

In city council action

# Bikes, cars receive boost

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Bicycles and small cars — two important elements in Eugene's program to cut energy consumption — got a boost Tuesday from the city council.

The council approved the annual revision of the Eugene Bikeways Master Plan calling for more city bike lanes and amended the city's zoning code to provide more parking spaces downtown for compact cars.

The council approves each year an update of the master plan to evaluate any changes in needs or conditions that were not known when the plan was originally passed.

The plan lists the proposed bikeways projects to meet the city's goal of providing 150 miles of bike lanes and signed bike routes on city streets.

Some of the changes called for in this year's update include:

- A general policy statement which requires bicycle facilities be provided where applicable on all new or reconstructed streets.

- A connecting bike path for commuter cyclists near an extension of Hansen Lane in the River Road area. The connecting path would provide bike access to the West Bank Trail and

would run along parks-owned property.

- A bike path along the railroad tracks between the Willie Knickerbocker Bridge over the Willamette River to Glenwood. The path will go south from the bridge and skirt near the solid waste treatment plant on the south side of Glenwood. The path also will be lit.

- A signed route along Olive Street from 15th Avenue to 10th Avenue for cyclists riding downtown. Olive Street already is heavily used by bicyclists but it is not now a signed street route.

The plan update also calls for 10 other bike paths or signed street routes to be added to the city's bikeway system.

The code revision approved by the council allows parking lot owners to designate up to 30 percent of the spaces in their lots for compact cars and establishes smaller size requirements for small-car spaces.

City officials say the code change will increase the number of parking spaces possible in a given parking lot and should reduce the amount of land needed for parking.

The new size standards will be reviewed in two years when the council can decide to increase the amount of compact-car spaces allowed.

# Guatemalan tragedy described

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While the American press focuses on El Salvador, a tragedy unfolding in neighboring Guatemala is being largely ignored, a Guatemalan trade union lawyer said Tuesday.

"There has been a tremendous news blackout on the situation in Guatemala," said Francisco Larue.

Larue, who left Guatemala in February after discovering his name was on two "death lists" there, is on a speaking tour in the United States to publicize Guatemala's plight. Larue spoke in the Koinonia Center and on campus.

Larue is asking Americans to resist any efforts by the Reagan administration to send arms or economic aid to Guatemala's government. Arms shipments to Guatemala were halted by the Carter administration.

Larue traced the beginnings of Guatemala's "black history" back to 1954 when an army coup overthrew a 10-year-old democratic government. Since then a succession of military governments have become more repressive, he said.

Amnesty International estimates that 55,000 people have been killed or kidnapped

for political reasons since 1954, he added.

But Larue said the current regime of Romeo Lucas Garcia is far more repressive than past regimes.

"Basically, Lucas came to power to destroy the opposition."

In 1978 the Lucas government instituted a three-phase plan to eliminate the opposition, Larue said.

In the first phase the government assassinated national religious and labor union leaders. In the second phase army units moved into the countryside killing local farm co-op leaders and religious lay organizers.

In 1979 the government started the third phase of its program that Larue said was designed to "isolate the organized opposition from the civilians."

Larue cited an eyewitness account of a recent massacre in the village of Las Lomas as an example of the third phase.

Soldiers moved in after a revolutionary group had distributed leaflets in the village. But instead of pursuing the leafleters into the hills the soldiers rounded up the young men in the village and shot them in front of their families, Larue said. The soldiers then turned their machine guns on the

remaining villagers who began attacking the executioners, he said.

Larue said some of the villagers escaped into a ravine behind the village where they were killed by American-made helicopters fitted with machine guns.

More than 85 people died in that massacre, according to Larue.

Larue said the Guatemalan army, which is the largest in Central America, instills the ruthless qualities that permit such atrocities in the young men it enlists.

Young men are abducted forcibly from their villages and herded into the army where they are systematically brutalized and brainwashed, Larue said.

One part of their training involves the killing and eating of half-cooked dogs, he said. The men also are isolated from their native language and culture, Larue added.

"They march up and down like the fascists yelling and screaming: 'If my father goes communist, I kill my father. If my mother goes communist, I kill my mother,'" Larue said.

But the brutality and brainwashing aren't always successful and many soldiers desert, taking their weapons with them, he added.

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