**, but if the prior Point To Point presentation is any comparison

The CH2M Hill guy went home, still smiling. Earth to Tom: Try reality next time in 2021. Gas \$7.00 a gallon, LTD millions in the hole on underfunded pensions, LTD millions in hole on underfunded OPEB benefits, unfriendly business climate and slow growth policy causing severe lack of jobs in Eugene, and therefore, a less than 0.5% annual growth in county population.

Pension Plan: the Board was approving a new pension plan for new Admin hires; much less than the current plan cost. Interesting- not one board member asked why they did not fund the current employee health benefits costs and pension in the fiscal year the expense was incurred. Surprisingly, no one asked why they let the deficits grow and told the FTA they were in good financial health? Why did they not have any policy in place to insure it would never fall below proper funding levels? OMOT is now considering funding a grant for basic calculators for all Board and staff members. It's possible LTD is already applying for 5307 Federal funds for calculator battery replacements.

My favorite part. Public input. First, an "elite sports car shop" owner asked if the board would put him on the payroll since he attended so many meetings and read so much transit data. They could have, but he asked too many questions they could not answer.

Next, a man read a letter for a lady from Springfield that asked LTD not to drive the bus down her street 84 times a day to turn it around. She was concerned for safety of children and thought the light side street overlay would not stand up to the wear and tear of heavy bus.

The final lady was the sweetest little old lady you have ever met. She had a neat handwritten notepaper filled on both sides. She stated that she gave up her car 20 years ago when her husband died. She formerly had a bus stop on her corner but no more since EmX came on in January. She could no longer do her church volunteer work easily, and was too tired if she had to walk. She stated she went to the Oakway Mall once and it took her 80 minutes one way; so, she had the eyeglasses mailed to her because she could not think of returning to the store. She uses Ride Source some now, but misses her freedom. She stated she felt like she had aged 10 years since the January implementation of the new EmX. You could have heard a pin drop during

her talk and she repeatedly apologized for complaining. Hope LTD considers this issue of EmX: less stops further apart does not equal basic bus service. Sure will be interested in how much of this makes it into public record.

You would think the Board would think it their responsibility to look at a LTD financial statement or performance report. None were discussed and none found on the LTD website. Not updated since May and June. LTD wants the EmX expansion but sure doesn't want you to see the increase in maintenance costs that come with 60 ft buses nor the increase in admin costs while they are negotiating with the providers of service, the bus drivers.

Don't forget to sign the petition- and pass on the link to friends and family.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/EmX2010/petition.html>



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Please accept this EA Comment from Boyd Iverson

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"To Whom it may concern,

My name is Joseph Maricle and I am a resident of Eugene Oregon. I have lived in Eugene for many years and I have ridden the bus many times. I have found that LTD has provided excellent service when I have needed to get here and there around town and to outlying areas.

My problem is with the EMX. I have ridden the EMX, specifically the gateway route. I found it to be inconvenient for several reasons.

First of all is that when you ride the EMX you have to buy a separate ticket from a day pass you would have to buy for the regular bus.

Getting anywhere in town would typically mean buying a day pass and riding the bus from wherever you are getting picked up from to Eugene station. From there I would then board the bus to wherever I am trying to go. Getting from one place to another that I need to go can rarely be achieved by riding one route only.

If I try to ride the EMX that means that I will have to buy a Day Pass for the regular bus to get to the station because the EMX does not go anywhere near my house. After that buy an EMX pass to get to the destination. When I'm done with my business and its time for me to leave I will then have to buy another EMX pass to get to the station and use my Day Pass to get home. By the time I am done I will have to purchase about 6 dollars in tickets. If I were driving a car I could have bought enough fuel to drive back and forth to the destination several times.

I think that with the route of the West Eugene EMX not being close to many residential neighborhoods my story would be similar for many others.

With the distance between stops that the EMX makes I may as well have walked to where ever I'm going considering it is only about 2 miles between Fred Meyer and down town.

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

"To push this project while there is so many saying no is abominable.

The extremely negligible traffic relief will not offset but a fraction of one percent of the congestion of losing a traffic lane. These businesses directly influenced by the construction have a potential for great loss. We know this as I can attest to my personally bypassing a business if it is too much of a hassle to access.

