

Main-McVay Transit Study
Verbatim Public Comment Addendum to Final Summary Report
(Comments received after publication of the Final Summary Report to 5/11/15)

Outreach Comments Received:

I believe that public transportation should be encouraged and studied to help keep the community a safer place.

I ride the 79X to campus every day! Having public transportation is extremely important to me. I plan to move to Springfield in August so knowing that the bus will be a resource for me will be helpful.

I think option 2 (Enhanced Bus) is the best regarding Main Street.

Convenient and accessible public transportation is important to increasing ease and livability in communities and reducing our dependence on cars. Also a great equalizer for those who can't afford to keep a car.

I am a homeowner in Thurston. I am pro EmX on Main! I am pro-improved bus route to LCC where I teach but not an EmX itself yet.

The LTD Route 11 is one of the busiest in town. (Any route that has pickups any 10 minutes or so is busy.) Main Street, out of all the metro-area, is the best for EmX.

Public transportation studies should be considered when planning up to two decades in the future. You have to plan for growth.

Research towards developing the City's bus transit system should continue as long as the federal grants provided allow. There is no reason to squander such a grant, as it can only be beneficial to the City.

Yes to EmX on Main Street.

No EmX.

No EmX.

I would be very happy to see more stops on the bus especially around less populated areas so people wouldn't have to walk as long. Also, another idea is to have the Cottage Grove bus come sometimes between 10 and 2:30 p.m. for people need to go home.

I take the bus most days down Main Street. I don't think that it needs an EmX but increased bus frequency would be nice.

I think that bus service is very important in this area. There are a lot of kids with not a lot of money who can't take a car ride home and most people live too far away to walk /bike home. Buses are so important in education.

I ride the bus on Main Street every day. It would definitely nice to wait in a better space and some buses are squeaky and better buses would be nice.

It doesn't effect me but I think it would be helpful for other people.

The transportation is awesome. EmX is my transport every day. The drivers are kind and gentle.

I support Option #3 – Bus Rapid Transit.

I like EmX.

The City of Springfield and LTD should continue to study the Main-McVay Corridor.

Keep on studying

As a mother who relies on public transit, I would love for the EmX to be expanded in greater detail. I hope that you take advantage of the money and study this in greater detail.

Public transportation is so important in this area that I think that additional studying are essential to ensuring it's efficiency.

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I'm a student and have worked with people near Daisy Street. I think some serious thought should be given towards improving transportation for the people. Do the study!

* It is my opinion that the bus can improve a little bit in that space for riders and the hours that that bus comes.

* It is necessary to improve the existing services now. Thank you.

* It is necessary that you continue to open new routes because our community is growing daily. This should be taken into account because there is a lot of need.

* To Whom It May Concern: Please continue to move forward in studying the issues. Please improve the hours and more service on Sunday. Thank you.

* It would be great if you can have more routes where stops are far away. Thank you.

* I would like the study to move forward for those of us who do not own cars. Thank you.

* I believe it is necessary to continue to the study.

* I think that Springfield will benefit from enhancing the public transportation. It will benefit the community and the growth of the city.

* Yes please study the issues more so that we can have improved transportation and so that we can have less environmental contamination. It is better for all of us.

* I would like it if you can have more routes and lower prices to ride.

* I would like friendlier bus drivers because some drivers are very rude. There are some riders who do not have the full bus fare.

* Translated Spanish from the Springfield Public Library's event,
Dia de los Ninos & Libros

Online comments received (3/7/15-5/11/15)

From: Larry Gieseke

Subject:

Message Body:

Why are we spending all this money when we still do not have working street lights in my neighborhood?? I have lived here since August 2013 and have contacted the appropriate department on three different occasions and all I get is the run around. "We are awaiting funding" "your on our list to do" "It should be done within 4-6 months" and the last comment was " we have no idea when we will get to it, it couldbe 5-6 YEARS".

From: J. H.

Subject: Main-McVay Transit

Message Body:

No more EMX lines...get your hand out of the taxpayers pocket.

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The whole Emx idea is a joke, it's not about transportation nor is it rapid.

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Subject: Main-McVay EMX
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No more EMX line unless its put to vote by our community.

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(Comments received May 11 – May 18, 2015)

Online comments received:

From: Pat Riggs-Henson
Subject: Main Street / McVay Transit
Message Body:

Please keep moving forward on your plan to improve safety and transportation options for Main street-McVay. Safety improvements I know are on the top of your list of considerations and an effective/efficient bus transit system can help reduce the current flow of traffic. I support improving the current transit system servicing Main street and McVay Hwy. Finding a way to compensate the current business during any construction will help them during the times when their business's can experience sometimes startling income losses. Most important is continuing a comprehensive conversation with business owners if construction is scheduled in their area. Thank you

From: Garry Swanson
Subject: Main-McVay Transit Study
Message Body:

I was on the committee that put forth the recommendation to further study the Main-McVay Transit options. I very much encourage the city of Springfield to continue to search the possibilities for transit in this area. I am unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitment. We spent many hours listening to and looking at possibilities for this area and I believe it deserves a closer look! Proceed with confidence that a very hard working committee analyzed many aspects of this proposal.

It is very much worth taking a closer look! I welcome any questions or concerns about my comments! It was a pleasure to spend my volunteer time working on this committee!

