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City Council approves 'wishlist' for legislative support next year

By Jolayne Houtz
Of the Emerald

Eugene City Council members Wednesday approved a "wishlist" of priorities for the coming legislative year that will ask state legislators to renew their support for the University, the Riverfront Research Park, and the expansion of Mahlon Sweet Airport.

The five-item agenda also lists street financing and the establishment of a centralized state office building in Eugene as important priorities to the region.

Although most items on the list are not new, city officials said they hope other cities and organizations will echo the priorities.

With an \$18.2 million airport expansion in the works, city councilors hope to convince the state to help fill an estimated \$8 million gap in the project's funding. Other funds will come from airline fees, Federal Aviation Administration funds, and state and county money already committed to the expansion.

City officials also will lobby for improvements to state-owned areas surrounding the Riverfront Research Park, such as the Franklin Boulevard en-

trance to the site. Money also is needed for sewer service to the area and other site improvements.

The University also will receive support from the city in obtaining competitive faculty salaries and funding for the Centers of Excellence program.

A recent study identified \$5.8 billion needed for road improvements in Oregon's cities, and city councilors are supporting increases in the state gas tax and in motor vehicle registration fees to provide the funds.

Another long-time priority has been the construction of a regional state office building to bring the many offices under one roof, preferably by remodeling the existing state office building in downtown Eugene.

Lynda Lynch, the city's administrative analyst, said she believes many of the city's priorities are shared by state legislators going into office, headed by Gov.-elect Neil Goldschmidt.

Goldschmidt "has expressed an interest in regional agendas statewide," Lynch said.

Most of the council's goals probably will be shared by other bodies like Springfield, Lane

County, and the University, which will put the power of consensus behind the agenda, she said.

City Council members and city staff will travel to Salem during the year to back up the city's lobbyist and to testify at legislative hearings, Lynch said.

Councilors also considered establishing a whistle-free zone in downtown Eugene at its meeting.

About 120 residents of Ya-Po-Ah Terrace, 350 Pearl St., signed a petition complaining of the noise from train whistles at night as the trains pass through town.

John Humbert, Ya-Po-Ah Terrace administrator, said a train passes the complex about once an hour, waking residents with the whistle the engineer is required to blow when approaching a railroad crossing.

Dave Reinhard, transportation engineer with the city's public works department, said he would not recommend banning whistle-blowing because of safety.

Councilors agreed that city officials would discuss the matter with railroad officials and try to reach a compromise.

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Better economy seen in Oregon's future

By Mary Courtis

Of the Emerald

Consumer optimism, economic growth, and a significant increase in small businesses and services was the trend predicted for 1987 at a seminar presented at the Hilton Conference Center in Eugene on Wednesday night.

"Small businesses are the driving force behind economic expansion," said Joe Duncan, corporate economist and chief statistician for Dun and Bradstreet in New York. "Two-thirds of the new jobs in 1987 will be in small business," he said.

The new tax reform should have a positive effect on the national economy, stimulating retail trade, exports and the housing market, Duncan said.

"We should see the economy gradually strengthening as

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