

2023 Transportation Growth Management Grant Application

Instructions

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Applications must be received by July 27, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (PDT)

Applicant information

Instructions: Complete this information for the applicant. Provide both a designated contact and an authorized representative (if different than the designated contact) for your entity.

Response instructions are on page 3 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Primary applicant jurisdiction

City of Eugene

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Title of above named person

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List co-applicants (if a joint project)

List co-applicants (if a joint project)	Providing match?
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Upload your resolution, minutes or authorized letter from governing body of applying jurisdiction(s) here:

2023_TGM_LetterofAuthorization_Mayor.pdf

Project information

Response instructions are on page 4 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Project title

City of Eugene Comprehensive Plan Phase II

Project area: Using either of the two fields below, attach a map of the project area or describe the area your project is located in.

Option 1: Project area map

2023-27_TGM_Map.pdf

Option 2: Project area description

[ODOT Region Map](#)

ODOT region (1-5)

Region 2

Type of grant

Category 2: Integrated Land Use & Transportation Planning

Summary description of project

The first phase of the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan was adopted with the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in 2017. Now the project enters its next crucial phase, focusing on the preparation and adoption of three additional chapters, which include Public Involvement, Housing, and Compact Development, along with updates to other chapters as needed. These chapters must be adopted by the end of 2026 to comply with recent state mandates addressing housing, equity, and the Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules, as well as required updates to the City's UGB and Transportation System Plan. Urgency surrounds this work, as it serves as the City's foundational policy framework. The project will include research, analysis, chapter writing, public engagement, and revision cycles to produce a final draft document and complete adoption package.

Project cost table

Response instructions are on page 5 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

TGM funds requested for the work identified in Criterion 3	Consultant	Local reimbursement	Total TGM funds requested
		\$166,390.00	\$166,390.00

Local match	Minimum Match (Calculated)
	\$19,044.08

Local governments that are on the [Distressed Communities](#) list are eligible for a partial match waiver.

Click yes if your local government is on the Distressed Communities list and you need to receive a waiver.

No

Match to be provided	Labor, supplies and services during project	Payment when Intergovernmental Agreement is signed
	\$442,947.00	\$0.00

Award criteria

Criterion 1: Proposed project addresses a need and supports TGM objectives (up to 40 points)

The project clearly and effectively addresses a local or regional transportation or transportation-related land use issue, problem, need, or opportunity and will achieve one or more of the TGM objectives.

Response instructions are on page 10 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how your proposed project addresses a need and supports TGM objectives

The purpose of the City of Eugene Comprehensive Plan Phase II project is to develop and adopt the Public Involvement, Housing, and Compact Development chapters, along with other updates. The inclusion of these chapters in Eugene's Comprehensive Plan is needed for locally integrated land use and transportation planning.

Since 1982, Eugene and Springfield shared a common UGB and a common comprehensive plan, the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan), which directed growth within the shared Metro Plan boundary. In 2007, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3337, which required Eugene and Springfield to adopt separate UGBs. Because of this, both cities chose to adopt separate comprehensive plans with policies to guide their respective growth. Eugene built a foundation for this effort through a visioning and technical analysis process called Envision Eugene. A main theme of Envision

Eugene is concentrating new growth, especially multi-unit housing, along and near key transit corridors and core commercial areas while increasing access to services across the city.

The work to complete Eugene's Comprehensive Plan was broken into phases. The City's UGB adoption package, acknowledged in January 2018, included Phase I of the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan. It incorporated chapters on Economic Development, Transportation, Administration and Implementation, and the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary.

Now it's time to develop Phase II of the Comprehensive Plan, resulting in a cohesive, complete set of policies that provide local direction as the City considers state-required and other planning actions. This work aligns with the needs and values of the community, sets policy framework for housing production, and meets requirements of the CFEC rules. It needs to be adopted by the end of 2026 with the designation of Climate-Friendly Areas and implementation of land use efficiency measures and housing production strategies (elaborated on further in Criteria 2). The process will use the strong foundation of Envision Eugene and the Community Vision with additional outreach to subject matter experts and historically marginalized community groups.

The Comprehensive Plan Phase II project most directly relates to and supports TGM Objectives 2-5. These objectives directly correlate with the pillars of the Community Vision, which the Comprehensive Plan translates into policy. The seven pillars include:

1. Provide ample ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES for all community members (TGM Objective 3)
2. Provide HOUSING AFFORDABLE to all income levels (TGM Objective 2)
3. Plan for CLIMATE CHANGE and ENERGY RESILIENCY (TGM Objective 5)
4. Promote COMPACT URBAN DEVELOPMENT and EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS (TGM Objectives 2 & 4)
5. Protect, repair and enhance NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY (TGM Objectives 2 & 3)
6. Protect, restore and enhance NATURAL RESOURCES (TGM Objective 5)
7. Provide for ADAPTABLE, FLEXIBLE and COLLABORATIVE implementation

