



Lane Area Commission on Transportation
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May 13, 2020
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

ONLINE MEETING

GotoWebinar

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A G E N D A

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| 1. Call to order (welcome and introductions) <i>Quorum = 16</i> | 5:30 |
| 2. Review agenda (additions or deletions) | 5:35 |
| 3. Consent items | 5:40 |
| <i>The following items are considered routine and will be enacted in one action by consensus, without any discussion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.</i> | |
| a. Approve minutes from March 11 meeting (<i>quorum required</i>) | |
| 4. Comments from the audience | 5:45 |
| <i>Chair will call for any comment from the line Please state name and address.</i> | |
| 5. Announcements and information sharing (<i>please be brief</i>) | 5:50 |
| a. ODOT update | |
| b. Metropolitan Policy Committee update (minutes attached) | |
| c. Other member updates | |
| 6. Eugene-Springfield BUILD grant application (<i>quorum required</i>) | 6:05 |
| Action requested: Decide whether to provide letter of support. | |
| Presenter: Rob Inerfeld, Eugene Transportation Planning Manager | |

7. **Port of Coos Bay Port Infrastructure Development Program grant application** (*quorum required*) **6:20**
Action requested: Decide whether to provide letter of support.
Presenter: Denise Walters, LaneACT Staff

8. **ODOT Area Strategies Pilot** **6:25**
Action: Review and discuss scope and timeframe
Presenter: Bill Johnston, ODOT

Other attachments (for information only)

- 2019-20 LaneACT calendar
- Monthly attendance report
- Membership list (*February 2020*)

Upcoming meetings

- **May 22 – Steering Committee** (11:00 to noon) — ONLINE
- **June 10 – LaneACT** (5:30 to 7:30 pm) — TBD
- **June 19 – Steering Committee** (11:00 to noon) — ONLINE
- **July 8 – LaneACT** (5:30 to 7:30 pm) — TBD

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MARCH 2020 -- M I N U T E S

Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT)
Oregon Department of Transportation –Area 5 office
2080 Laura Street, Springfield, OR

March 11, 2020
5:30 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Claire Syrett, Eugene, Chair
Jeff Gowing, Cottage Grove, Vice Chair
John Fox, Coburg
Misty Inman, Creswell
Richard Palmer for Robert Orr, Dunes City (via teleconference)
Joe Henry, Florence (via teleconference)
Don Bennett, Lowell
Kathy Holston, Oakridge (via teleconference)
Sean VanGordon, Springfield
Calvin Kenney, Veneta (via teleconference)
Heather Buch, Lane County
Don Nordin, Lane Transit District (LTD)
Chief Warren Brainard, Confederated Tribes
Frannie Brindle, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Paul Thompson, Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Charles Tannenbaum, Highway 126 East
Rob Zako, Environmental Land Use Designated Stakeholder
Sarah Mazze, Bicycle & Pedestrian Designated Stakeholder
Patrick Kerr, Rail Designated Stakeholder
Shelley Humble, Other Stakeholder
George Grier, Other Stakeholder (via teleconference)
- ABSENT:** Junction City, Westfir; Port of Siuslaw; Lane County Transportation Advisory Committee (LC TrAC); Trucking Designated Stakeholder; and Eugene Organ, Other Stakeholder.
- OTHERS:** Mark Bernard, Bill Johnston, ODOT; Madeline Phillips, City of Creswell (via teleconference); Chris Henry, City of Eugene; Emma Newman, City of Springfield; Evan MacKenzie, City of Veneta; Kelly Clarke, Denise Walters, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG); Aurora Jackson, Tom Schwetz, LTD; Pete Petty, Highway 126 East resident; Ken Rivernider; Rowan Fairfield, Clare Haley, Michael Howard, Isabella Rivera Kjaer, Scottie Meinke, Aliza Whalen, University of Oregon (UO) Institute for Policy Research and Engagement (IPRE); and Trynne Volante, UO Public Policy student.

At each members' place was a revised agenda. Available at the sign-up table was an *Avoid the Traffic—Try a New Way!* Flyer and a *I-105/Delta Highway Ramp and Lane Closures* bookmark.

1. Call to Order (Welcome and Introductions)

Vice Chair Jeff Gowing called the Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Review Agenda – Additions or Deletions

Chair Syrett referenced the revised agenda, noting the addition of item 8A. (Highway 99 Feasibility Study). No other changes were suggested.

3. Consent Calendar

a. Approve minutes from February 12, 2020 meeting

Consensus: The February 12, 2020 minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Comments from the audience

Mr. Rivernider thanked LaneACT members for their ongoing support of Link Lane, which provided transit service between Eugene and Florence.

5. Announcements and information sharing

a. ODOT Update

Ms. Brindle said the I-105 construction project required ramp closures at Valley River Center. The closures were planned for seven more weeks. Traffic was problematic during rush hours.

b. Metropolitan Policy Committee Update

Mr. Thompson said the minutes for February MPO meeting were included in the packet. The meeting was primarily composed of presentations. He updated information on the used bus being purchased for Link Lane, noting the price had dropped from \$1 to free. In March, the MPO reviewed their work plan, which included updates to three major transportation plans.

c. Other member updates

Mr. Kerr said three tunnels had been upgraded on the Coos Bay Railroad line. Work was planned for three more tunnels and ten bridges. He thanked ODOT staff in Veneta for their assistance.

Ms. Mazze said May was national bike month. Mayors in three cities, Eugene, Springfield, and Cottage Grove planned to issue proclamations. She invited other jurisdictions to do so. Ms. Mazze said a number of events were being planned (<https://webikelane.org>).

