

Planning commission recommends traffic flow changes

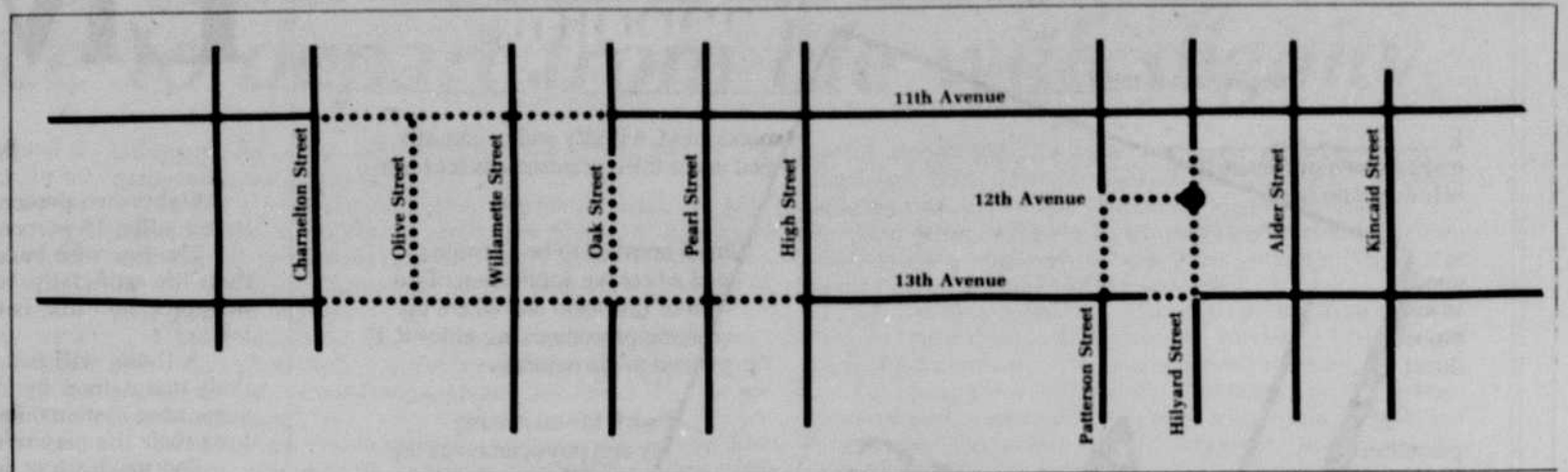
By Janet Paulson
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The Eugene Planning Commission completed preliminary recommendations for changes in traffic-flow patterns and parking supply in the commission's Monday meeting. The changes are being planned in an effort to bring Eugene up to federal air-quality standards.

Eugene is not an Environmental Protection Agency "attainment" area for carbon-monoxide levels, according to Kirk McKinley of the Eugene Planning Department.

The city's Public Works Department, with the assistance of the Planning Department, completed its Central Area Transportation Study in February. The study addressed possible changes in traffic patterns within Eugene, particularly in the areas of the University, Sacred Heart General Hospital and downtown.

In addition, McKinley said, the study will simplify the procedure for determining whether parking structures will be built. Prior to the CATS study, a



The dotted lines and heavy black dot above signify streets and an intersection where traffic-flow patterns are to be changed.

lengthy and expensive "impact analysis" was necessary when building parking structures. Now potential plans for parking structures must simply demonstrate conformance with the CATS plan.

The commission did not recommend a plan to reopen Willamette Street to two-way traffic between 13th and 20th avenues. Reopening Willamette may be reconsidered at some point in the future, McKinley

said.

Changes will be phased in over a two- to 20-year period based on a priority schedule.

Changes affecting the University area include:

- Patterson Street between 12th and 13th avenues: Add a northbound contraflow lane (one lane of traffic going one way against two or more lanes going the other direction) to Sacred Heart Hospital; remove on-street parking and widen the

street;

- Hilyard Street between 11th and 13th avenues: Add a northbound lane and remove parking on both sides of the street;
- 12th Avenue at Hilyard: Add a new traffic signal, add an eastbound left-turn lane and remove parking on both sides of the street;
- 13th Avenue at Hilyard: Add an eastbound through lane, and remove parking for one-half block north and south of the

intersection;

- 11th Avenue at Kincaid: new traffic signal;

- 13th Avenue between Charnelton and Willamette: Remove parking on both sides of the street and add an eastbound lane.