The development of the Comprehensive Plan chapters on Housing, Compact Development, and Public Involvement will accomplish the following interrelated local goals and state objectives:

- Foster a compact urban development pattern that promotes efficient use of resources and a reduced environmental footprint;
- Direct growth and redevelopment to well-connected corridors and centers that support efficient transportation options, enhance economic development and encourage civic vitality;
- Encourage the development of pedestrian-friendly, well-connected, and sustainable neighborhoods comprised of housing, businesses and services that enhance the prosperity and wellbeing of everyone in the community;
- Plan for more housing and jobs in designated Climate-Friendly Areas such as downtown, commercial centers, and along key corridors designed so people can live, work, and play without having to drive;
- Working across the community to maintain and develop a quality, safe, and healthy housing supply that is affordable and accessible to all Eugene households;
- Providing opportunities for a mix of housing types across the city that accommodates the diverse needs and preferences of community members with an emphasis on promoting housing along and near key transportation corridors with convenient access to services; and
- Proactively advancing equitable access to housing throughout Eugene, with a special effort to remove disparities in housing access.

We will also develop policies in the Public Involvement Chapter to ensure meaningful and equitable public participation; accessible and transparent processes, and integration of community values with technical analysis. In collaboration with our Office of Equity and Community Engagement, and in alignment with the

City's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, an emphasis of this chapter will be policies on centering the voices of historically marginalized community groups and improving equitable transportation and housing outcomes, particularly for those who have been harmed by past planning, climate, and transportation decisions.

Finally, as part of our Growth Monitoring Program, we will include policies on tracking progress towards these outcomes.

Criterion 2: Proposed project is timely and urgent (up to 25 points)

The application demonstrates timeliness and urgency. The project is needed now to:

- address pressing local transportation and land use issues
- make amendments to local plans or regulations necessitated by changes in federal regulations, state requirements or regional plans
- make amendments to local plans or regulations necessitated by changes that were not anticipated in previous plans, including growth or lack of growth, changes in land-use patterns or changes in available funding
- build on, complement or take a necessary step toward completing or implementing other high priority community initiatives, including Governor's Regional Solutions Team priority
- resolve transportation or land use-related issues affecting the project readiness of local, regional or state transportation projects for which funding is expected to be obligated within the near future

Response instructions are on page 12 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how your proposed project is timely and urgent

The development of the City of Eugene Comprehensive Plan Phase II is being coordinated internally with state-mandated planning work that is required to be completed by December 31, 2026. Therefore, it is urgent for this project to be fully funded for work to get underway and deadlines to be met. This grant cycle could not have better timing: if awarded, TGM funds will make possible the timely and robust planning process to produce an adoption-ready package including three Comprehensive Plan chapters covering topics of local and statewide importance by mid-2026.

The Comprehensive Plan will include new policies and plan amendments related to, and be concurrently adopted with, the designation of Climate-Friendly Areas (a component of the larger state-directed CFEC requirements), and land use efficiency measures related to housing, which are components of the statutorily required UGB update. As noted above, the negotiated state deadline for adoption of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the land use code implementing these requirements is by the end of 2026.

To move the Comprehensive Plan Phase II project forward, funding is necessary for dedicated staff time to develop the chapters and facilitate broad community engagement, as well as targeted engagement of historically marginalized community groups to make sure policies and processes are both equitable and representative of the community. Consultant services will be obtained under a separate contract for other components of the coordinated planning effort and will be used for some of the project engagement work. TGM funding will support 0.5 FTE of an in-house limited duration Assistant/Associate Planner to coordinate the work of the Comprehensive Plan update for two years.

As noted, this next phase of the Comprehensive Plan is necessary for both designation of Climate-Friendly

Areas and implementation of land use efficiency measures and housing production strategies through plan and code amendments. Specifically, the CFEC rules require Eugene to clearly identify Climate-Friendly Areas in comprehensive plan maps, comprehensive plans, zoning maps, or zoning codes (OAR 660-012-0315 (6)) as well as amend the comprehensive plan to reflect certain policies related to the siting of parks, open space, and other urban amenities (OAR 660-012-0320(4)).

Therefore, the work to update the Comprehensive Plan with housing and compact development policies, including Climate-Friendly Areas, is necessary and timely. This work will also take the required steps necessary for development of high-priority CFEC-related amendments and subsequent Transportation System Plan (TSP) updates.

Preliminary work has already taken place, and the City is well-situated to move directly into plan development after a grant agreement is signed. Work would begin on consulting with subject matter experts and community members to develop objectives and policies. In addition to the new chapters and policy updates elsewhere in the Comprehensive Plan, supportive administrative elements will be developed for the adoption package, including ordinances, legal findings, and plan amendments. A separate but coordinated project is the development of a parcel-specific land use map for the Comprehensive Plan, also targeted for adoption in 2026.

The Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan Phase II is a high priority project locally in Eugene and now, due to housing, transportation, climate, and equity state mandates, there is an immediate need to compete this work. TGM funding is requested so the City can undertake these overlapping projects concurrently, in addition to ongoing locally directed programs.

