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**LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT**  
**West Eugene EmX Extension Corridor Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 25, 2007**  
**5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.**

**Lane Transit District Board Room**  
**3500 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, Oregon**  
**(Off Glenwood Blvd.)**

*The focus of this committee is on facilitating collaborative discussion of project-related issues between those who maybe affected by the project and those making decisions about the project.*

**AGENDA**

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| <b>I.</b>    | <b>WELCOME</b>  | <b>5:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Tom Schwetz</b> |
| <b>II.</b>   | <b>SELF INTRODUCTIONS</b>   | <b>5:35</b>      | <b>All</b>         |
| <b>III.</b>  | <b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>  | <b>5:45</b>      | <b>Tom Schwetz</b> |
| <b>IV.</b>   | <b>CORRIDOR COMMITTEE CHARGE</b><br>Review the representation and background of the committee;<br>review responsibilities of this committee and how it impacts the<br>decision making for the project | <b>5:50</b>      | <b>Greg Evans</b>  |
| <b>V.</b>    | <b>OVERVIEW OF PROJECT AND ENVIRONMENTAL</b><br>PowerPoint Presentation   | <b>6:00</b>      | <b>Tom Schwetz</b> |
| <b>VI.</b>   | <b>OVERVIEW OF KEY ELEMENTS OF SCOPING</b><br><b>Comment Form and Map</b><br>1. Purpose and Need<br>2. Goal and Objectives<br>3. Range of Alternatives<br>4. Scope of EIS                             | <b>6:20</b>      | <b>Tom Schwetz</b> |
| <b>VII.</b>  | <b>ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR MEETING TIME</b><br>Review regular meeting date, time, and location. Any conflicts?   | <b>6:50</b>      | <b>Greg Evans</b>  |
| <b>VIII.</b> | <b>NEXT MEETING</b><br>Review the next West Eugene EmX Corridor Committee Draft<br>Agenda   | <b>7:00</b>      | <b>Greg Evans</b>  |
| <b>IX.</b>   | <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>  | <b>7:15</b>      |                    |

**Alternative formats of printed material (Braille, cassette tapes, or large print) are available upon request. A sign language interpreter will be made available with 48 hours' notice. The facility used for this meeting is wheelchair accessible. For more information, please call 687-5555 (voice) or 1-800-735-2900 (TTY, for persons with hearing disabilities).**



## West Eugene EmX Extension Corridor Committee Charge

The purpose of the committee is to bring strong insights into how the project can best be integrated along the corridor consistent with the values of the adjacent neighborhoods and businesses. Specifically, the West Eugene EmX Corridor Committee will:

- 1) Serve as a conduit of information between the project team, EmX Steering Committee, LTD Board of Directors, and the committee members' affiliated groups.
- 2) Advise the project team on key technical and community issues regarding the project.

Issues to be considered by the Corridor Committee in development of the West Eugene EmX Corridor will vary by location and stage of project development. While time will not be allotted to public testimony during committee meetings, public comments received as part of the project will be discussed by the Corridor Committee.

The charge of the Corridor Committee is to provide advice to the EmX Steering Committee and the LTD Board of Directors. The Board's ultimate decisions will be informed, not by the results of votes on specific positions, but on the full range of discussion by the West Eugene EmX Corridor Committee members.

To provide the best information for the EmX Steering Committee and the Board processes, the Corridor Committee will be most effective by focusing its work on a collaborative and insightful discussion of issues that can explore the full range of positions, not on establishing a preferred position of a majority.



## West Eugene EmX Corridor Committee Membership

Membership and the replacement of members are determined by the EmX Steering Committee.

