



CITY OF EAGLE POINT

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JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF EAGLE POINT
CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

WORKSHOP

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.
2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ROGUE VALLEY TRANSIT DISTRICT (RVTD)
/EAGLE POINT TRANSIT STUDY
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**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
EAGLE POINT, OREGON**

AGENDA STATEMENT

Item Number: 2

Meeting Date: September 25, 2012

ITEM TITLE: Discussion regarding the Rogue Valley Transit District (RVTD) /Eagle Point Transit Study.

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Upston, Principal Planner (541) 826-4212, ext 111

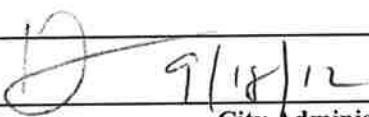
SUMMARY EXPLANATION: This workshop is about the transit study currently being undertaken by the Rogue Valley Transit District (RVTD) and the City, to help determine whether bus service should be provided in Eagle Point. The study began in August and is expected to be completed by early 2013. The workshop will be an opportunity for Councilors and Commissioners to get together with staff from the City and RVTD, along with the consultant to discuss transit priorities and options for this community.

Staff will provide introductory remarks and the consultant (Paul Lutey, Nelson\Nygaard Associates) will present a project overview. Then Councilors and Commissioners will be taken through an Interactive Needs Assessment, and we'll wrap up the workshop with a look ahead to next steps.

No action is sought. The purpose of the workshop is for the Council and Commission to receive and consider the information presented. No decision is requested and no public input will be received, however, the workshop is open to the public.

The workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. The regularly scheduled City Council meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about the transit study, please contact me.

Resolution: _____	Ordinance: _____	Contract: _____	Other:(specify) _____
Funding Source: _____			
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: _____			
 City Administrator			

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No staff recommendation is provided at this time. This workshop is solely for the purpose of providing information and generating discussion.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: No commission recommendation is provided at this time. It is anticipated that at the end of this study, the Stakeholder Group will be prepared to select and identify a transit service option. That option, along with the other options identified in the study, would then be presented to the Planning Commission. Next, the Planning Commission would be asked to forward a recommendation to the City Council to adopt a resolution which: 1) acknowledges the study; and 2) directs staff to pursue the transit service option selected by the City Council.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Direct staff to continue working with RVTD on the transit study; or,
2. Provide alternate direction to staff.



Eagle Point Intercity Public Transportation Plan

PROJECT BACKGROUND

On behalf of the City of Eagle Point, the Rogue Valley Transit District (RVTD) has contracted with Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates to develop the Eagle Point Intercity Public Transportation Plan. The purpose of this project is to examine the feasibility of expanding public transportation services in and around Eagle Point, and to develop and evaluate a range of potential new service alternatives.

Specifically, the goals of this project include:

- Document transportation needs for residents of Eagle Point, including key destinations both within the City and to surrounding communities;
- Identify and assess a range of alternatives to potentially implement public transportation to or within Eagle Point;
- Actively engage members of the public in evaluating the perceived strengths and weaknesses for each service alternative, and in recommending a preferred service strategy;
- Develop cost estimates and a corresponding financial plan needed to support the alternative over both short and long-term horizons;
- Develop a conceptual operating plan, including identification of bus stop locations, fare structure options, and service routes;
- Evaluate and recommend an appropriate oversight and governance model for administering and providing public transportation that is both RVTD and non-RVTD provided

PROJECT TIMELINES

The project was officially launched in July 2012, and is expected to be completed early in 2013. It will be completed in three phases, as follows:

- Phase I will consist of assessing current transportation services, reviewing relevant documents and reports, and completing a community profile of Eagle Point.
- Phase II will result in the development of a needs assessment, conducting stakeholder interviews, meeting with the stakeholder working group, and convening a public workshop.
- Phase III will result in the development and analysis of service strategies. A second public workshop will help refine the service strategies and recommend a preferred alternative.

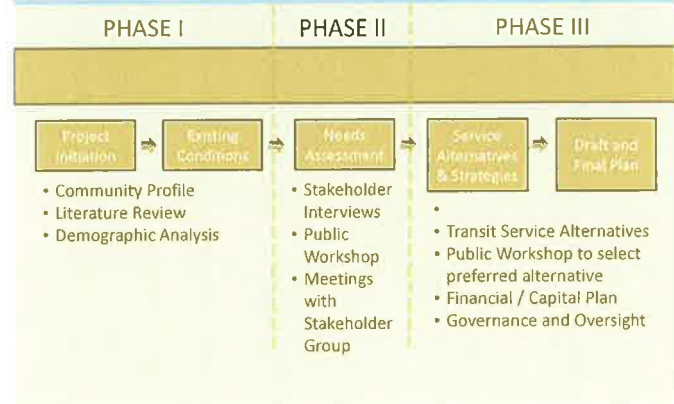
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A corresponding operations and financial plan will be developed, as well as recommendations for governance and oversight. It will conclude with completion of a draft and final report document.

Project Timeline



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Information about the project--including interim reports, notices of public meetings, and other opportunities for comment--will be posted on the City of Eagle Point's website: <http://www.cityofeaglepoint.org/>

A Stakeholder Group has been established, which will meet on a regular basis throughout the project. These local stakeholders include representatives from the local business community, local government agencies, the Oregon Department of Transportation, human service agencies, school districts and others with an interest in improving transportation within the community. **This group will be involved in all aspects of the project, and will provide the consultant team with comments and feedback for each major milestone of the plan.**

In addition, two interactive public workshops will be held to solicit comments and opinions from the Stakeholder Group and other interested members of the public. The first workshop will explore transportation needs, and the second will focus on examining preliminary alternatives with the goal of identifying the preferred service strategy.