Commissioner Buch announced Lane County Public Health had issued a Covid-19 notice for people at risk (older adults, those with underlying health conditions) to avoid large gatherings.

Mr. Zako invited LaneACT members to attend the Better Eugene Springfield Transportation (BEST) awards scheduled for March 17, 2020, unless events were cancelled due to the virus.

Mr. Nordin discussed LTD's Transit Tomorrow initiative. It represented a fundamental shift in how LTD thought about transit routes. A number of public outreach events had been held to get input on the new approach. He was unsure how many more would be hosted.

6. Environmental Land Use Stakeholder alternate

Ms. Walters described the need for an alternate for the Environmental Land Use Stakeholder position and the application process. Both the applicant, Alexis Biddle, and the current primary stakeholder, Rob Zako, were affiliated with Better Eugene Springfield Transportation (BEST) and frequently collaborated with the 1000 Friends of Oregon. The Steering Committee members reviewed the application and forwarded it to LaneACT for a decision.

When Mr. Thompson asked if the alternate's term was concurrent with Mr. Zako's term or if the alternate was appointed to LaneACT for four years hence, Councilor Syrett said it was the latter.

Ms. Walters offered to draft language for the Commission to consider to clarify the situation.

Consensus: Appoint Alexis Biddle as the alternate Environmental Land Use Stakeholder.

Mayor Henry joined the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

7. LaneACT member recruitment

Ms. Walters first discussion the recruitment for the Other Stakeholder position recently vacated by Teresa Roark. When the position was previously open, the announcement had targeted those with a background in public health. Ms. Walters asked if the new recruitment should also do so or were LaneACT members interested in a different focus, e.g., a first responder.

Mr. Zako observed there was a strong connection between transportation and public health. He added he felt the committee underutilized Ms. Roark's expertise.

When Mr. Kerr asked if the elected officials present felt they represented the views of first responders, Councilors Syrett and VanGordon said they did not have the same in-depth knowledge.

Ms. Humble advocated for recruiting a first responder, noting the ongoing work for emergency preparedness regarding the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

Commissioner Buch added public health staff were very busy dealing with the virus.

When Mr. Zako suggested the recruitment target first responders now and public health expertise later, Ms. Walters explained there were two vacant Other Stakeholder positions and they could recruit for public health expertise once the current public health issue abated.

Mr. Thompson suggested the recruitment announcement be an open invitation to all who were interested and note both areas of expertise were desirable.

Consensus: Ms. Walters should post the Other Stakeholder recruitment announcement, noting special interest in those with public health expertise and first responders.

Ms. Walters added she would do outreach to organizations in both specialty areas.

Turning to the Highway 126 East Stakeholder position, Ms. Walters said that Mr. Tannenbaum had asked to serve as the alternate and therefore she needed to recruit for the primary stakeholder. Commissioner Buch offered to help with the outreach efforts.

Mr. Tannenbaum introduced Pete Petty, saying he was interested in filling the position. Mr. Tannenbaum described previous efforts to find an alternate as futile. He advocated for Mr. Petty to be appointed.

Councilor Syrett thanked Mr. Petty and Mr. Tannenbaum for their interest. She noted the bylaws required an application process.

Consensus: Ms. Walters should post a recruitment announcement for the Highway 126 East Stakeholder primary and alternate positions.

8. Eugene to Florence Transit Update

Ms. Clarke, LCOG Transportation Planner, gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled *Public Transportation Within and Beyond Lane County*. She described the intercommunity bus routes that connected Eugene and Florence and Florence and Yachats. Ms. Clarke said ridership on the Eugene:Florence route averaged between eight and ten passengers daily. Route information was available on their website (Link-Lane.org). She highlighted a newly planned stop at the Haceta Head Lighthouse in the Florence:Yachats route. Ms. Clarke also discussed the Regional Coordination Committee which worked to close the gaps in transit service among communities. She noted the Coos County:Florence route was expected to start service in April.

Responding to Councilor Syrett's question promotions or advertisements for Link Lane, Ms. Clarke explained they had decided to do a "soft launch". There had been some stories in the print media and on social media. She anticipated KVAL to do a story in the future. Ms. Brindle suggested they work with ODOT's and the cities' public information officers.

When Ms. Mazze asked if Link Lane was on the Google Maps Transit Layer, Ms. Clarke said not yet. She described the routes and their interconnectivity.

Ms. Clarke thanked the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians for partnering with LCOG to make the transit routes a reality. She distributed an information flyer entitled *LinkLane, Eugene-Florence and Florence-Yachats Routes*.

Mr. Thompson recognized Ms. Clarke for her work on the project, noting her efforts included the feasibility study, grant application, and implementation of the program.

8a. Highway 99 West Transit Feasibility Study

Ms. Whalen and Ms. Haley gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled *Highway 99W Transit Feasibility* and referenced the handout *Highway 99W Transit Feasibility Corridor Project Overview*. Ms. Whalen described the work undertaken by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCW) with the support of UO's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement. She reviewed the study area (primarily between Junction City and McMinnville) and project timeline. When Mr. Nordin asked if the study included the Eugene airport, she said it did not.

Ms. Haley discussed the stakeholder and community engagement efforts planned. She posed two questions for discussion:

1. Is there anyone we should engage with that is not here today?
2. What existing groups or events can we engage with (surveys and focus groups)?

LaneACT members offered a number of suggestions: schools along the corridor; the Oregon State Hospital in Junction City; city councils along the corridor; major employers; vineyards and other festival hosts; and the mayor of Amity.

