

Bike committee examines overpass

No location yet set for proposed bridge

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Eugene bicyclists may be able to maneuver through traffic easier if proposals by Eugene's Bicycle Committee become part of the city's bicycle path master plan.

Among the seven new additions to the plan made by the committee in their regular meeting last week is a proposal to construct a bicycle overpass on Franklin Boulevard.

Diane Bishop, a member of the bicycle committee, explains the proposed overpass would make crossing the busy street much easier for University students who commute to school by bicycle.

The location of the proposed overpass hasn't been set, Bishop says, because its final plans and construction will depend almost entirely on the University Physical Plant and the state government.

Franklin Boulevard is a state-maintained street, she says and any construction along its thoroughfare will require state participation.

"I really don't think the city will have a whole lot to do with the planning or construction of the overpass. Much of that will be left up to the University people and the state," Bishop explains.

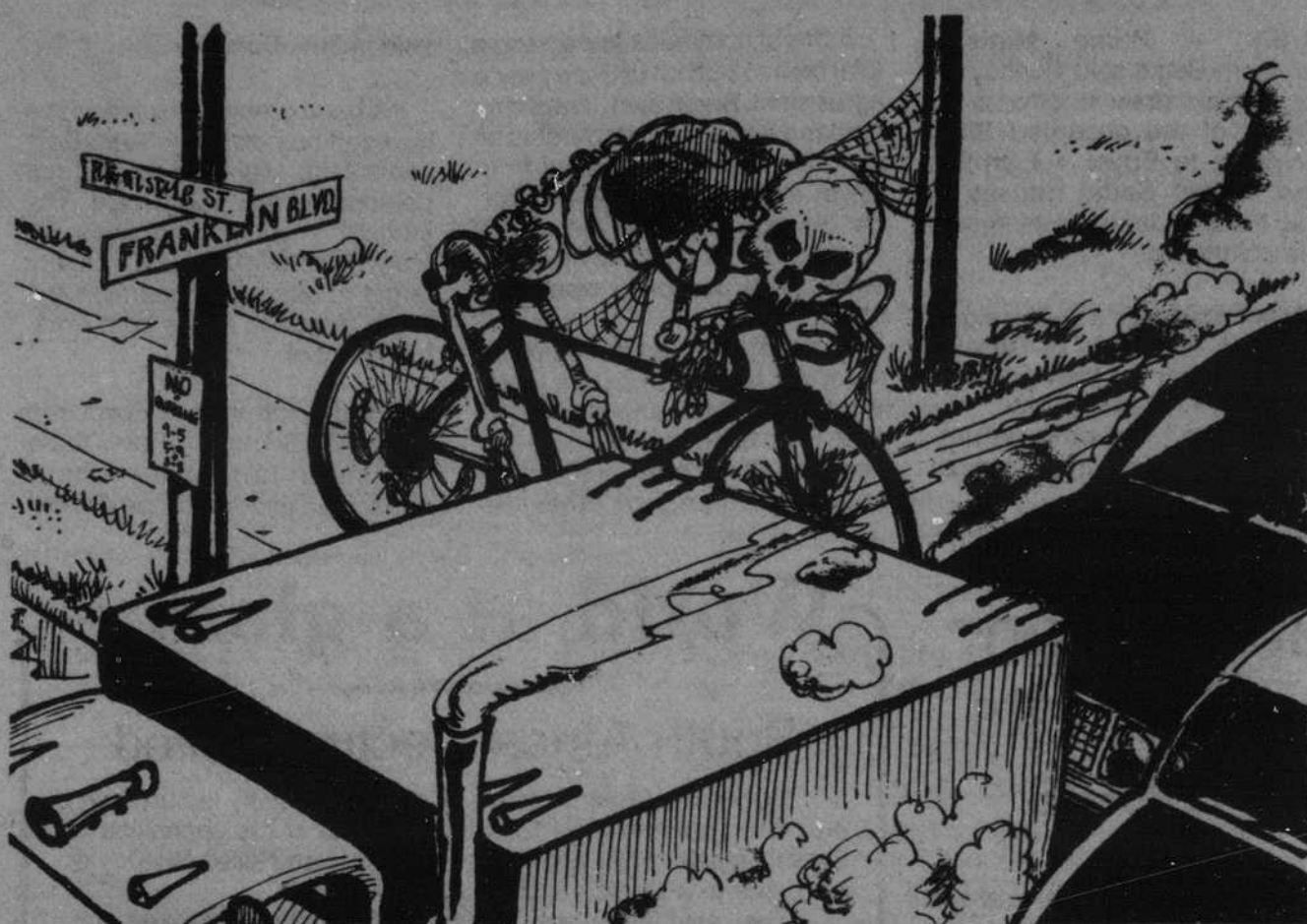
Possible locations for the proposed overpass include Onyx Street and Franklin Boulevard, where a traffic light crossing now exists, Bishop says.