Criterion 3: Proposed project approach supports policy decision (up to 20 points)

The application demonstrates a clear approach to achieving the expected outcome and includes consideration for adoption. Where substantial coordination with other local, regional, and state planning efforts will need to occur, the mechanisms and responsibilities for the coordination are clear.

Response instructions are on page 13 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Tasks and deliverables table

What are your proposed tasks and deliverables

Task 1: Project Management Team (PMT)

Upon grant award, a Project Management Team will be formed to make crucial decisions in a timely manner. Key project staff include Rebecca Gershow, Senior Planner/Project Manager; Terri Harding, Principal Planner; Stuart Warren, Limited Duration Associate Planner; and Zoli Gaudin-Dalton, Limited Duration Assistant Planner. Rebecca is an experienced project manager with over 20 years of planning experience and will oversee the project with other staff taking lead roles (e.g., public engagement, chapter writing). The PMT will work in close coordination with project managers responsible for concurrent planning projects, including development of a parcel-specific land use map for the Comprehensive Plan, Climate-Friendly Areas designation, and implementation of land use efficiency measures. Timeline: ongoing.

Task 2: Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapters

Major deliverables: Three new draft chapters on Public Involvement, Compact Development, and

Housing. These policy chapters will expand on previous outreach, including middle housing code amendments, and existing goals outlined in the City's Housing Implementation Pipeline. This work will combine policies for housing efficiency measures, housing production strategies, and Climate-Friendly Areas, enabling comprehensive evaluation and addressing of their interrelated impacts. Tasks include collaboration with subject matter experts, best practices research, engagement opportunities, and drafting and refinement of documents based on input from advisory and other groups. A Public Involvement Plan will be developed this Fall, outside of the scope of the grant. Timeline: Winter 2024-Spring 2025

Task 3: Plan Updates/Amendments

Major deliverables: Updates will be made to existing policy chapters as necessary to comply with CFEC or to update references and maps. Outside of the scope of this grant, Planning and GIS staff will develop a parcel-specific land use map for the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan to be included in the adoption package. Timeline: Second half of project; Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Task 4: Adoption Package

Major deliverables: The adoption package is the final deliverable. It will include adoption-ready proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments, along with findings, an ordinance, and a complete public record for both City of Eugene and Lane County. The complicated nature of transitioning from a regional Comprehensive Plan to a city-specific one and the coordination with other planning projects (CFEC, housing and employment efficiency measures) necessitates Metro Plan amendments and Eugene Land Use Code amendments. These elements are not a part of the Comprehensive Plan, but are required to meet state and local criteria for adoption of a comprehensive plan, designation of Climate-Friendly Areas, and implementation of housing and employment efficiency measures, and are therefore an important and resource-intensive element. Timeline: Spring 2025-January 2026

Task 5: Decision-Making Process (post-deliverable)

After staff assembles the adoption package, the decision-making process follows, outside the scope of the grant. The Comprehensive Plan amendments will go through a formal adoption process with both the Eugene and Lane County Planning Commissions, Eugene City Council, and Lane County Board of Commissioners, before moving to the State for acknowledgement. This includes DLCD notice, work sessions, public notice, and legislative public hearings. The Eugene and Lane County Planning Commissions will make recommendations to their respective elected bodies, the Eugene City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners, who will hold deliberations and act on the Comprehensive Plan amendments. Timeline: January-June 2026

How will the project approach lead to a successful project?

The proposed project approach will result in an updated Comprehensive Plan and a successful adoption process with significant and meaningful public engagement. The Project Management Team will work in close coordination with project managers responsible for concurrent planning projects, primarily designating Climate-Friendly Areas and identifying land use efficiency measures, as well as with County partners and other key stakeholders. Close project coordination and robust equity-centered engagement will set the project up for success and build on recent work.

If adoption hearings will be held as part of a larger project, when will that be and as part of what project? (optional)

As described in Task 5 above, after preparation of the adoption package (the final deliverable), the formal public hearing process will begin around January 2026. The Comprehensive Plan amendments and associated adoption package materials will go through a formal adoption process, with both the Eugene and Lane County Planning Commissions making recommendations and the Eugene City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners making final decisions, before moving to the state for acknowledgement. This process is estimated to be completed by June 2026.

Criterion 4: Proposed project has community support (up to 5 points)

The application demonstrates that there is local support for project objectives, a commitment to participate, and a desire to implement the expected outcome.

Response instructions are on page 15 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Upload letters of support from stakeholders here

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Criterion 5: Proposed project sponsor is ready and capable (up to 10 points)

The application demonstrates that the local government is ready and able to begin the project within the TGM timetable and that there is local commitment and capability to manage and complete the project. The application demonstrates, if applicable, successful performance on previous TGM projects.