9. LaneACT 2020 Work Plan Development

Ms. Walters said LaneACT needed to present their 2020 Work Plan to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) at its July meeting. She referenced the draft *July 2018-June 2019* work plan in the packet, noting it included the entire range of tasks they might undertake. Ms. Walters had drafted a different format, which was also in the packet. She reviewed the four key areas: Commission Education, Advisory and Coordination Activities, Commission Governance, and Public Involvement. Ms. Walters recommended the detailed work plan be populated by those tasks envisioned to be started or completed in 2020, e.g., the Oregon Investment Strategy and the Area Strategies pilot project.

When Ms. Walters asked if there was an update from ODOT on when the Area Strategies pilot project would begin, Mr. Johnston answered May or June. He explained there was only one response to ODOT's Request for Proposal (RFP) and ODOT staff were now negotiating with the respondent regarding the terms and conditions of the scope of work and contract.

Several LaneACT members expressed disappointment that ODOT staff were not collaborating with them in determining the consultant's scope of work.

Ms. Brindle noted LaneACT was not the only participant in the pilot. She offered to forward the RFP to Commission members and request Eric Havig attend a future meeting and give an update.

Returning to the proposed work plan, Mr. Zako endorsed the new format. He liked annotating those tasks which were mandatory and suggested LaneACT's discussion be focused on the discretionary ones.

Consensus: The revised draft format was approved.

10. 2021-24 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)—Public Outreach Effort

Mr. Johnston reported the OTC had released the Draft 2021-24 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for public review and comment. Comments were to be made via an online open house (<http://openhouse.oregondot.org/openhouse/oregon-draft-stip>). The purpose of the outreach effort was to inform the public about projects that had been selected. He referenced the spreadsheet included in the agenda packet that described the \$170 million in projects for Area 5.

Councilor Syrett questioned the accuracy of the project description for Key# 21585 (Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd: Centennial Lp – Garden Way).

When Mr. Tannenbaum asked for more information on Key#21543 (OR126: Greenwood Dr.-Vida), Ms. Brindle explained it was to repair the bridge membrane and restore the pavement.

Responding to Mr. Nordin's question about the proposed new bridge across the Willamette north of Beltway, Ms. Brindle responded there was no funding available for construction of the bridge. The project listed was for design work.

Mr. Kerr emphasized the importance of the new bridge. He advocated its inclusion in the Area Strategies.

Commissioner Buch asked how to get more detailed information about the projects listed. She was interested in learning more about Key# 21563 (Bailey Hill Road @ Bertelsen Road). In response, Ms. Brindle referred her to the complete document on the ODOT website (https://www.oregon.gov/odot/STIP/Documents/2021-2024_STIP_Draft.pdf). Chris Henry, City of Eugene, explained there were safety issues at the intersection. The project funded construction of a roundabout and enhanced bike lane.

After Ms. Mazze advocated for separating out bicycle/pedestrian projects from enhance projects because their fate was tied to whether or not the underlying project was funded, Mr. Thompson noted the proposal should be raised as part of the Oregon Investment Strategy discussions and with the OTC in July.

Mr. Zako observed the format of the spreadsheet information was not very accessible to the general public.

11. Legislative Update

Mr. Thompson said none of the three bills passed in the Oregon legislative session dealt with transportation issues.

12. Multi-modal Case Study – Denmark and Netherlands

The agenda item was postponed to a future meeting due to time constraints.

13. Adjournment

Councilor Syrett noted the Steering Committee meetings had been moved to third Friday of the month. All LaneACT members were welcome. She then adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

(Recorded by Beth Bridges)

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MINUTES

Metropolitan Policy Committee
Virtual Meeting via Zoom/Phone

April 2, 2020
11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Christine Lundberg, Chair; Joe Pishioneri (City of Springfield); Lucy Vinis (City of Eugene); Pete Sorenson, Joe Berney (Lane County); Ray Smith (City of Coburg); Frannie Brindle (Oregon Department of Transportation); Carl Yeh, Kate Reid (Lane Transit District), members; Mary Bridget Smith (City of Springfield), Matt Rodrigues for Sarah Medary (City of Eugene); Aurora Jackson (Lane Transit District); Sasha Vartanian for Steve Mokrohisky (Lane County, *ex officio* members.

Brenda Wilson, Paul Thompson, Kelly Clarke, Ellen Currier, Dan Callister, Howard Schussler (Lane Council of Governments); Rob Inerfeld (City of Eugene); Emma Newman, Tom Boyatt (City of Springfield); Jeff Kernen (City of Coburg); Bill Johnston (Oregon Department of Transportation); Tom Schwetz, Andrew Martin, Theresa Brand (Lane Transit District).

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Lundberg called the meeting of the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) to order and noted that a quorum was present.

APPROVE MARCH 5, 2020, MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Yeh, seconded by Mr. Berney, moved to approve the March 5, 2020, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 9:0.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MPC MEMBERS

Mr. Thompson stated that a new agenda item had been added. The new item was a request for a letter of support from the MPC for a BUILD grant application.

Ms. Vinis asked for an update from Lane Transit District (LTD) on social distancing practices.

Mr. Yeh reported that it was difficult to quantify the impact of social distancing, but LTD employees were regularly disinfecting buses, having riders enter through the rear of buses and exit via the front. People had been asked to limit their travel to essential trips and boardings had decreased by 60 percent and buses were running with less frequency. Protective measures were in place to keep employees and the public safe.