From: Neal McGough
Subject: Continue Main St Study
Message Body:

While running the grocery store at the corner of 54th and Main, formerly Safeway, currently Hagen Food and Rx, I have consistently run into issues where my employees' availability is limited solely based on the bus routes and schedule. I employ around 90 people, and a significant portion of those employees rely exclusively on public transportation to get to work. On numerous occasions I have had to ask employees to go out of their way to find alternative transportation because of store needs, and at one point I had an employee relocate just so he would be closer to store so that he could find more hours. I am limited in how I write my schedule and how in many cases, employee hours are limited simply because the bus schedule does not accommodate the store schedule. For that reason, I would like for this study to continue and for the counsel to seek additional funding if necessary to increase bus routes and extend schedules.

Additionally, the team at that location is deeply committed to the community that shops there. In the wake of the tragedy this past February, the city has my full encouragement to continue what ever study is required and seek whatever funding is available to keep Main St safe for the families that live, work, and shop in our community.

From: Tom Mulhern
Subject: Transit improvement in Springfield
Message Body:

As Director at Catholic Community Services, I strongly support moving forward with the study of transit

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improvement along Main Street and McVay Highway. Improved transit helps everyone, and it is particularly critical for the low-income Springfield residents we serve at CCS.

From: Joseph Tokatly
Subject: Main Street LTD Project
Message Body:

I am a business owner and a property owner of many parcels on Main street. I had spoken to a number of business owners located on Main Street and none of us had received a visit from the team that went door to door and claimed to have visited 400 businesses back in Jan and Feb of this year. I would like to express my views regarding the recommendations made to the City Council regarding this project. I would appreciate a response via e-mail. I would like to also give testimony this coming Monday at the City Council meeting.

From: Dean Huber
Subject: Our Main Street Study
Message Body:

I am out of town or I would present my comments in person on Monday, May 18. I would like to voice my support for the recommendations reached in the Main-McVay Transit Study. I fully support enhancing bus service to the extent possible, especially the addition of an Emx line to Thurston. I believe that efficient public transit has a direct positive economic affect on our community. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

From: Julie Daniel
Subject: Improved bus/transit service
Message Body:

I support Bus Rapid Transit on Main Street and improved service on the McVay to LCC corridor. I also support reducing the speed limit on Main St, and a strong focus on safety of children, elders and disabled pedestrians and cyclists. Vehicles should not be given more priority when making decisions than other forms of transportation. I urge support of the work the committee has done.

From: Ronna Frank
Subject: Transit Study
Message Body:

I was an SAC member and fully support the transit improvements we recommended to the City Council. EmX is a much needed improvement for the Springfield area for the next 20 years that will enhance safety and travel. I highly recommend that the Council move forward on this study.

Outreach Comments Received:

As a resident of the Thurston area, extending the EmX to the region would be a tremendous help to many please investigate further.

Study extending times. Maybe not EmX.

I do want study of better service on Main St. to Thurston. It takes to long now.

Have short buses from 3-3:30 p.m. Sardine cans due high traffic from LCC. Run articulated buses 2-4 p.m. Not EmX because stops are too far apart. Need earlier start. 1 hour earlier would work. Currently riding 9 miles on bike due to not early enough.

I think you should study it. EmX would be good for me. I live in Thurston.

Letters Received: *Please see attached*



Since 1935
May 13, 2015

Mayor Christine Lundberg and Springfield City Councilors
c/o Tom Boyatt, Community Development Manager
City of Springfield Development and Public Works Department
225 Fifth Street
Springfield, OR 97477

Mayor Lundberg and members of the Council:

Subject: Main-McVay Transit Improvement Study

We have had a chance to review the recommendations regarding potential transit improvements in the Main Street and McVay Highway corridors through Springfield, and we encourage you to proceed to the next step of evaluating the options to determine a Locally Preferred Alternative.

As the owner of property along both sides of McVay Highway, we are supportive of public investment to improve infrastructure in the Glenwood area. As you know, this southern "gateway" entry to both Springfield and Eugene has long been recognized for its redevelopment potential. With the installation of a sanitary sewer trunk line now under construction in the McVay right-of-way, transit improvements would benefit other community and private efforts designed to realize established goals.

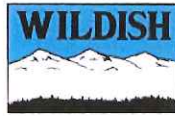
We understand that ridership levels may not be as high as necessary to warrant the extension of a bus rapid transit, i.e., EmX, segment at this time, but we would encourage you to consider the following:

- The recently adopted (and nationally recognized) Glenwood Refinement Plan anticipates improved transit facilities on McVay Highway.
- Improvements for transit could serve as a catalyst for much needed safety related improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles in the McVay corridor.
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- Given the relatively underdeveloped character of Glenwood, much of the disruption and controversy experienced by construction of the system along more developed segments could be avoided.

For these reasons, we would support your decision to study further the merits of improved transit facilities in the Main-McVay corridors.

Very truly yours,
Wildish Land Co.

James A. Wildish
President



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President Gary Wildish and Board of Directors
c/o John Evans, Senior Project Manager
Lane Transit District
PO Box 7070
Springfield, OR 97475-0470

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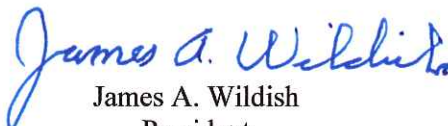
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