### Members List

<b>Representation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
EmX Steering Committee/LTD Board	Greg Evans	Lane Community College
EmX Steering Committee/LTD Board	Gerry Gaydos	Gaydos, Churnside & Balthrop, P.C.
EmX Steering Committee	Steve Gordon	
EmX Steering Committee/Eugene City Council	Councilor George Poling	
EmX Steering Committee	Commissioner Peter Sorenson	
LTD Board	Dean Kortge	Pacific Benefit Consultants, Inc.
Active Bethel Citizens Representative	Eric Stillwell	
Churchill Neighborhood Representative	Will Shaver	
Jefferson/Westside Neighborhood Representative	Garrick Mishaga	
West Eugene Community Organization Representative	Clayton W. Walker	C. W. Walker & Associates, Inc.
Far West Neighborhood Representative	Peter Bungum	
3RT/Resident	Ilona Koleszar	
LTD Accessible Transportation Committee	Ann Angvick	Ulhorn Program
Veneta City Administrator	Ric Ingham	City of Veneta
Eugene City Council	Councilor Chris Pryor	Eugene City Council
Environmental	Rob Zako	1000 Friends
Architectural Design Specialist/Resident	Kari Turner	PIVOT Architecture
Local business/property owner	Jim Thomas	Eugene Faith Center
Local business/property owner	Warren Wong	Lane Events Center



## West Eugene EmX Extension Corridor Committee Operating Agreements

- Meetings will begin and end on time.
  - ❖ Committee members will strive to accomplish all agenda items during regularly scheduled meetings.
  - ❖ If agenda items cannot be completed on time, staff will work with the committee to determine if the meeting should be extended in order to provide timely advice on key issues.
  - ❖ Issues and concerns requiring extensive discussion may require additional meetings if within the project timeline.
- During the meetings, committee members will:
  - ❖ Be respectful of everyone's time, input, concerns, and issues.
  - ❖ Listen to what others have to say.
  - ❖ Be quiet while others are speaking.
  - ❖ Acknowledge the value that each Corridor Committee member brings to the process.
  - ❖ Silence cell phones during the meeting.
  - ❖ Provide everyone the opportunity to speak.
  - ❖ Engage each other in a productive manner, focused on completing the requested tasks on the agenda.
- The flow of discussions will be managed to allow for the development of advice from committee members to be forwarded to the EmX Steering Committee and the LTD Board of Directors for consideration.



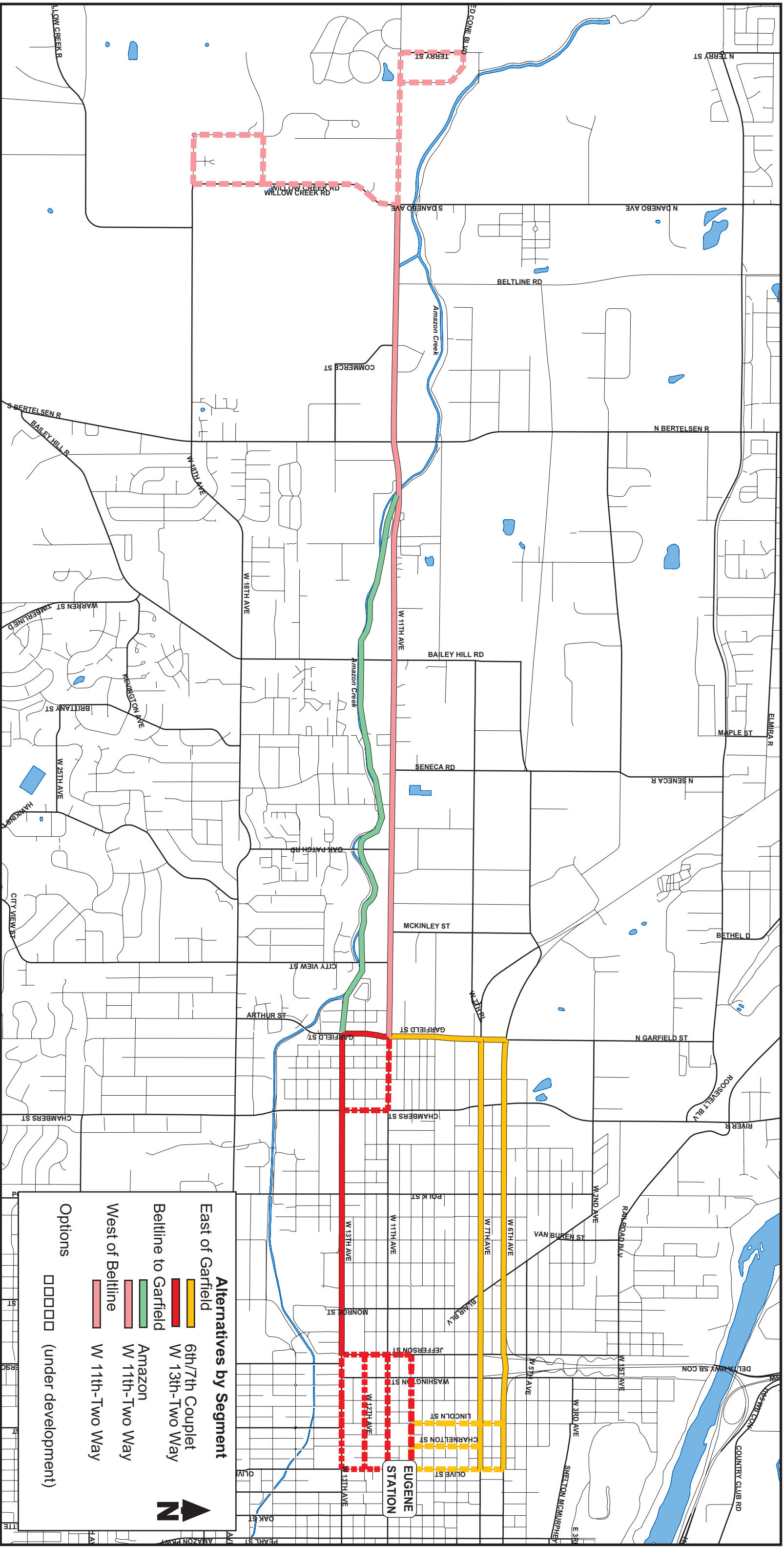
## West Eugene EmX Extension Corridor Committee Meeting Mechanics