Ms. Reid said LTD was now providing "Sunday Plus" service, which meant limited pickup throughout the day, with expanded service in the mornings and evenings as that is when most boardings were occurring. She said while LTD was doing everything it could to limit ridership to essential trips, surveying of passengers still showed some were not practicing stay at home orders and social distancing. LTD was closely monitoring the situation and the Board was provided with frequent updates. LTD's goal was to keep its employees and passengers safe and curtail the use of transit for leisure activities.

Mr. Yeh emphasized that LTD wanted to provide essential service to those who used transit to get to their jobs, grocery stores and pharmacies, but would comply with any directives from governmental agencies regarding transit services and public health concerns.

Ms. Jackson asked MPC members to encourage people to comply with Governor Brown's stay-at-home order, practice social distancing and use transit only for essential trips at this time to protect LTD staff and the public.

Ms. Lundberg said that information and encouragement could be added to the social media weekly news conference conducted by city and county officials.

In response to a question from Ms. Vinis, Ms. Jackson said LTD had not received any directives or guidance from the state, but was in contact with other transit agencies in the state and nationally to monitor what practices were being used. She said the Board was monitoring the situation and LTD was in contact with public health agencies and providing information on its operations.

Mr. Sorenson asked LTD to provide information on the economics of stopping all transit service except for on-demand service for riders who required transit for essential trips related to employment, shopping, medical care or other reasons identified in the governor's order. Ms. Jackson said she would respond to the MPC with that information via email.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to speak.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) ISSUES

Draft Central Lane MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Addendum

Mr. Thompson reminded the committee that the UPWP was updated every two years and the current work program was approved by the MPC last year. He said the addendum provided an update of work activities and timelines and added funding for the second year of the program. He said the cognizant state and federal authorities had reviewed the document and provided input and those were incorporated in the draft, which had been issued for a 30-day comment period. He asked for a public hearing on the draft and feedback from MPC members. Adoption of the updated UPWP was scheduled for the MPC's May 2020 meeting.

Ms. Lundberg opened the public hearing. There was no one wishing to speak and the hearing was closed.

Mr. Thompson invited MPC members to contact him if they had specific questions about the document.

Draft Central Lane MPO FY21-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD)

Mr. Callister said the process for developing and adopting the MTIP was aligned with the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) process for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The format and content of the FY21-24 MTIP was consistent with the current MTIP and included project lists and the use of federal funds for transportation projects over the next four years. It also included a demonstration of financial constraint and LTD's expenditure of federal 5307 funds in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements. He said the MTIP provided a more in

depth description of how the MPO programmed its discretionary funds than did previous MTIPs. He said applications for additional FY21-24 discretionary funds were currently in progress and funding recommendations would be presented to the MPC over the next few months and incorporated in the MTIP before it took effect in October 2020. He said the MTIP also included the AQCD because the MPO was in a limited maintenance period for coarse particulates. He described how projects were reviewed for compliance or exemption from AQCD requirements. He said the public comment period for the document would conclude on April 26, 2020 and asked that a public hearing be held.

In response to a question from Ms. Lundberg about Springfield's 42nd Street project, Mr. Boyatt said the City was working with ODOT to assure it understood the requirements of HB2017 and the legislative intent behind the bill. He said the City was addressing the issue of jurisdictional transfer specified in the bill separately with ODOT.

Mr. Callister said adoption of the draft MTIP did not include approval of the draft project jurisdictional transfer in the draft STIP because staff determined it would be unwise to approve the project until the City of Springfield and ODOT had concluded their negotiations. The project could be added later.

Ms. Lundberg concurred that it was important to resolve the jurisdictional transfer issues before the project was approved.

Ms. Lundberg opened the public hearing. There was no one wishing to speak and the hearing was closed.

Letter of Support for Eugene/Springfield BUILD Grant Application for Franklin Boulevard

Ms. Newman stated that the cities of Eugene and Springfield were jointly applying for federal Better Utilize Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) funds. She said the application would be submitted in early May and would request \$25 million; each agency was providing local matching funds. She thanked LTD for its contribution to match funds for transit improvements. She said the funds were requested for implementing the next phase of Franklin Boulevard in Springfield and building the first portion of the preferred design for Franklin Boulevard on the Eugene side of Interstate 5. She said the project included walking, biking, transit, stormwater and safety improvements along the corridor. She noted the request was for a joint letter from the Central Lane MPO and LaneACT (Area Commission on Transportation). She said it was the only application being submitted from the region for the current round of BUILD funding. She asked for direction to staff to draft a letter of support to be included with the application to be signed by Brenda Wilson as director of the MPO.

Mr. Thompson said the MPC had previously followed a similar process when a draft letter had not been available during the meeting. He said Ms. Wilson's signature on the letter was being recommended because of the joint nature of the application.

Ms. Lundberg concurred with the staff recommendation.

Mr. Berney, seconded by Ms. Vinis, moved to approve a letter from the MPO in support of the Eugene/Springfield joint application for a BUILD grant for the Franklin Boulevard project. Ms. Lundberg determined there were no objections to the motion.

