

Dear Mayor Piercy and members of the Metropolitan Policy Committee:

The WEP, as thus far conceived, is clearly the wrong "solution" to the west Eugene transportation problem. I strongly support the initiative by Mayor Piercy to explore alternatives to the WEP, and I urge you to pursue that path. The WEP impasse gives us all the opportunity to examine a rational transportation approach that addresses alternative ideas that we can integrate with our outmoded and destructive automobile-based transportation system. Please move forward sensibly rather than continuing the insane effort to LosAngelesize Eugene by way of the WEP.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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I strongly applaud the actions taken by Eugene Mayor Piercy and the majority City Council to stop the proposed West Eugene Parkway, and to encourage alternative transportation solutions that are environmentally and economically sensible and sustainable.

As a former resident of Florida, I know firsthand that building new roads does not solve transportation problems associated with inappropriate development and a lack of affordable and accessible public alternatives. Instead, new roads only serve to fragment our community and further degrade our quality of life.

For these reasons, I firmly believe that it is now time to effectively "kill" the WEP, despite the self-serving protests of landowners and their political allies who hope to profit from this public works project, and to design and implement a multi-modal system that will truly connect our community, while facilitating the travel of residents across Lane County.

This will require, at a minimum, that we restrict any development along West 11th that impedes the flow of vehicular traffic, and that we effectively bar any further "parking lot gateways" -- such as the Wal-Mart/Target parking lot that now serves as our city's western entrance -- on our city's periphery.

Our community deserves meaningful, long-term transportation solutions - we can, and certainly must, do better than the ecological and financial boondoggle known as the WEP.

It is time for MPC members to get out of their cars and to imaginatively -- and collaboratively -- move beyond the WEP box!

Respectfully submitted,
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I oppose increasing highway impacts on the West Eugene wetlands.

I support alternative traffic solutions for W. 11th.

Jerry Smith

To the MPC Members

I understand you all will meet today, Thursday, July 14th at 1:30pm to further discuss the West Eugene Parkway issue. From reading the papers and listening to others discuss the West Eugene Parkway issue it appears that you have a good group of minds on your committee and I was encouraged at how you were willing to consider Mayor Kitty Piercy's process proposal to explore other options that would be more successful in protecting wetlands but also solve the traffic issues on West 11th.

Now that ODOT has said pick one of the two of the past proposals I would hope that your committee would take this opportunity to continue to explore other options that have a better chance of solving the West 11th traffic issues as well as protect the wetlands.

Thank you for reading and considering this

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the West Eugene Parkway. I support a collaborative effort to solving traffic problems in west Eugene.

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