The commission's recommendations will be presented to the City Council on June 8 at a public hearing on the CATS study recommendations.

Corrections fund gets loan from county

By Alicia Gano
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Lane County Commissioners loaned \$807,000 to the Corrections Construction Fund on Tuesday with the passage of a county 1986-87 supplemental budget.

In November of 1986, Lane County voters approved a \$5.1 million bond measure for the construction of corrections facilities. The bonds to fund the project have yet to be sold, but construction planning is underway, according to County Administrator Jim Johnson.

With passage of the supplemental budget, the county is loaning itself money from the general fund and placing it in the Corrections Construction Fund to pay construction expenses incurred during fiscal year 1986-87.

Next year when bonds for the project are sold, the loan will be

repaid to the general fund with interest, Johnson said. By law, the county can loan money from one fund to another but must repay the loan within one year, he added.

New county corrections facilities will include an 88-bed jail addition to the current facility at 101 W. Fifth Ave., a 64-bed community corrections center adjacent to the jail on the east side, an 80-bed work-camp facility and an alcohol-and-drug-treatment center at 11th Avenue and Washington Street.

Other items covered in the supplemental budget included \$1.6 million to the county school fund, \$52,300 to two funds within the Animal Regulation Authority and \$605,000 to the county employee benefits fund.

State and national forest receipts accounted for \$1.6 million in additional revenue

received by the county during the past fiscal year and are distributed to school districts through the Lane Education Service District.

To transfer O&C timber revenues to county schools, appropriations must be increased to the schools first before the transfer can occur. Passage of the supplemental budget affects this transfer.

"The idea of the supplemental budget is to bring our expenditures and revenues into reality for 1986-87," said County Commissioner Jerry Rust. To balance the old budget before the new year begins, Rust said funds are transferred or appropriated after approval "to clean up at the end of the year."

The Lane County Board of Commissioners will vote June 23 to adopt or refuse the total county budget package for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

Dogs

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canines on the force, two officers and a dog can be used and perform the task in half the time, he says.

The dogs also will indicate in which direction the suspect has fled, eliminating other directions from the search, he adds.

Each of the Eugene and Springfield police dogs lives and patrols with an officer, who works as the dog's handler — providing instruction, correction and praise on a daily basis.

Most police dogs begin their education as puppies, receiving training in a German tracking sport called Schutzhund for which there are international standards. Carlson likens this to elementary and high school education for humans and says training for "police work is like going to college."

This training takes a long time, says Carlson, who calls it "easy compared with" maintenance of training, which may be more difficult.

Maintenance of the training must be "constant or a dog will get sloppy," he says.

Dogs also are chosen for sound, stable temperaments and must not bite out of fear, Cushman says. The dog must be self-confident and possess drives to fight, defend and catch prey, he says.

"If the dog doesn't have those drives," you can't train them in, he adds, so the lack of them disqualifies a dog.

"It's important if you have a tool to have it work," Cushman says, adding dogs aren't infallible any more than people.

Eugene retired one of the first dogs it purchased because it lacked some of these drives. Frost also retired his first working dog for the same reason.

The cities of Eugene and Springfield each purchased and pay to support the four-member canine corps. Initial costs to start each program were around \$15,000. Annual costs for the

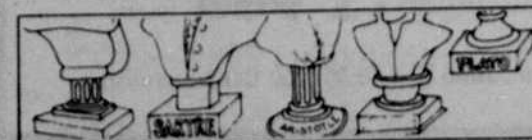
four-member teams amount to a few thousand dollars per year, excluding salaries.

Frost owns the dogs he's patrolled with and received a \$30 monthly subsidy from municipalities which benefitted from the dogs' services.

Some dogs will sit at attention, watching their handler's every move when outside the car. Others will bark an initial introduction (even to a car stopped for a traffic violation) and monitor the situation from a more relaxed position.

Although Lane County dogs conform to performance standards, they each have idiosyncrasies in much the same way humans do.

Harrison, who rides with a half-breed named Liberty, says his dog has to be watched when searching toy departments in stores. Liberty will sometimes snatch a toy and continue the search and toy in his mouth.



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