

Improvement plan gains approval

Eight years of discussion have finally yielded a transportation plan for downtown Eugene.

The Lane Transit District, the Eugene Renewal Agency and the Downtown Development Board unanimously approved a proposal allocating an estimated \$350,000 for improvements to the south side of 10th Avenue between Charnelton and Oak streets.

The plan outlines the elimination of one east-bound lane of traffic to allow a 10-foot sidewalk expansion between Oak and Olive streets, the opening of a new LTD customer service center and provides for lighting, landscaping, street furniture and passenger shelters.

Disagreement and agency member turnover hampered the completion of the proposal, says Ed Bergeron, LTD

marketing administrator. Securing elusive funding sources also delayed the agreement, says Elaine Stewart, Eugene Renewal Agency supervisor.

The three agencies and the Eugene

Since August the renewal agency and LTD have worked to come to an agreement on a locally funded proposal, Stewart says. The groups could no longer look for a "utopian" solution, she

the approved proposal. When the present downtown facility was constructed, it was intended only as a temporary site and it is inadequate to handle the current passenger flow, Bergeron says.

A separate proposal for improving the north side of 10th Avenue was not approved. The proposal included eliminating two traffic lanes — one to expand the north sidewalk into and the other to establish a west-bound bus lane — opening an LTD customer service center and providing pedestrian conveniences, such as shelters.


The three committees will meet March 30 to discuss a potential customer service center location, the downtown transit facility design and arrangements for improvement funds.

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City Council agreed in 1980 to a "contra-flow" plan, a broad, federally funded, downtown development plan, Bergeron says. But the federal government disapproved of the plan, he says.

says. "The time had come to make a decision," Stewart says. "They'd had enough time to study the options."

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IFC gives itself a \$650 raise

Granting itself nearly \$500 more than the ASUO recommendation, the Incidental Fee Committee Monday approved its own budget while it also approved funding for two other University groups.

The committee approved about \$10,400 for itself in a 6-1 vote, about \$650 more than this year's allocation. So far the IFC has approved totals more than \$3,600 above ASUO recommendations, leaving about \$1,400 in a \$5,000 reserve discovered about two weeks ago.

The addition of a telephone, which the IFC was not funded for this year, is partly responsible for the increase over the 1981-82 budget level, said IFC chairer Karsten Rasmussen. Most of the increase over the ASUO recommendation level was allotted for summer membership meetings, which committee members are required to attend. The meetings

have not been funded in the past, Rasmussen said.

Despite an initial recommendation by Rasmussen to cut the Student Bar Association slightly below the ASUO recommendation, the IFC approved about \$250 above the ASUO recommendation. The SBA received \$12,500, about \$2,500 less than this year's allocation and about \$1,350 less than the association's request.

The committee unanimously approved cuts for items that conflicted with IFC policy, such as a career planning workshop and subsidies for food and lodging expenses. But disagreement centered around allocations for SBA subgroup reference materials.

The Psychology Club received an increase of about \$160 for a 1982-83 budget of about \$360. The club had requested \$2,415.

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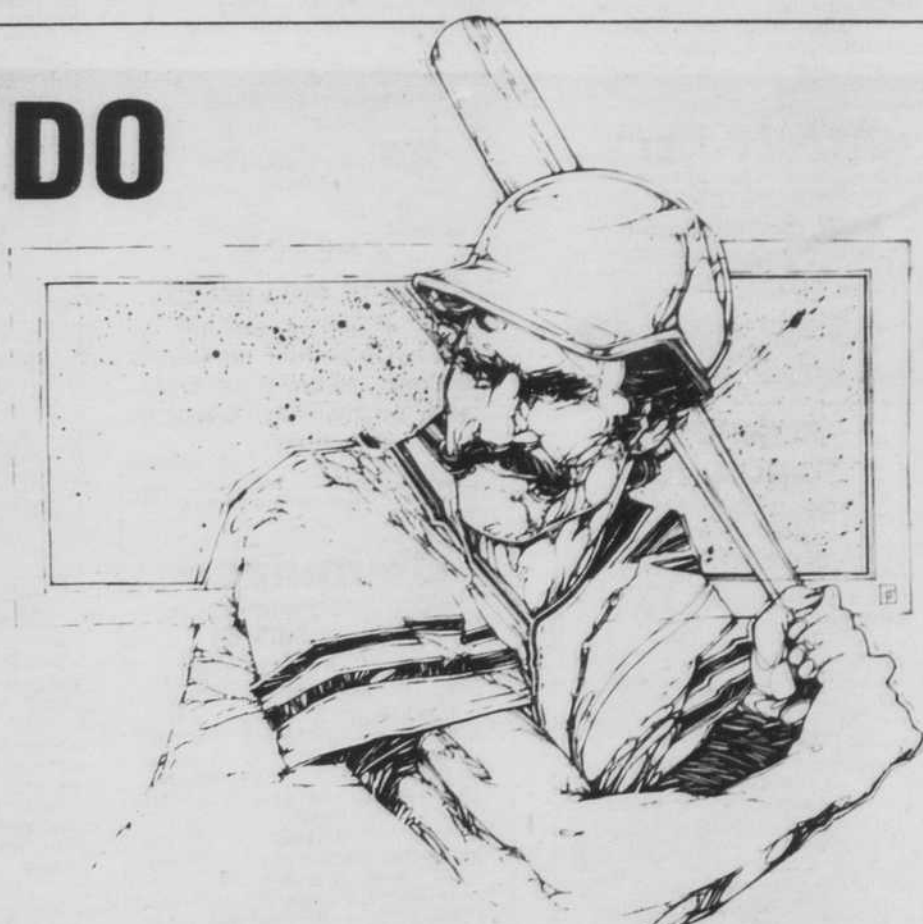


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Sport Photography Contest - Entry deadline is March 5. Photographs will be judged in two divisions: Sports Action and Sports Portrait. Details available at the RIM office. Winning and honorable mention photos will be on display March 29 through April 9 at the Jon Bruinier

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