Follow-up and Next Steps

- **ODOT Update**—Ms. Brindle reported that ODOT was attempting to keep projects that were in construction and development moving forward. She said the construction projects added about \$250 million towards the state's economy and while some states had closed down projects Oregon was implementing safe distancing and hand washing protocols and monitoring compliance at project sites. She said project staff was telecommuting and the reduction of traffic by about 40 percent due to stay-at-home requirements allowed for additional traffic lane closures if necessary. She said that the 2020 Olympic trials and 2021 World Cup games had been delayed so special provisions in contracts regarding stoppage of work during those events had been removed and projects could be completed faster. She also reported rest areas were open and being cleaned and disinfected for use, and the FY 21-24 STIP public comment period was still ongoing and would close on April 6. She announced that the ODOT director had created new positions for social equity and climate issues. She noted the Oregon Transportation Commission meeting would be live streamed on YouTube.
- **MTIP Administrative Amendments**—There were no questions.

Ms. Lundberg adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

(Transcribed by Lynn Taylor)



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Agenda Item 6

**Letter of endorsement request – Springfield-Eugene BUILD Grant
Application
(*quorum required*)**

Presenter

Denise Walters, LaneACT Staff

Action requested

Decide whether or not to provide a letter of support for the Springfield and Eugene BUILD grant application for Franklin Boulevard.

Summary

The Cities of Eugene and Springfield are partnering on a federal BUILD grant application. The application will request \$25 million to build Phase 2 of the Franklin Boulevard Opportunity Zone Corridor.

In both Eugene and Springfield, Franklin Boulevard is an auto-oriented former state highway that is unsafe and unpleasant to walk and bike along and across. The current design does not support both cities' land use vision of vibrant walkable neighborhoods with a mix of uses. The single-tracked sections of EmX create inefficiencies and bottlenecks for the spine of our regional bus rapid transit network.

Both cities have redesigned Franklin Boulevard to be a more comfortable street for walking and biking that is safer for all modes, more environmentally sustainable and better accommodates the EmX bus rapid transit system.

Phase 1 of the Franklin Boulevard Opportunity Zone Corridor has already been constructed in Springfield using a combination of local funding and STIP Enhance funds. Phase 2 in Springfield will consist of a modern multilane roundabout to replace an existing signalized intersection and a westward continuation of the highly successful Phase 1 including wide setback sidewalks, protected bikeways, landscaped buffers and surface stormwater treatment on both sides of the street.

On the Eugene side, Phase 2 will include replacing two signalized intersections with roundabouts one of which will provide new pedestrian crossings on what is a very long street section without crosswalks right in front of Mathew Knight Arena. The Eugene section will also

include building a second EmX lane through the entire corridor along with setback sidewalks, protected bikeways and street trees.

More information is available online about [Springfield's vision for a New Franklin Boulevard](#) and Eugene's [Franklin Boulevard Transformation Project](#).

Attachments

- A. Project summary
- B. Letter of support



**FRANKLIN BOULEVARD
OPPORTUNITY ZONE
CORRIDOR**

Lane ACT
May 13, 2020

Presentation Outline

- BUILD Grant Program
- Eugene/Springfield Partnership
- Existing Conditions
- Vision for Franklin
- Questions and Discussion



BUILD Grant Program

- BUILD = Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development
- Largest federal grant program for multimodal transportation
- \$1 billion available
- \$25 million maximum grant award
- 20 percent local match requirement
- Application deadline is May 18, 2020
- In Lane County, there has been one BUILD grant awarded for the Coos Rail Link

Franklin Boulevard Opportunity Zone Corridor

- Partnership between Springfield and Eugene
- Funding request is \$25 million
- Phase 1 has already been completed in Springfield
- Phase 2 will be funded through BUILD grant
- Springfield Phase 2: will consist of a modern multilane roundabout to replace an existing signalized intersection and a westward continuation of the highly successful Phase 1 including wide setback sidewalks, protected bikeways, landscaped buffers and surface stormwater treatment on both sides of the street.
- Eugene Phase 2: will include replacing two signalized intersections with roundabouts. The Eugene section will also include building a second EmX lane through the entire corridor along with setback sidewalks, protected bikeways and street trees.

BUILD Grant Budget

Ask Amount	Match Amount	Total Phase 2 Cost
\$25,000,000	\$9,423,000	\$34,423,000

Phase 2 Match Sources

Revenue Source for Match	Amount
State of Oregon Lottery Bond to Lane Transit District	\$5,000,000
City of Eugene Pavement Preservation Bond Measure	\$1,423,000
City of Springfield Stormwater Capital Funding	\$1,000,000
City of Springfield Local Funding	\$2,000,000
Total Match	\$9,423,000