- Every meeting will be opened and closed by an LTD Board member serving as a convener.
- Tom Schwetz or his designee will serve as facilitator, and staff will be the point of contact / discussion during meetings to ensure the timely and productive completion of the agenda and assigned tasks.
- The Corridor Committee will generally meet monthly for the duration of the project. At times, in order to obtain advice and feedback from the committee, LTD may request that the committee meet more frequently in order to meet project deadlines.
- LTD will strive to provide informational materials to the committee at least three to seven calendar days prior to meetings. LTD will generally distribute information electronically; however, LTD may use a variety of methods to provide information, especially if document files are large. Because of the dynamic nature of the project, newly developed materials may be delivered to the committee at the meeting.
- Because one of the primary purposes of this committee is to provide the project team with timely advice on key technical and community issues that are linked to project deliverables and milestones, LTD expects that committee members will review materials prior to meetings and productively participate in committee meetings.
- LTD expects that committee members will serve as conduits of information with their affiliated groups and appropriately communicate with those groups. It is incumbent on the committee member to determine the most appropriate method of communication with his or her affiliated group and to conduct that communication in a timely manner so that all ideas, opinions, and issues can be productively considered in the project process.
- It is incumbent on committee members to determine if they can appropriately serve on this committee for the two- to three-year project duration. If a committee member determines that he or she cannot meet the review, communication, and feedback commitments in a timely manner for the project duration, LTD will work with the member and/or the member's affiliated group or organization to find a replacement member who can meet the commitments of serving on the committee.
- LTD will provide mapping, reports, and other information necessary to ensure meaningful participation on the committee. LTD will attempt to honor requests for additional information beyond the information prepared for the project; however, the significant effort associated with producing required materials under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process may preclude producing additional informational materials.
- Advice from all meetings will be documented. Electronic versions of advice from the committee will be distributed to committee members.
- Meeting summaries of each meeting will be prepared.