Furthermore since local businesses are funding LTD, it is that much more critical that they have a say. The only fair, equitable and viable way to do so is to allow a public vote. Shame on LTD for squashing this process. There is a big difference between want and need. LTD wants this but we don't need it. It is not a practical solution as the problems it will create far outweighs the minute benefits. If the citizenry did not feel it was necessary enough to expand west 11th "parkway" how does LTD figure it is to our benefit to further bottleneck down this arterial? From a pragmatic standpoint this is not a good solution."

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

"Why would LTD not restore bus service to the low income housing they cut after implementing Gateway service before funding this low traffic corridor. Their own statements say the Firwood Village apartments on Brewer had the highest ridership on the bus line they deleted. They are forcing anyone who lives there to walk over an 1.1 miles over an overpass with young children to get bus service. The service was discontinued in Oct 2010 and LTD has no plans to resume service there despite low income being the main reason for needing bus service. Not addressed in the social justice process of the EA."

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

"I have been watching this ordeal from the side lines for quite some time now, and i think the West Eugene EmX is a complete waste of money and I am confused as to why it hasn't been shut down already."

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

"West 11th is already tough because our stupid City Council vetoed the people's wishes on the West Eugene Parkway. Now it promises to get worse if EMX goes down West 11th and takes a lane and more. If I had a retail business on West 11th, I'd plan to close and move since our own public officials are set to spend our own money destroying local business in the name of a silly ideal that won't even be used. I see EMX buses all over that are EMPTY at the expense of worse traffic.

Common sense appears to be lacking at LTD in the name of special interests."

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I have a few more things to submit- so I will attempt to capture them in this one email.

1. LTD has not been transparent throughout this whole ordeal! The information on the website gets "re-organized" right about the time I figure out where things are. Not only is the online WEEE database a fiasco, the regular website has been lacking. LTD had delayed in providing the public board meeting minutes for 8-10 months. This was not rectified until 2011. They even lied to the governor's office and stated they had them on their website when we complained to the governor about the non-elected board not providing timely information.
2. The construction will bring a loss of business while traffic avoids the area. LTD says they can mitigate that, yet they detour their own buses around construction (Highway 99). Some businesses on existing routes have still not recovered from the installation on EmX (76 Station, Dry Cleaners on Main St). Since LTD "can't commit" to any mitigation they present, who's to say they will keep their word?
3. County Commissioner Bozievich even stated that LTD's own studies show NO decrease in air pollution.
4. LTD's publicized "supporters" are deceiving to the public. You will find most of the "well written" comments supporting the west Eugene EmX are probably written by those that will benefit financially from the project (like Eric Gunderson from PIVOT Architecture or Wildish Construction) or planners who need job security. LTD should disclose those supporters who stand to financially gain from the project. Otherwise, the citizens are fooled!
5. Our Money Our Transit circulated a petition that gathered 3800 signatures in opposition to this EmX extension. LTD got 267 signatures on their petition in support of building it.



signatures: 267



signature goal: 500

6. The EmX system costs more than LTD will say. The EmX bus is overweight when fully loaded. This requires a special exemption from ODOT. As civil engineers know, this increases road wear. The added wear is not accounted for by LTD. It is an added burden for the taxpayers to repair the mixed use lane infrastructure. LTD has done multiple repairs to the interfaces on the first line using Federal funds, and some general fund money. They are currently seeking more

federal funds to add dedicated lanes in Glenwood, partly due to roadbed issues. The ongoing repairs and expansions after a line is in is a disturbing trend. It also is a repeated economic penalty to the businesses that endured the first construction. You should have done it right the first time. And now LTD expects the businesses to take them at their word that it will be different this time- that LTD will “mitigate” all concerns effectively. Would you?

7. The federal grants do not pay for the utilities to be moved underground. How does this better the community or area if utilities are still above ground?
8. LTD representatives continue to make false statements in their push for the West Eugene EmX. Mr. Kilcoyne made the following statement, though he has only lived here for a short while, “I see the buses are full. I see them FULL ALL DAY LONG. I see them full 7 days a week”. Maybe Mr. Kilcoyne wears different glasses than the rest of the residents who live in Eugene and who ride the City bus service. LTD’s own statistics DO NOT BACK UP HIS STATEMENT!