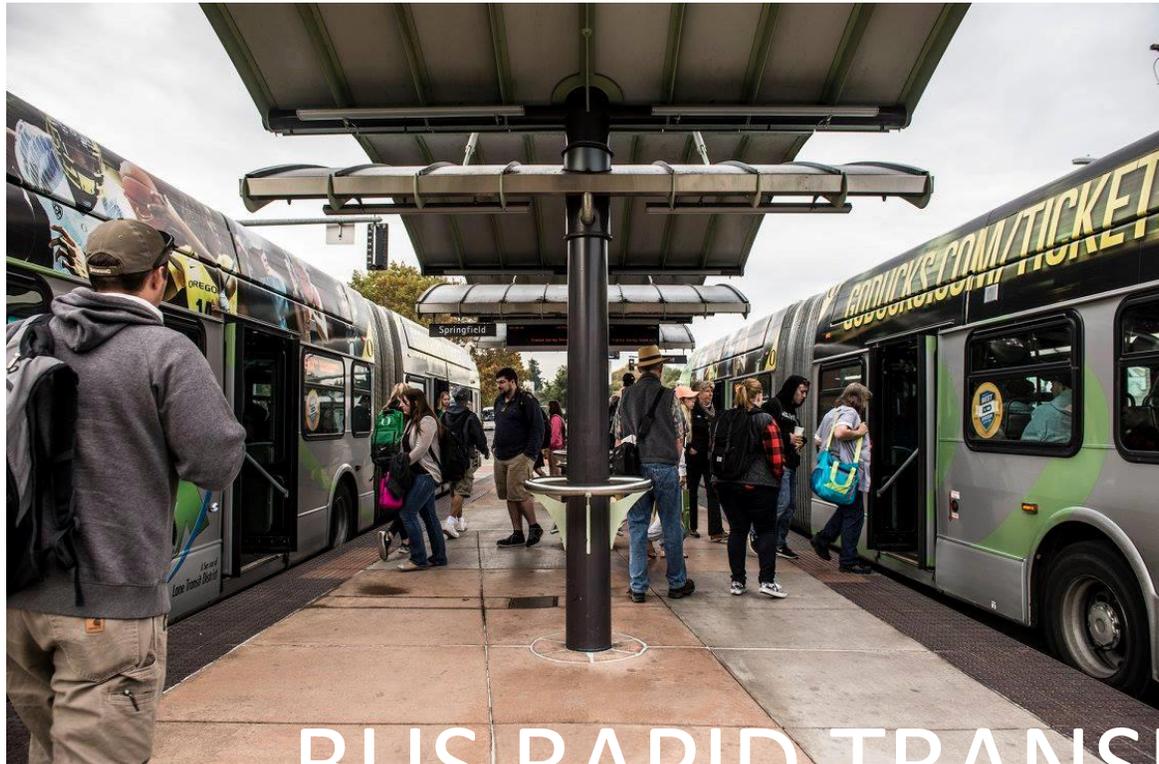
Existing Conditions – Eugene



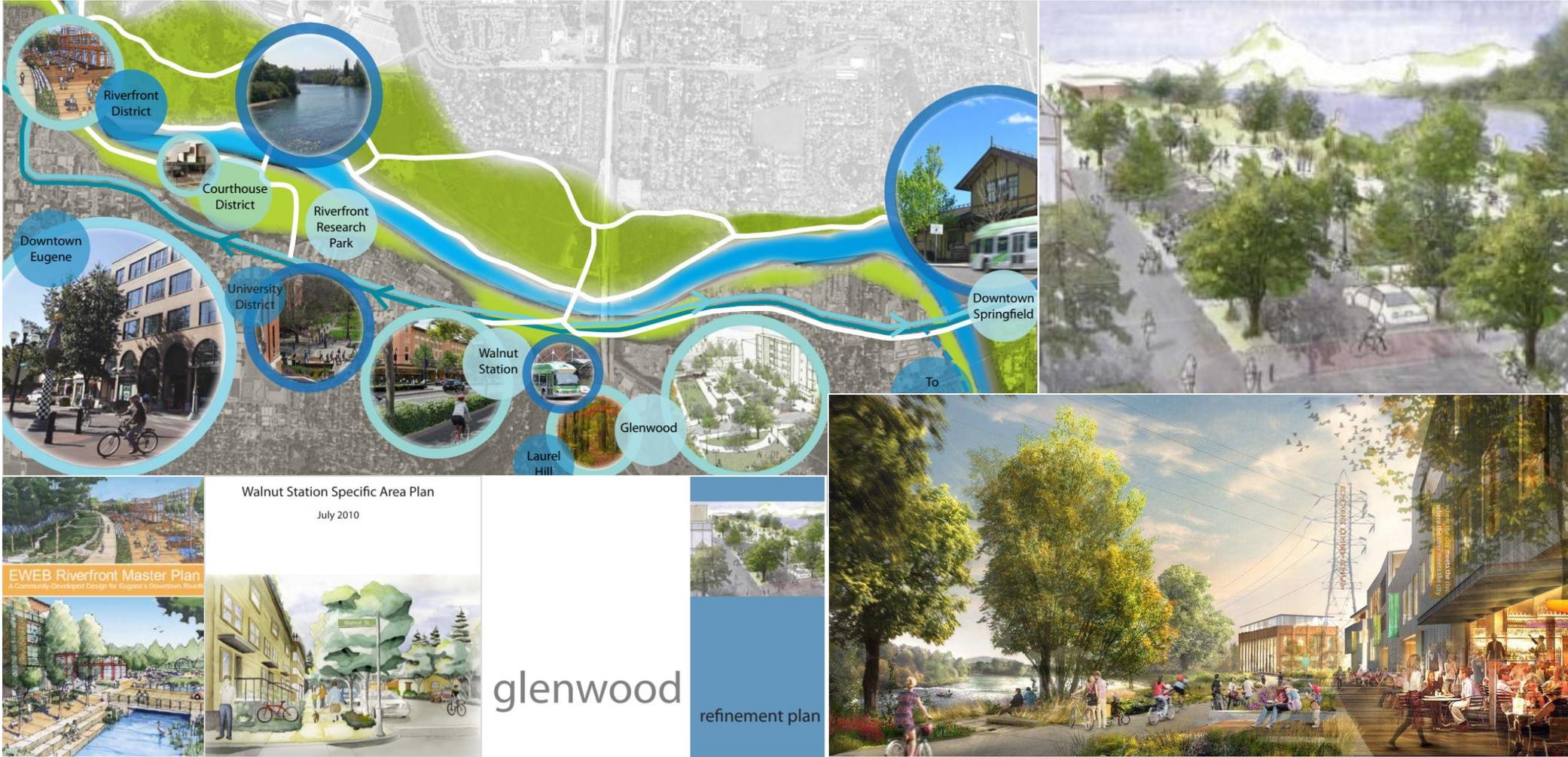
Existing Conditions – Springfield



EmX – One Bi-Directional Lane Limits Capacity



Community Vision



Economic Development





Completed Phase 1 in Glenwood



Corridor Vision

ALDER STREET TO I-5 IN EUGENE



GLENWOOD AREA IN SPRINGFIELD

Project Phasing: Phase 1 Complete



Project Phasing: Phase 2 Ahead



Double track center running dedicated EmX lanes in Eugene to alleviate existing capacity challenges