**West Eugene EmX Extension Project  
Proposed Range of Alternatives for Further Study  
Open House October 8-9, 2007**




← West of Beltline Segment    ← Beltline to Garfield Segment    ← East of Garfield Segment →




**Alternatives by Segment**

	East of Garfield
	6th/7th Couplet
	W 13th-Two Way
	Beltline to Garfield
	Amazon
	W 11th-Two Way
	W 11th-Two Way

**Options**

 (under development)



## Proposed Purpose and Need Statement

The **Purpose** of the proposed West Eugene EmX Extension Project is to improve transit travel time, reliability, ridership, efficiency, and effectiveness in the West 11<sup>th</sup> Corridor (east/west); to support local and regional plans and goals for land use and transportation; to support economic development opportunities in the corridor, while being sensitive to and protecting environmental resources; and obtaining local public support.

The **Need** for the project results from:

- ~ Historic and projected increases in traffic congestion in the West 11<sup>th</sup> Corridor due to increases in regional and corridor population and employment;
- ~ Lengthy transit travel times and deteriorating transit reliability in the West 11<sup>th</sup> Corridor due to growing traffic congestion;
- ~ Increasingly scarce transit operating revenues;
- ~ Adoption and amendment of the Regional Transportation Plan that reflect bus rapid transit (BRT) as the region's preferred high capacity transit mode;
- ~ Recent removal of the West Eugene Parkway as a regional transportation system improvement;
- ~ Growing reliance on transit by the region to meet mobility needs in the West 11<sup>th</sup> Corridor;
- ~ Prioritization of the West 11<sup>th</sup> travel shed by the City of Eugene and LTD as the region's third BRT corridor;
- ~ Local and regional land use and development goals and objectives that target the West 11<sup>th</sup> Corridor for residential, commercial, retail, and industrial development to help accommodate forecasted regional population and employment growth; and
- ~ Identification and protection of important resources in the natural and built environment in the West 11<sup>th</sup> Corridor, including but not limited to wetlands, and rare plants and animals and their habitat that could limit options for improvements to the transportation system.