Response instructions are on page 16 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Explain how proposed project sponsor is ready and capable

The Comprehensive Plan Phase II project is set to begin in early 2024, after a supplemental agreement is signed with the state. After the grant award is announced, staff will refine the Project Charter, develop a Public Involvement Plan, and refine the project work plan. The PMT will be in place, ensuring efficient workflow and timely decision-making. Principal Planner, Terri Harding, has been with City of Eugene for 17 years, recently managing the City's lauded Middle Housing Code Amendments project. She will advise on the project. Senior Planner Rebecca Gershow will be the project manager. Rebecca is an experienced project manager with over 20 years of planning experience. Rebecca has just completed managing the City's Urban Reserve planning project, which the City and County adopted in April 2023; this is her next project in the pipeline.

Two limited-duration Assistant and Associate Planning staff members will take lead roles in development of the Comprehensive Plan Phase II (e.g., public engagement, chapter writing, adoption package preparation). Additional funding must be secured for these limited-duration positions, and TGM grant funds will go towards the equivalent of one half time Assistant/Associate Planner on this project for two years. Project staff will work in close coordination with other staff responsible for concurrent planning projects, including the parcel-specific land use map for the Comprehensive Plan, Climate-Friendly Areas, and land use efficiency measures.

As a match to leverage the requested grant assistance, the City of Eugene will commit a significant amount of additional staff time (of staff who are permanently funded through the General Fund). The match is available and committed to the project. Cost-sharing is further detailed in the Project Cost Table. Finally, as

an ODOT Certified Agency for delivery of federal aid projects, the City of Eugene is a capable local partner, and has successfully performed on previous TGM projects, as shown below.

If applicable, list local jurisdiction’s TGM projects within last 10 years and their status

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TGM File Code	Project Title	Status
2A-18	Eugene Transportation Demand Management Implementation Action Plan	Complete
2A-11	Willamette Street Transportation Plan	Complete

Bonus points: Housing (up to 10 points)

Response instructions are on page 7 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

How will the adoption of the final document(s) address barriers to a broad range of housing types and affordability or works to link the location of future workforce housing to walkable/bikeable areas with good transit?

This project will develop Comprehensive Plan chapters on Housing, Compact Development, and Public Involvement. The policies will advance the goals of facilitating the production of more compact housing, preserving affordable housing, and protecting vulnerable residents from displacement. The policy framework will allow for more housing and jobs in Climate-Friendly Areas such as in downtown, in commercial centers, and along key corridors, while supporting local program and investment decisions that lead directly to the desired outcome of less dependency on driving.

Required forms

Title VI: Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form 2023-27_TGM_RacialEthnicImpactStatement.pdf

[Download the Racial & Ethnic Impact Statement form here](#)

Certifications

Response instructions are on page 8 of the 2023 Application Instructions.

Eligibility criteria

This application demonstrates a clear transportation relationship

This application demonstrates adoption of products to meet project objectives

This application demonstrates the support of local officials

Preparation of application

This application was prepared by staff of the primary applicant or staff of one of the involved jurisdictions

Would you like to receive TGM news and updates?

Yes

Today's date

7/27/2023

If you encounter any issues with the submittal process, please contact:

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Eugene Mayor's Office
Lucy Vinis

July 25, 2023

David Helton
Senior Transportation Planner/Lead Grant Manager
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2080 Laura St.
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Dear David Helton,

The City of Eugene is proud to submit this application for the 2023 Transportation and Growth Management Planning Grant for Phase II of the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan. This crucial endeavor aims to prepare and adopt important chapters of our Comprehensive Plan while updating other elements necessary for state-mandated planning work. This project aligns with our city's vision for transportation and land use planning and will significantly address critical needs and opportunities in our community.

The City of Eugene has taken significant strides in advancing our community's vision through the partially completed Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan, and now, Phase II is a timely and vital continuation of this essential planning effort. The urgency of this project lies in the need to meet state mandates addressing housing, equity, and the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules. Additionally, the impending Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and Transportation System Plan (TSP) updates further reinforce the importance of adopting these new chapters and plan updates.

The project approach is driven by community engagement and involvement. The Project Management Team, comprised of experienced planning staff, will ensure close coordination with other concurrent planning projects and will foster deep and robust equity-centered engagement. We are committed to meaningful public participation and plan to center the voices of historically marginalized community groups to ensure equitable outcomes. The City of Eugene Comprehensive Plan Phase II is a high priority project, and the City is prepared to take on this significant task. The availability of a local match further reflects our commitment to this project's success.