Protected facilities improves safety for all modes, especially people walking and biking



Roundabouts to eliminate fatalities and life changing injuries

An aerial watercolor illustration of a town. The scene shows a central road with several cars in various colors (red, blue, yellow, green). To the left of the road are several buildings, including a prominent two-story orange building and a larger tan building. The right side of the road is dominated by a large, lush green area with many trees and a winding path. The overall style is soft and artistic, with a focus on natural elements and urban planning.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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April 8, 2020

Attn: Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao

U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC 20590

RE: Franklin Boulevard Opportunity Zone Corridor BUILD Application

Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) and Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO), we strongly encourage you to fund the request from the Cities of Eugene and Springfield for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funds to reconstruct Franklin Boulevard in Oregon.

The Franklin Boulevard Opportunity Zone Corridor project clearly meets the goals of the BUILD grant program. The project aligns with the BUILD program's focus on funding transformative projects that improve access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation in support of reinvesting in communities. While the corridor is in the heart of the metro region, this project is uniquely positioned to result in shared benefits for urban and rural areas alike due to its ability to serve as an improved, critical link to nearby communities throughout the region.

Over the past 10 years, CLMPO has awarded discretionary federal funds to assist the project partners in completing project planning, NEPA documentation, and preliminary design. The first piece of the project was funded and constructed with a combination of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds and local dollars. In total, our region has already invested \$15.5 million in the project, and has currently identified over \$9.4 million as match funds for the 2020 BUILD grant. Additional private development is planned at multiple sites along the corridor in coordination with the roadway improvements. BUILD funding represents the opportunity to construct the next piece of this regionally important project.

As a collaborative transportation advisory body to the Oregon Transportation Commission representing local communities and stakeholders, LaneACT works hard to create funding equity among modes and jurisdictions in our Area. LaneACT chose to prioritize over \$6.5 million in competitive state funds to complete Franklin Boulevard construction to date. The opportunity afforded by the BUILD program could not be timelier. It will allow project partners to complete the next large piece of the corridor, as the 2018-2021 STIP only contains funding through 2021 for project planning, environmental review, and design purposes. There is a demonstrated need for additional support at the federal level to fund the construction of improvements.

Franklin Boulevard is the epicenter of the Central Lane Metropolitan Area, providing the means for cross-regional travel and connecting residents and visitors to important regional attractions. It is located along the beautiful Willamette River and provides great access to downtown Eugene, downtown Springfield, and the University of Oregon. Currently, Franklin Boulevard lacks a complete network of sidewalks and bike lanes, a functional storm water system, and is in a deteriorated state of disrepair. This project addresses those deficiencies and acts as a catalyst for commercial and residential redevelopment in four identified Opportunity Zones.

If awarded, the project will generate construction jobs in the short-term and will create economic opportunities that will provide longer-term jobs as corridor redevelopment continues in the future. The roadway improvements will result in positive outcomes that reach beyond the project extent to facilitate economic competitiveness throughout Lane County's urban and rural areas.

As a vital arterial street in our region, the corridor also keeps our rural communities connected. These communities rely on Franklin Boulevard as a former State highway to travel from our Cascade mountain range of central Oregon to our coastal communities on the Pacific Ocean. The route is a major east-west corridor that provides a direct connection to jobs, other services, and amenities in the region.

These critically needed investments will enable the corridor to transform from a neglected State highway overdue for improvement to a multi-modal urban street with dramatic improvements to intersections and bus rapid transit facilities that allow for the safe and efficient movement of goods and people. The redesign of Franklin Boulevard is an innovative approach that allows for the safe and efficient movement of through motor vehicle and freight traffic while also creating a high level of access to adjacent businesses for residents and visitors and providing a safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle environment. The Franklin Boulevard Opportunity Zone Corridor design that prioritizes safety is pioneering the way, and it will set an example for how urban arterials and outdated state highways can be redesigned throughout the country.

This BUILD grant application is strongly supported by the LaneACT and Central Lane Metropolitan Policy Committee, which consist of Mayors and City Councilors representing cities throughout Lane County, the Lane Transit District Board of Directors, Lane County Board of Commissioners, and transportation stakeholders who represent many interests throughout our region. Please consider our highest recommendation to support this transformative project and award a BUILD grant to the Eugene-Springfield region.

Sincerely,



Claire Syrett, Chair

Brenda Wilson, Executive Director

Lane Area Commission on Transportation

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization





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Agenda Item 7

**Letter of endorsement request – Port of Coos Bay Port Infrastructure
Development Program grant application
(*quorum required*)**

Presenter

Denise Walters, LaneACT Staff

Action requested

Decide whether or not to provide a letter of support for the Port of Coos Bay proposal.