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

"I would like to know where the TSM comparison disappeared to. LTD promised they would include it throughout the process, but it is no longer around. Is that legal? Who is keeping track of LTD's broken promises? "

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

"I strongly disagree with the EMX extension in West Eugene. Why spend \$95,000,000 on a project like this? How can this possibly be cost effective? The only thing this will do is harm the small business owners along the route during and after construction. Don't waste our tax dollars this way!"

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On Tue, Aug 28, 2012 at 5:06 PM, LTD NoBuild <ourmoneyourtransit@gmail.com> wrote:
Resending as smaller files-

Part 1 of 2

On Tue, Aug 28, 2012 at 4:51 PM, LTD NoBuild <ourmoneyourtransit@gmail.com> wrote:
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These are the people you are supposed to be representing.

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Attachments: Milliman.pdf

LTD must prove an ability to operate the system before the 75 million dollar Small Starts grant can be funded by the FTA. It is apparent, from studying the EA, that LTD has overstated the predicted revenue and left expenses off of the financial documents. An independent outside accounting firm should be retained to audit and investigate if they can justify LTD's conclusions.

1. LTD claims they will have a 9.5 million dollar surplus in 2031. This claim is generated by using assumptions in the long range financial plan that are unrealistically optimistic. A steady increase of 5% or greater is predicted for both the payroll tax and fare revenue. Despite history showing at least two recessions in the last 12 years, LTD boldly predicts none in their 15 year plan. It is important to note that LTD cut service in both those prior recessions. LTD has also inflated the continued availability of 5307 funds they use for preventative maintenance. The 5307 funds have become approx 10% of LTD's operating budget. 5307 funds are not guaranteed, yet are needed to shore up the bottom line.

2. The EA has been updated as recently as July 2012. It appears LTD is providing a financial outlook that is downright false. Claims of this surplus are in fact disputed by LTD's current adopted budget. See link <http://www.ltd.org/pdf/finance/2012-2013%20Adopted%20Budget%20for%20Website.pdf>Fact. The long term financial plan in that approved budget shows an alarming trend that is opposite to the LTD staff claims in the EA.

Fact is, LTD is spending its beginning working capital from over \$14 million, down to less than \$3 million in a mere 4 years. The actual approved long range plan leaves LTD beginning working capital at \$2.922 million in 2014/15, \$2,348million in 2015/16, \$2.458 million in 2016/17, and \$2.675 million in 2017/18. By 2014 the approved plan is already below the paltry board recommended min reserve level of \$3 million. It is irresponsible to allow reserves to be kept at such a low level as at least \$1,000,000 is required to be reserved for insurance. <http://www.ltd.org/pdf/finance/00-2007-2008%20CAFR%20for%20website.pdf>. LTD's ability to provide basic service at this point becomes very vulnerable to moderate fluctuations in fuel prices or any shortfall in payroll tax revenue projections, and the uncontrollable expenses for accessible services.

3. LTD continues to defer current operating costs into the future. OPEB and both ATU and Salaried employees' pension funds are deliberately not funded or severely underfunded. The board has agreed to underfund these benefit plans to again shore up their balance sheet and avoid service cuts. The salaried employees' pension plan is only funded at 69%. A proper funding level should be 80% or better. The pension plans also both currently assume returns of 7.5% which is unrealistic from a historical perspective. A Milliman report given to LTD Feb 29 2012 explains the reasons the high rate

of return is not plausible. The report states a realistic return expectation over the fund life would be 6-6.25%. If calculated at the proper rates, the unfunded liability would be even greater than the \$6,080,700 unfunded liability LTD currently carries on its books.

The ATU pension plan is in even worse shape at only 54.2% funded. This leaves them another unfunded liability of \$14,017,672. LTD has no plan to correct the expected return rate and is allowing this liability to grow while claiming to be paying its entire ARC on its balance sheet.

Even more troubling is the OPEB unfunded liability. LTD deliberately under funds this by \$650,000 per year. The unfunded liability has grown to at least 6,000,000. LTD shows no plan to fund this or any other unfunded pension liability in their long range financial plan as presented to the FTA.

