

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Hello,

I'm sure you've heard it all, but I wanted to add my opinion on EmX to the mix, as the Metropolitan Policy Committee is meeting on Thursday. I do support EmX in whatever form it ends up taking in W Eugene, as I think future growth will be best served by better transit, and it is cheaper & easier to set it up now. Between the build options however, I do think W 6th/7th is the most ideal for many reasons.

The Whiteaker is currently underserved by public transit options, especially connecting to the University area. My husband and I manage and own several multi-family properties in that area, and a more streamlined service would be hugely beneficial. (Unlike 13th Ave, there is no direct link to the University by bus.) It is also more medium to high density as compared to W 11th/13th and will have higher ridership. (I think it would not encounter as much resistance either, although who knows, it is Eugene after all.) It could be part of a larger vision that LTD could market that would expand the line to Danebo, out Hwy 99 to the airport (which would be a great idea!), as well as another line out River Rd for the neighborhoods there.

Personally, I think it would be smart to send it out W 6th/7th, then Hwy 99, do 3-4 stops in Danebo somewhere then back to Roosevelt (where 300 EWEB employees work with more probably in the future). You could do a lollipop out to W 11th if that is needed (or from where a Veneta line could run in the future). You could add an airport line easily in this scenario as well.

I think LTD does have plans for more expansion, but they seem to be vague when I've heard them discussed. On their website I could only find a small map that mentioned them. It would be smart for them to talk about how the process will expand and connect multiple areas so that the community can see that larger vision as well.

Thanks for your time,
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