Summary

The proposed project will serve to replace a significant number of railroad crossties and resurface 119 miles of track along the Coos Bay Rail Line, improving the overall integrity and long-term viability of its rail infrastructure. Many of the existing ties on the track were installed as many as 40-50 years ago, greatly exceeding their recommended useful life. Tie and surfacing work is critical to ensure capacity on the line, remove existing slow orders, increase safety and reliability, decrease train travel time, and reduce roadway congestion. The benefits listed above will improve the multi-modal transportation network in the region while preserving a west coast freight option that provides connectivity to a deep-water harbor at the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

This project will build on repairs and rehabilitation efforts completed nearly a decade ago through a TIGER II grant to return the line to service following a three-year closure. The Port's PIDP proposal aims to continue efforts to improve track infrastructure which will ensure the safety and longevity of the line in meeting current and future regional transportation demands.

Attachments

A. Letter of support



May 5, 2020

Elaine Chao, Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, CD 20590
United States

RE: Oregon International Port of Coos Bay for Phase II of the Tie & Surfacing Program

Dear Ms. Chao,

I am writing on behalf of the Lane Area Commission on Transportation to express my support for the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay's (Port) proposal for the Port Infrastructure and Development Program (PIDP) to fund Phase II of the Tie and Surfacing program for the Coos Bay Rail Line (CBRL). The CBRL provides a vital transportation connection for critical industries in rural Coos, Douglas, and Lane Counties.

The Port owns and operates CBRL Inc., a 134-mile short line railroad which has served the State and Nation for over 100 years as the only freight rail connection from southwestern Oregon to the National Railway Network via the Union Pacific yard in Eugene, Oregon. The line serves as a cost-effective transportation option for 8 primary shippers which employ approximate 800 people with family wage jobs and ship an estimated \$250 million in goods to and from a tri-county rural region. As an economically disadvantaged region, maintaining safe, reliable and consistent freight rail service is paramount to retaining existing jobs as well as attracting new business.

The proposed project will serve to replace a significant number of railroad crossties and resurface 119 miles of track along the CBRL, improving the overall integrity and long-term viability of its rail infrastructure. Many of the existing ties on the track were installed as many as 40-50 years ago, greatly exceeding their recommended useful life. Tie and surfacing work is critical to ensure capacity on the line, remove existing slow orders, increase safety and reliability, decrease train travel time, and reduce roadway congestion. The benefits listed above will improve the multi-modal transportation network in the region while preserving a west coast freight option that provides connectivity to a deep-water harbor at the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

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Agenda Item 8

ODOT Area Strategy Pilot Update

Presenter

Bill Johnston, ODOT Area 5 Planner

Action requested

Discussion.

Summary

An status update will be provided at the meeting.

Attachments

None.

<p><i>July 10, 2018</i></p> <p>RECESS</p>	<p><i>August 14, 2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Land Use Stakeholder Appointment • Safe Routes to Schools Grants Update • Transportation & Growth Management Grants Update • STIF Grants Update • Legislative Update 	<p><i>September 11, 2019</i> <i>(meet in Florence)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODOT Director Update • Visioning Process • Florence Tour and Presentation
<p><i>October 9, 2019</i></p> <p>NO MEETING</p>	<p><i>November 13, 2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Nominating Committee • ODOT ADA Program Update • OTC Workshop Preparation-Area Strategy Pilot Guidelines • Member Presentation 	<p><i>December 11, 2019</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTC Workshop Preparation • Nominating Committee Report and possible election • Trucking Recruitment
<p><i>January 8, 2020</i></p> <p>NO MEETING</p>	<p><i>February 12, 2020</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPO Safety Plan Implementation Update • Oregon Transportation Commission Update • Lane DUII VIP Letter of Support • Legislative concepts 	<p><i>March 11, 2020</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugene-Florence Transit • Norway Case Study Bicycle Infrastructure • ITS Plan • Beltline Project Update • Portland Projects Update
<p><i>April 8, 2020</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CANCELED - COVID 	<p>May 13, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUILD Grant Application Support • Area Strategies Pilot 	<p>June 10, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTC Preparation • Member Presentation

The topics listed are tentative and subject to change.



2019-2020

Future potential topics (schedule to be determined)

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LaneACT Attendance 2018-2019

Stakeholder JUL'19 AUG'19 SEP'19 OCT'19 NOV'19 DEC'19 JAN'20 FEB'20 MAR'20 APR'20 MAY'20 JUN'20

Coburg		1	1		1	1		1	1			
Cottage Grove		1	1		1	1		1	1			
Creswell		1	1		1	1		1	1			
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Eugene		1	1		1	1		0	1			
Florence		0	1		1	1		1	1			
Junction City		0	0		0	0		0	0			
Lowell		1	1		1	1		1	1			
Oakridge		1	0		0	1		1	1			
Springfield	R E C E S S	1	0	R E C E S S	1	1	R E C E S S	1	1	R E C E S S		
Veneta		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	
Westfir		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	
Lane County		1	1		1	1		1	0		1	
Port of Siuslaw		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	
Lane Transit District		1	1		1	1		1	1		1	
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ODOT Area 5		1	1		1	1		1	1			
Central Lane MPO		1	1		1	1		1	1			
LC TrAC		1	1		1	1		1	0			
Highway 126 E		1	1		1	0		1	1			
DS Trucking		0	0		0	0		0	0			
DS Rail		1	0		1	1		0	1			
DS Bike/Ped		1	1		0	0		0	1			
DS Envir LU		1	1		1	0		1	1			
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OS - George Grier		1	1		0	1		1	1			
OS - VACANT		1	0		0	0		0	0			
OS - Shelley Humble		1	0		1	1		1	1			
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TOTAL	No Meeting	22	17	0	19	18	0	18	21	0	0	0



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	VACANT				