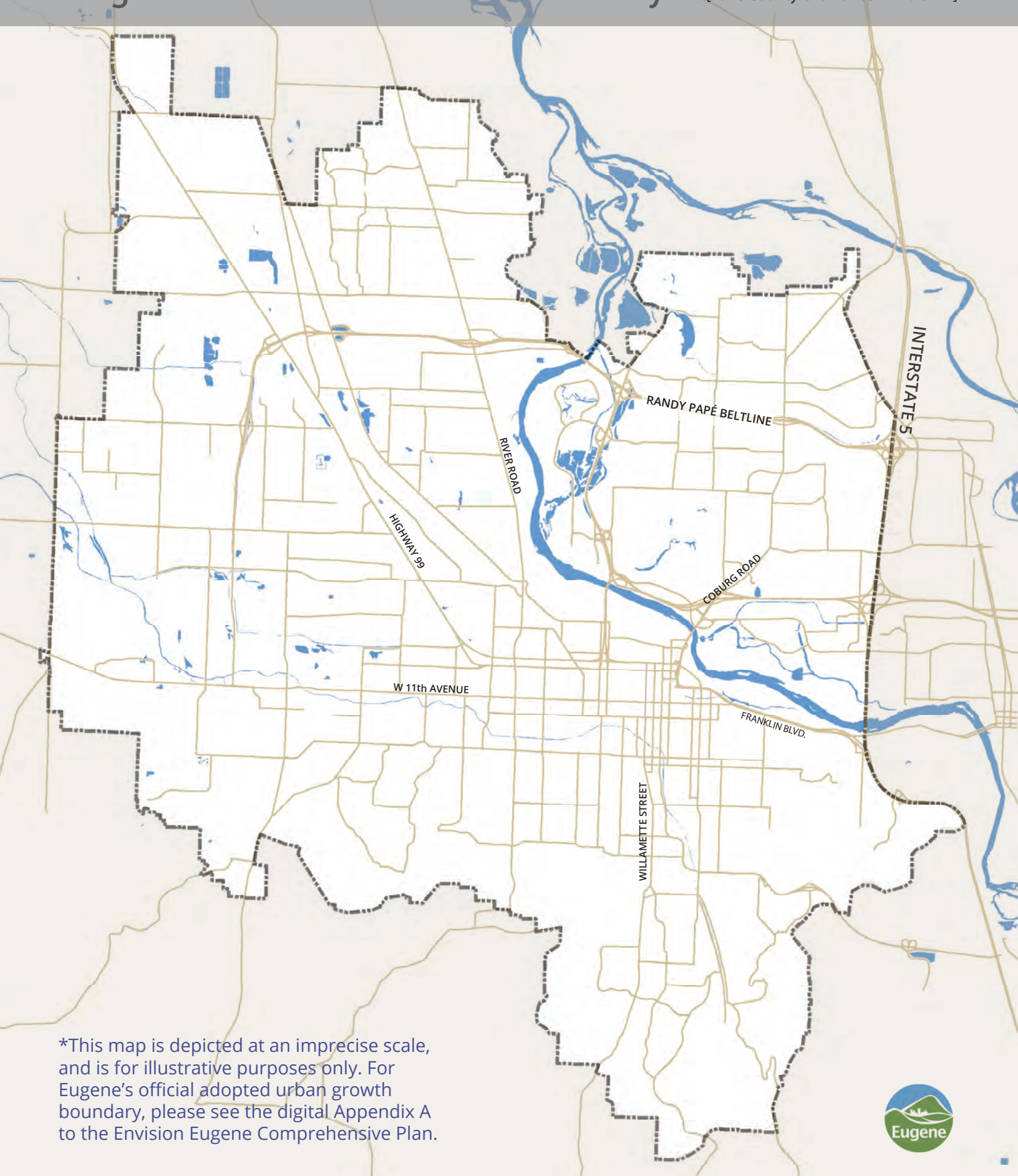
This TGM grant would supply necessary funding to develop instrumental chapters in Eugene's comprehensive plan that translate the city's vision into important policies related to transportation-efficient compact development, housing production and equitable engagement.

I endorse this project and encourage your support for this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lucy Vinis
Mayor
City of Eugene

Eugene Urban Growth Boundary



*This map is depicted at an imprecise scale, and is for illustrative purposes only. For Eugene's official adopted urban growth boundary, please see the digital Appendix A to the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan.





July 27, 2023

David Helton
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Dear David,

The City of Eugene Planning Division is pleased to submit this grant application of \$166,390 to the Transportation and Growth Management Program to help fund the development of Phase II of the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan.

Our team is excited to take an integrated and comprehensive approach to planning for the housing and transportation needs of our community through the adoption of three additional Comprehensive Plan chapters related to Public Involvement, Housing, and Compact Development, along with updates to other policies as needed.

This work is important, as it is part of the City's foundational policy framework, and it is also urgent, as the City needs to adopt these chapters by the end of 2026, given recent state mandates addressing housing, equity, and the [Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rules](#), as well as the City's upcoming UGB and Transportation System Plan updates.

