

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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I've really wrestled with this issue as to whether to support or oppose the expansion of EmX. I grew up in a big city (Philadelphia) and took public transportation everywhere (we did not own a car). I value the importance and necessity of public transportation in our community. **But with some reluctance, I think I would vote no if I were on the Metropolitan Policy Committee.** I believe it would be a mistake to proceed with this project at this time, loss of federal funding notwithstanding. Given the other needs in our community and the perception on the part of many of our citizens that this project is being forced on them, I think a "yes vote" would poison the well of public confidence in local representative government for years to come. At the very least, I'd put this project before the voters to decide.

Respectfully,

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