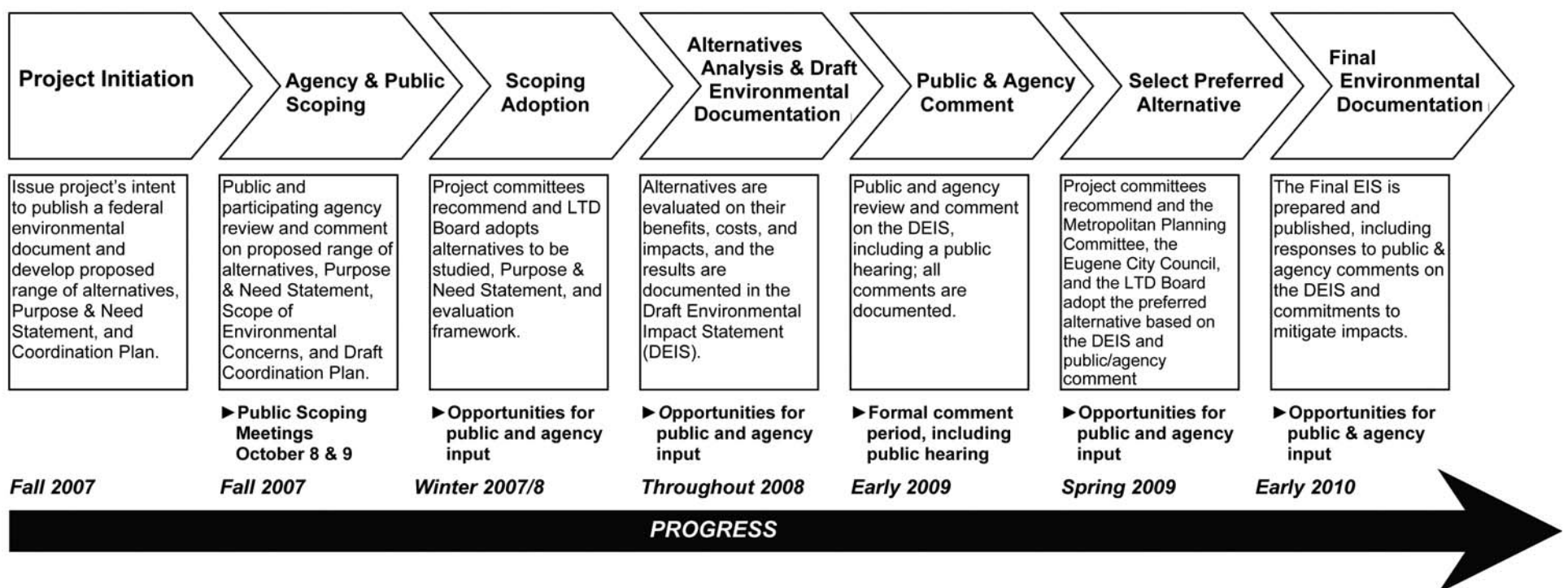
## Proposed Goal and Objectives

The **Goal** of the West Eugene EmX Extension Project is to improve transit travel time, reliability, ridership, efficiency, and effectiveness in the West 11<sup>th</sup> Corridor (east/west); to support local and regional plans and goals for land use and transportation; and to support economic development opportunities in the corridor, while being sensitive to and protecting environmental resources and obtaining local public support.

The **Objectives** of the West Eugene EmX Extension Project in the West 11<sup>th</sup> Corridor are to:

- ~ Provide convenient, fast, and reliable transit service in the Corridor;
- ~ Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of transit service in the Corridor;
- ~ Support the desired land use patterns and development in the Corridor;
- ~ Help accommodate future growth in travel demand in the Corridor;
- ~ Seek opportunities to enhance the safety and operations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists traveling in the Corridor;
- ~ Provide for a fiscally stable and efficient transit system; and
- ~ Provide an environmentally sensitive design for the project.

### Preliminary Process and Timeline



**Your involvement is important! LTD has been working to create a variety of ways for you to connect. Check out these opportunities to get information and provide feedback:**

- Visit LTD's website at [www.ltd.org](http://www.ltd.org). Follow the links to the West Eugene EmX Extension Study Corridor.
- Send an e-mail to [we.emx@ltd.org](mailto:we.emx@ltd.org).
- Attend Steering and Corridor Committee meetings. Visit LTD's website for meeting schedules.
- Attend the open houses.
- Attend a presentation at neighborhood, civic, and professional organizations.
- Read the project newsletters.
- Receive E-Newsletters. Send us an e-mail request and receive project updates electronically!



PO Box 7070, Eugene, OR 97401

**Comment Sheet**  
Public Scoping Meeting  
October 8 & 9, 2007

**Your opinions are important to this project.**

In providing your comments, please consider answering the following six questions, and please print your responses. If you need additional room to write, please use additional comment sheets.

**Optional** (unless you wish to be added to the project mailing list):

Please put me on the project mailing list

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Would you modify the project's proposed Purpose and Need Statement? If so, please explain suggested changes.

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2) Would you modify the project's proposed Goals and Objectives? If so, please list and explain.

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3) Identify any issues and concerns within the project study area that you want this EIS to evaluate.

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4) Do you have comments concerning the proposed study area boundaries, the concept alternatives, or the environmental review process? If so, please explain.

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5) We are interested in hearing your comments about potential impacts related to the project. Please let us know if you have specific concerns about potential impacts to any of the following and explain your concerns.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Air Quality                | • Parks and Open Space          | • Cultural or Historic Resources      |
| • Transportation and Traffic | • Businesses and Employment     | • Land Uses                           |
| • Bicyclists and Pedestrians | • Public Services and Utilities | • Any other Area of Potential Impacts |
| • Water Quality, Flooding    | • Natural Resources             | • Hazardous Materials                 |
| • Neighborhoods and Houses   |                                 |                                       |
| • Noise                      |                                 |                                       |

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6) If you have any suggestions for how we can improve our public outreach process, please explain.

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Other Comments:

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Please drop this sheet in the comment box here at the meeting, mail your comments to the address below, or submit comments electronically using the project website, or via fax:  
we.emx@ltd.org

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**Please provide your input by November 6, 2007**