Like many Oregon cities, Eugene is facing budget challenges and staff capacity issues in completing our required state-directed planning work while continuing to review land use applications, fulfill local policy directives, and respond to appeals. We have a slate of work to complete, including a multi-year UGB Update Project which includes a Housing Production Strategies Report, Housing Capacity Analysis, and selection of Climate-Friendly Areas and other housing efficiency measures. *The City has applied for funding assistance for this UGB-related work through the DLCD Housing Planning Assistance grant program.* I have attached the **City of Eugene Major Planning Projects Timeline** which shows the major projects underway in the Planning Division through 2029, to help illustrate the work ahead. The Comprehensive Plan Phase II project (this grant request) is highlighted in yellow.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this opportunity--grant funds from the TGM program are critical for this project's success. They will go towards the equivalent of a half-time Limited Duration Assistant/Associate Planner for the two-year duration of the project. If the grant is not awarded, the city will have to look elsewhere for these needed funds. This would be difficult, as the City is already dedicating a significant amount of staff time (permanently funded staff through the City's General Fund) as a match to leverage the requested grant assistance.

The anticipated work necessary to update the Comprehensive Plan is described in detail in the attached application. This important work will also advance local priorities outlined in the City's [Housing Implementation Pipeline](#), a City Council directed work program which includes regulatory and funding strategies across the housing spectrum.

Thank you for considering the City of Eugene's application. We look forward to working with ODOT and DLCD to complete this important slate of work to achieve more equitable housing and transportation outcomes in Eugene.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