The current total of these unfunded liabilities, which are also growing daily, is \$26,098,372. This alone erases the claimed surplus of 9.5 million dollars, and plunges LTD into a shortfall of \$18,000,000. If allowed to go unfunded, in 2031 this would become a staggering burden that will certainly collapse the system.

This strategy of obtaining Small Starts Grants for EmX then cutting basic bus service before the new line opens appears as a pattern at LTD. A check of service miles traveled in the 2008 CAFR shows that before the original Green line opened in 2005, the service hours had been reduced significantly. In Oct 2010, LTD had a 19% service cut, 2 months before the Gateway line opened. Further cuts of 15-20% were scheduled for 2011, but a late windfall of FTA funds that were allowed to be used for operation expenses was the only thing that prevented further cuts. If LTD keeps such low reserves, they cannot weather a loss in payroll taxes. Since LTD has in the past claimed ability to continue operation of basic system, yet failed to do so, the FTA should give this funding to a more deserving less controversial project.

Bob Macherione

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Our Money Our Transit (OMOT)

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Subject: EA Comment: Petition Signatures
Attachments: OMOT Petition Signatures 120827_.pdf

Attached are signatures in opposition to the West Eugene EmX Extension. Read a few comments to get a feel for the communities REAL feelings for this project!
These are the people you are supposed to be representing.

Erin Walters

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"My previous message change
"we do need it now"
to
"we don't need it now""

You can contact Charles Montgomery via email, coeta2000@comcast.net or mail (if available):
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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: coeta2000@comcast.net
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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"We do need it now. Current bus service is adequate. LTD can not run profitably and our city, county, state and country can not meet current obligations. bottom line....we are broke!!"

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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"I am opposed to the project. I do not see how it will be of any benefit to the community. I can see it actually increasing congestion with the additional EMX equipment. I don't see the ridership increasing because at some point, there will be few, if any riders using it because there are not enough real destinations on the west side of town. I am fearful of the increased congestion from this project because I live and work in the area in question and I do not want the increased congestion. I don't want to have to move again because of traffic congestion that I am unwilling to live with. A much better plan is to increase the number of buses in the area. It is much cheaper to do, easy to implement and it can be scaled to meet the needs. I feel that this EMX thing for the west side is some politician's dream and nothing will get in the way of completing it. I hope I am wrong because I really like living in Eugene and don't want to move again. I haven't even mentioned the negative impact to the business owners along the route with the changes proposed."

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"For all of the reasons expressed by many businesses and drivers who use West 11th, I OPPOSE the West Eugene EmX."

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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"The EmX impediment is obvious. It is not cost effective. Stops are too far apart. It is a most uncomfortable ride. When the population of Eugene is greater with a city council attuned to the citizens a more effective system may be feasible. What percentage of the driving population will opt for riding the dragon? "

You can contact Gene Gray via email, genegray22@gmail.com or mail (if available):

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"I strongly oppose the expansion of the West Eugene Emx extension.
Local dollars will be wasted and lost when Eugene once again loses local businesses"

You can contact Donna Dorsey via email, Donna.Dorsey@kraftfoods.com or mail (if available):
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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"First of all, let the public vote on this issue! Secondly, let's look at all the facts and stop wasteful spending."

You can contact Ronald Zahn via email, ron@gallaghertax.com or mail (if available):

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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: huff.julie@gmail.com
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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"The city Council MUST vote to stop the extension. Extension Costs are phohibitive for the current financial situation."

You can contact J. Huff via email, huff.julie@gmail.com or mail (if available):

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"I strongly oppose EMX as proposed."

You can contact Jim Barnhart via email, jimb@barnhartassociates.com or mail (if available):

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"I oppose the building of a financially unproved and nonviable transit extension, as is EmX. Our current bus system should be augmented, not the creation of a disjoint system, as is EmX.

Although there is federal money being added to supplement the cost of the EmX expansion, this is simply throwing good money after bad.

No Build West Eugene EmX"

You can contact amin mottahed via email, help@ptadvise.com or mail (if available):

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"We need our existing roads fixed before be other empty bus system."

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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

Donald J Schroeder has written to you about the EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX, their message is as follows.