Other proposals to the bicycle master plan made last week include an extension of the planned Amazon bike path south to the Spencer Butte bridge trail, revision of the planned Jefferson Street bike path north of First Avenue and improvements to the proposed bike path along Belt Line Road from Coburg Road to Delta Highway.

A study that may include bike lanes along part or all of 13th Avenue was tabled by the committee because of its conflict with the T-2000 metropolitan transportation plan for that area, Bishop says.

The proposals are part of an annual update of the master plan, Bishop says and will be taken to the Eugene Planning Commission and then to the city council for approval sometime next month.

"Right now we haven't put any priority on any of the projects, so they'll probably stay the same as any other amendments and will be completed with the rest of the plan," she says.



Drawing by Jim Payne

Oregon recoups nearly \$1 billion in federal tax sharing increase

States took in more than \$100 billion in taxes for the first time in the year ending last September, increasing their collections by 13.2 percent, the Commerce Department said Sunday.

Of that total, Oregon collected \$973.1 million to add to its coffers.

The 50 states combined collected \$101 billion in fiscal 1977, an increase over the \$89.3 billion the year before.

Sales and gross receipts taxes were the major tax revenue sources, amounting to \$52.4 billion or 51.8 percent of all state tax revenue.

State individual income taxes, the second largest source, totaled \$25.5 billion, up almost 19 percent over 1976. Corporate net income taxes rose to \$9.2 billion in 1977, up 26 per cent from the previous year.

State motor fuel tax revenues were \$9.1 billion, an increase of almost 5 percent.

Leading tax collectors among the states were California, \$12.6 billion; New York, \$10.7 billion; Pennsylvania, \$5.6 billion; Illinois, \$5.3 billion; Michigan, \$4.8 billion; Texas, \$4.7 billion; Ohio, \$3.6 billion, and Florida, \$3.3 billion.

The only state that reduced its taxes was Maine, but that was attributed to a legal change which converted the state uniform school tax to a tax form classified as local government revenue.

Following are the states and how their tax collections compare:

Alabama \$1.40 billion, Alaska 773 million, Arizona \$1.16 billion,

Arkansas \$803 million, California \$12.59 billion, Colorado \$1.08 billion, Connecticut \$1.46 billion, Delaware \$390 million, Florida \$3.27 billion, Georgia \$1.91 billion.

Hawaii \$685 million, Idaho \$368 million, Illinois \$5.3 billion, Indiana \$2.16 billion, Iowa \$1.29 billion, Kansas \$969 million, Kentucky \$1.56 billion, Louisiana \$1.71 billion, Maine \$468.4 million, Maryland \$1.3 billion.

Massachusetts \$2.93 billion, Michigan \$4.79 billion, Minnesota \$2.49 billion, Mississippi \$969 million, Missouri \$1.59 billion, Montana \$312 million, Nebraska \$610 million, Nevada \$329 million, New Hampshire \$200 million, New Jersey \$3.10 billion.

New Mexico \$598 million, New York \$10.74 billion, North Carolina \$2.38 billion, North Dakota \$296 million, Ohio \$3.57 billion, Oklahoma \$1.13 billion, Pennsylvania \$5.59 billion, Rhode Island \$428 million, South Carolina \$1.18 billion.

South Dakota \$200 million, Tennessee \$1.52 billion, Texas \$4.75 billion, Utah \$531 million, Vermont \$229 million, Virginia \$2.05 billion, Washington \$2.1 billion, West Virginia \$904 million, Wisconsin \$2.7 billion, Wyoming \$233 million, District of Columbia \$738 million.

Only six states did not have state income taxes: Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.



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