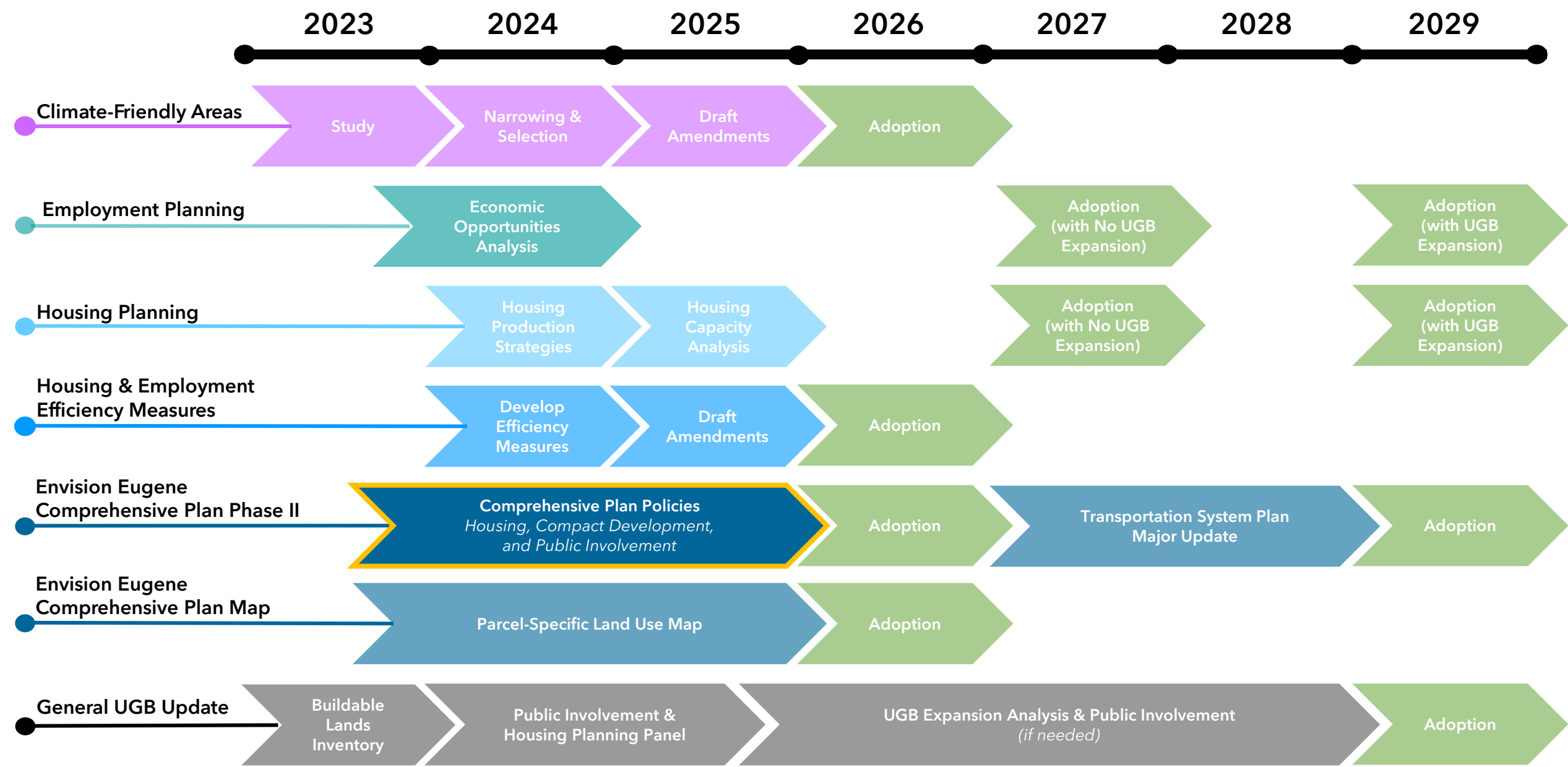


Alissa Hunter Hansen
Eugene Planning Director

Attachment: *City of Eugene Major Planning Projects Timeline*

City of Eugene Major Planning Projects Timeline

TGM Grant Request





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Dear David Helton,

The state's help with funding the Comprehensive Plan Phase II project is of great importance for the City of Eugene, as it will aid in the preparation and adoption of additional chapters to the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan. This project will develop new policies and plan amendments related to and be concurrently adopted with the City's Climate Friendly Areas (CFA), a component of the larger state-directed Climate Friendly and Equitable Community planning work; and Housing Efficiency Measures and Employment Efficiency Measures, components of the larger state-directed Housing Needs Analysis and UGB work. The negotiated state deadline for adoption of these planning documents is the end of 2026, with the internal goal for adoption being June 2026. The Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan is a foundational policy framework that plays a crucial role in shaping our community's future, and the urgency of adopting these chapters by 2026 cannot be understated, especially given the upcoming UGB and Transportation System Plan updates.

The Envision Eugene process laid the groundwork for this project, emphasizing concentrated growth near key transit corridors and commercial centers. City Council's endorsement of the Envision Eugene recommendation further highlighted the importance of creating a Comprehensive Plan tailored to Eugene's unique needs and emerging challenges. The process of developing these next chapters will build on the strong foundation of Envision Eugene, including years of deep engagement, with additional outreach and engagement planned with subject matter experts and traditionally underrepresented members of the community.

This project aligns with our vision for a sustainable, accessible, and prosperous city for all residents. My responsibilities include oversight of both the Planning and Development and Public Works Departments; I am confident that this grant will significantly contribute to both our land use and transportation planning objectives, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on Eugene.

Thank you for considering the City of Eugene's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Rodrigues".

[Matt Rodrigues \(Jul 20, 2023 13:27 PDT\)](#)

Matt Rodrigues

Assistant City Manager

City of Eugene



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July 25, 2023

David Helton
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Dear David Helton,

On behalf of Lane County, we support the City of Eugene's request for funding to develop and prepare for adoption Phase II of the Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan. We firmly believe that the adoption of these additional chapters to Eugene's Comprehensive Plan will significantly aid in addressing the pressing housing and transportation issues in Lane County and align with the objectives of the TGM program.

The completion of Envision Eugene Comprehensive Plan Phase II is crucial for achieving locally integrated land use and transportation planning. With recent state mandates addressing housing, equity, and the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rules, as well as the City's upcoming Urban Growth Boundary and Transportation System Plan updates, the urgency and significance of this project cannot be overstated.

Lane County recognizes the importance of providing ample economic opportunities, housing affordability, planning for climate change and energy resiliency, promoting compact urban development and efficient transportation options, and protecting neighborhood livability and natural resources. The proposed project will further establish these policies, demonstrating the City of Eugene's commitment to collaborative and adaptable planning strategies.

In conclusion, Lane County fully supports the City of Eugene's application for a TGM grant to advance the Comprehensive Plan Phase II project. We firmly believe that the anticipated outcomes of this project will not only address transportation needs but also contribute to the overall sustainability and livability of the City of Eugene and its surrounding areas.

The County looks forward to participating in this needed planning effort. Please join us in supporting Eugene's project that will help shape growth in Lane County.

Sincerely,

Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners



David Helton
Senior Transportation Planner/Lead Grant Manager
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Springfield, OR 97477

Dear David,

Lane Transit District (LTD) is pleased to support the City of Eugene's Transportation and Growth Management Program (TGM) grant application to update the City's Comprehensive Plan.

As the public transit agency serving Lane County, LTD recognizes the importance of a comprehensive and well-integrated policy framework in ensuring sustainable and equitable growth within our community. To be what our community needs us to be, we have long been committed to fostering equitable and sustainable mobility and access that ensures our residents can reach their desired destinations easily and efficiently. The proposed project aligns closely with these objectives and is of utmost significance for the City of Eugene. We firmly believe that by adopting additional chapters on public involvement, compact development, housing and urban design, the City will be well-equipped to address recent state mandates pertaining to housing and climate-friendly and equitable communities.

This project will set the stage for the upcoming work on the City's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and the Transportation System Plan. By developing adoption-ready chapters now, the City of Eugene will demonstrate its commitment to proactive planning and policy development. This will not only facilitate compliance with state mandates but also contribute to creating a strong foundation for addressing pressing transportation and housing challenges. The proposed project's inclusion of research, analysis, chapter writing, public engagement, and revision cycles demonstrates a comprehensive and thoughtful approach. By engaging the community and stakeholders, the City of Eugene will ensure that the resulting chapters are robust, inclusive, and reflective of the needs and aspirations of its residents.