"Strongly oppose EMX."

You can contact Donald J Schroeder via email, Dschro1475@aol.com or mail (if available):
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Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"LTD,

It is quite clear that the proposed EmX expansion to West Eugene is opposed by a majority of the people of Eugene. I don't understand why you are opposed to putting this project up to a vote of the people? I also understand that a portion of the cost will be subsidized by federal money and that that portion is considered "free money". It really doesn't matter where the funding comes from, because it isn't free. All funding of any public project comes from the hard working people that pay taxes to the federal, state, and local governments in the hopes that it will not be squandered on things the majority of people don't want.

We don't need more bureaucrats to spend our hard earned money recklessly on projects that are clearly not wanted. Even I would support this project if voted for by a majority of the people.

I also understand that one of the main lobbyists in support of this project has a zoning issue with approximately 44 acres of land which he would like rezoned from commercial to residential and that the Eugene Chamber of Commerce was lobbied for support prior to any information on cost and route were finalized.

Respectfully Opposed
Dennis Groff

"

You can contact Dennis Groff via email, degroff1@clearwire.net or mail (if available):

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

Sally & Jim Nottage has written to you about the EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX, their message is as follows.

"We are for NO BUILD WEST EUGENE EmX 100%.

This is a waste of money, not the correct location and on and on and on. "

You can contact Sally & Jim Nottage via email, sally@clipper.net or mail (if available):

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"You only have to drive up and down the streets of this area to see signs EVERYWHERE demonstrating opposition to the West Eugene EmX. If needed, more buses and routes would be acceptable, but NOT the cost and adverse impact of EmX on businesses and traffic in this area where I both live and work. I am HIGHLY opposed to this proposed West Eugene EmX. As tax payers we have a right to expect our wishes to impact this decision and our tax monies to not be spent for a project that we do not want and that we are highly opposed to. In view of the expressed opposition it would be unacceptable and unethical to attempt to "push this through" without a public vote. If by public vote it is proven that a majority DO want the EmX then I would concede to the majority rule. If not however; if the majority are opposed, then this West Eugene EmX proposal should be ended.

"

You can contact Carol Meza via email, carolj_c@yahoo.com or mail (if available):

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Subject: EA Comments opposing West Eugene EmX

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

"Do not waste my tax dollars on this project. There is no need to run 6 buses an hour out to west Eugene, especially when LTD just got done cutting service on that route. LTD obviously thought there was no need for the existing level of service, why add more. "

You can contact Deb Speulda via email, das651@hotmail.com or mail (if available):

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Cc: ZELENKA Alan; Rick.Krochalis@dot.gov; NELL Lisa (OR); Kenneth.Feldman@dot.gov; Thomas.Radmilovich@dot.gov; *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager; BROWN George R; TAYLOR Betty L; OurMoneyOurTransit@gmail.com; POLING George A; CLARK Mike; FARR Pat M; ORTIZ Andrea F; PRYOR Chris E; BOZIEVICH Jay K; LEIKEN Sid W; SORENSON Pete; HANDY Rob M; STEWART Faye H; Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Subject: EA Comment: Provide Research, not Babble!

Here is a perfect example of how NOT to run a project! If you are going to make claims based on research, be ready to provide that research to the public! I believe I have seen this before???? "False Advertising" rings a bell.....

LTD provides public claims without having tangible research to back it up. I would think a NEPA requirement would ask otherwise....

Erin Walters

From: Erin
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 10:25 AM
To: VOBORA Andy; REES Cosette; KORTGE Dean
Subject: Please provide research referenced

Andy-

You stated:

"the plan moves EmX and right turning vehicles out of traffic flow for the most part.... research shows that would help traffic run more efficiently."

LTD has been referencing this research for a long time, and now I think I would like to see it.

Could you please provide the research citation that shows this? and keep in mind, the existing conditions on 6th/7th. There currently are NO buses that stop in traffic. So technically you will not be "moving" EmX out of traffic because it was never there. I would like the research that shows "re-assigning" a lane that currently does not contain bus stops will improve traffic.

