

*Lane County Republican Party*  
*Resolution*

**Resolution Opposing West Eugene EmX Extension**

**Whereas:** Our Money Our Transit, a Eugene transit watchdog group, has filed in U.S. Federal Court an appeal of the Federal Transit Administration approval of the Finding of no Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed West Eugene EmX project; and

**Whereas:** The appeal requests that the Court overturn the FONSI and halt work on the project pending the results of a full Environmental Impact Study; and

**Whereas:** There currently exists satisfactory bus service serving West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and

**Whereas:** Because adequate service exists there is no need to spend an additional \$95.57 million in capital costs to replace it; and

**Whereas:** The source of funds to pay for LTD's projected \$1.18 million per year in operating costs due to West Eugene EmX is uncertain; and

**Whereas:** LTD has not revealed the assumptions underlying their predictions of future West Eugene EmX usage; and

**Whereas:** LTD's 1997 parking usage predictions for a proposed Park & Ride were inaccurate by a factor between 86% and 93%; and

**Whereas:** West Eugene EmX expansion will likely cause property values to decrease, thus eroding Lane County's tax base; and

**Whereas:** Telephone lines and utilities will remain above ground; and

**Whereas:** Most streets will be significantly expanded, thus negatively affecting businesses and residences fronting them; and

**Whereas:** Left hand turns into and out of businesses will be more difficult, thus discouraging consumers from using them; and

**Whereas:** At least 20 businesses will have to move back from their present locations;

**Therefore, *Resolved That*:**

- I.** The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee opposes the West Eugene EmX Extension;
- II.** The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee directs Chairman Barnett to send this Resolution to each Lane County Commissioner;
- III.** The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee directs Chairman Barnett to send this Resolution to Congressman Peter DeFazio.
- IV.** The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee urges Republicans to indicate their opposition to EmX Extension by sending letters to Senators Merkley and Wyden, Eugene City Councilors and local newspapers.

Adopted this day, June 27, 2013 by the Lane County Republican Party Central Committee in session.