

## Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

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**To:** Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Subject:** Bicyclists Support West Eugene EmX

Dear Metropolitan Policy Committee,

Like most bicyclists in our area, I support EmX as a key element of Eugene-Springfield's transportation future.

While I don't ride EmX often, unlike many EmX opponents I HAVE actually used it. When the roads were too icy to ride my bike, I took EmX to work, and was very impressed with how easy and pleasant the trip was. Even better, I was able to take my bike along, so that by the time I left work and the roads were clear, I could still enjoy a bike ride home. It was great to have a choice among these two options, both better than skidding along on icy roads in my car.

But the main reason I support EmX is that it is good for bicycling. When EmX is built, we will gain several key connections between the Fern Ridge Path, nearby neighborhoods, and businesses along West 11th. Bridges across the Amazon at Buck Street, at Wallis/12th, and at Commerce will provide missing links that would be difficult for Eugene to provide as stand-alone bike/ped projects. The improvements that are part of EmX will go a long way toward providing real transportation choices throughout west Eugene.

Please vote in favor of EmX in west Eugene, so we can build for the future!

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