Thanks-

Erin

From: VOBORA Andy
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 10:32 AM
To: 'Erin'; REES Cosette; KORTGE Dean; EVANS John
Subject: RE: Please provide research referenced

The research referred to was the initial DKS studies that you have. The traffic analysis is being updated as part of the analysis of the LPA and will be available in the near future.

John – Will the traffic analysis be available when the small starts application goes to FTA?

Andy Vobora

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From: Erin

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 10:37 AM

To: VOBORA Andy

Cc: REES Cosette; KORTGE Dean; EVANS John

Subject: Re: Please provide research referenced-

as far as i know, this report focused on current conditions and projections for 2031, not the day after you take the lane away. Is this the only research you have? i typically think of "research shows" as existing information out there to compare to.

On Fri, Aug 12, 2011 at 10:44 AM, EVANS John <john.evans> wrote:</john.evans>

Andy and Erin- to be more precise, your statement should have said "all previous project analysis (see current AA report) and preliminary indications from current analysis still underway indicates..."

The full analysis of the project, including all traffic analysis will be available in its entirety for OMOT's (and the public's) review and comment when it is completed, reviewed and published later this year. ODOT and the City of Eugene transportation engineers have been participants in the design and refinement of the project from the beginning. We are currently working through a typical process of review and coordination with ODOT which will be followed by additional detailed technical review by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Following these reviews by the agencies responsible for verifying the validity of the analyses, FTA will direct LTD to publish the full project analysis as part of the Environmental Assessment which will be available for full review and comment by the public.

John Evans, AICP

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From: Erin

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 11:33 AM

To: EVANS John

Cc: VOBORA Andy; KORTGE Dean; REES Cosette; Matt Cooper

Subject: Re: Please provide research referenced

So the only research is your own analysis, which isnt even completed?

I think if you are going to make public claims that you are basing this on research, you should have something in hand that supports your theory, and not tell me to wait until a tentative report is released in a few months (and with the history of LTD and the FTA, release dates seem to be delayed more than not).

On Fri, Aug 12, 2011 at 11:43 AM, VOBORA Andy <andy.vobora> wrote:</andy.vobora>

The research has been done and continues to be done by qualified professionals. The updates will be ready when the engineers complete their work and the process, as John explained, allows the distribution of the information.

Andy Vobora

From: Erin

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 11:50 AM

To: VOBORA Andy

Cc: EVANS John; KORTGE Dean; REES Cosette; Matt Cooper

Subject: Re: Please provide research referenced

ok, then, can you please provide the research that shows "re-assigning" a lane that currently does not contain bus stops will improve traffic at the time it is implemented? because this is what you seem to be claiming..... maybe you can provide the page number on that DKS report that shows this?

On Fri, Aug 12, 2011 at 11:52 AM, EVANS John <john.evans> wrote:</john.evans>

Erin- please see my response below that states' " all previous project research and...". We were attempting to be responsive to your group's request for detailed final information while the formal federal analysis is ongoing. Please refer to the AA report for information about the previous alternatives. For the LPA design-specific effects, I can understand the desire to have all possible information immediately available upon request but we have to ask for your understanding of the current stage of the project (analyzing the LPA) and how we are following the project's requirements for the analysis to be developed, reviewed and released for public comment.

John Evans, AICP

From: Erin

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 1:16 PM

To: EVANS John

Cc: VOBORA Andy; KORTGE Dean; REES Cosette; Matt Cooper; sonny.p.chickering@odot.state.or.us

Subject: Re: Please provide research referenced

So- your corrected statement is "all previous project analysis (see current AA report) and preliminary indications from current analysis still underway indicates it would help traffic run more efficiently".

Considering the AA doesn't include year of implementation, you have nothing to support your claims besides the upcoming analysis results? that is a pretty simple question that you seem to be sidestepping. Either that, or all your claims of "help" only exist in 2031.

Here is a report that talks about "re-assigning" a lane, and how it is not the preferred method in the US. and this is based on a system with buses stopping in traffic, which we dont have. This report show a few reasons EmX in Eugene is a flawed plan.

www.itdp.org/documents/20110526ITDP_USBRT_Report-HR.pdf

and your statement " I can understand the desire to have all possible information immediately available..." is a little misleading. i just wanted information you are currently basing statements on, that would assume you have it in hand.

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