LTD and the City of Eugene have a decades-long history of coordination around the planning and implementation of integrated land-use-transportation solutions. In that context, LTD fully supports the City of Eugene's TGM grant application and recognizes the critical role Eugene's Comprehensive Plan plays in shaping the future of our community and paving the way for sustainable, equitable, and connected growth. We hope that the TGM program will consider this important project to help the city create vibrant, livable, and accessible neighborhoods and employment centers that meet the needs of Eugene and the region. We appreciate the opportunity to offer our support and partnership in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Tom Schwetz
Director of Mobility Planning and Policy
Lane Transit District





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July 25, 2023

David Helton
Senior Transportation Planner/Lead Grant Manager
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2080 Laura St.
Springfield, OR 97477

Re: City of Eugene application for TGM grant to support comprehensive planning

Dear David:

Better Eugene Springfield Transportation (BEST) is a 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit organization that advocates for improved public transit, accessible bicycle infrastructure, safe streets, walkable neighborhoods, and other transportation options in our community.

The City of Eugene's application for funding to aid in its comprehensive planning effort addresses the pressing needs of our community, including housing affordability, equitable transportation options, and climate resilience. This work will create policies related to compact development that further integrate transportation and land use planning; in doing so the City will help create pedestrian-friendly, sustainable neighborhoods that provide access to housing, businesses, and services for all residents.

The inclusion of Climate-Friendly Areas (CFA) policies in the Comprehensive Plan will further enable the creation of walkable and bikeable areas with good transit, thus linking the location of future workforce housing to convenient transportation options.

The successful completion of this grant project will pave the way for a cohesive set of policies that provide clear direction for the City in fulfilling state-required planning actions and addressing transportation needs within Eugene's UGB.

As an organization dedicated to advocating for better transportation options and livable neighborhoods, BEST fully supports the City of Eugene's TGM grant application. We appreciate the opportunity to offer our support and collaboration in this effort.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if any questions should arise.

For BEST,

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Dear David Helton,

Better Housing Together strongly supports for the City of Eugene's application for a Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Grant. As a community-led organization dedicated to addressing Lane County's housing crisis and promoting sustainable, walkable neighborhoods, we believe that the City's project directly aligns with both our objectives and those of the TGM program.

Moreover, Phase II of the City of Eugene's Comprehensive Plan Update is closely aligned with Better Housing Together's mission to increase housing affordability, diversity and supply in Lane County. This project is critical for the City's foundational policy framework and is also urgent due to recent state mandates addressing housing, equity, and climate-friendly and equitable communities. Furthermore, with upcoming updates to the Urban Growth Boundary and Transportation System Plan, the need for this project becomes even more apparent. The inclusion of comprehensive policies and planning for public involvement, compact development, housing and urban design will result in better housing choices, more sustainable neighborhoods, and a more inclusive and livable community—a future we all aspire to achieve.

By addressing the need for public involvement, housing, and compact development, the City's project directly supports TGM's objectives of promoting affordable housing for all income levels, planning for climate change and energy resiliency, and promoting compact urban development and efficient transportation options. Updating the Comprehensive Plan will aid in the creation of vibrant neighborhoods, connected centers, and accessible transportation, fostering economic vitality, cost savings, and environmental stewardship—all in line with the TGM objectives.

In conclusion, Better Housing Together supports the City of Eugene's application for the TGM Grant. We commend the City's commitment to collaborative and innovative approaches to housing and transportation planning. We believe that this project will have a lasting and positive impact on our community, and we look forward to seeing the outcomes that will result from this partnership.

Thank you for considering our support for the City of Eugene's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kaarin Knudson".

Kaarin Knudson, AIA
Founding Director
Better Housing Together

RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENT

This form is used for informational purposes only and must be included with the grant application.

[Chapter 600 of the 2013 Oregon Laws](#) require applicants to include with each grant application a racial and ethnic impact statement. The statement provides information as to the disproportionate or unique impact the proposed policies or programs may have on minority persons¹ in the State of Oregon if the grant is awarded to a corporation or other legal entity other than natural persons.

1. The proposed grant project policies or programs could have a disproportionate or unique positive impact on the following minority persons:

Indicate all that apply:

Women	Asians or Pacific Islanders
Persons with Disabilities	American Indians
African-Americans	Alaskan Natives
Hispanics	

2. The proposed grant project policies or programs could have a disproportionate or unique negative impact on the following minority persons:

Indicate all that apply:

Women	Asians or Pacific Islanders
Persons with Disabilities	American Indians
African-Americans	Alaskan Natives
Hispanics	

3. The proposed grant project policies or programs will have no disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

If you checked numbers 1 or 2 above, please provide below the rationale for the existence of policies or programs having a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons in this state. Further provide evidence of consultation with representative(s) of the affected minority persons.

By checking this box, I hereby certify the information contained on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dated:

Printed Name:

Title:

Agency Name:

¹ “Minority person” are defined in SB 463 (2013 Regular Session) as women, persons with disabilities (as defined in ORS 174.107), African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, or Pacific Islanders, American Indians and Alaskan Natives.