

and ODOT's land is transferred to the BLM's West Eugene Wetlands Project. Until then, reports of its demise are premature.

ODOT hopes to have its larger, more expensive highway design approved in a Final Environmental Impact Statement in 2004, but that requires figuring how to cover the cost overruns. ODOT officials are considering using bridge replacement funds appropriated to fix dangerous, cracked bridges on I-5 and I-84.

WETLANDS (West Eugene Transportation, Land and Neighborhood Design Solutions) has crafted a viable land use, transportation, energy and environment alternative to the WEP, and has a wealth of information available at www.efn.org/~wep. A federal lawsuit is being prepared, since the WEP is one of the most illegal highway projects ever proposed in the U.S.

We invite the community to join our next wetlands walk in Bertelsen Nature Park from 1-3 pm Sunday, Dec. 14, starting at 5th Avenue and Wallis Street. Come see the WEP route for yourself.

Majeska Seese-Green
Mark Robinowitz
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary O'Brien had asked for a last-minute change to her column that was not made. She intended to say that the WEP had been stopped "for now."

FILL IN THE CRACKS

Alan Pittman's perspective on "Green Eugene" (11/13 cover story) sheds light on the oxymoron aspect of "sustainable business/development." It seems to be mainly

about jobs.

GDP or GNP supposedly indicates the health of the economy. But rather than measuring "product," they measure money transfer, suggesting they measure the amount of work done. This is often counter to quality of life. The "economy" basically represents the rich.

Much that I read shows the conventional attitude that work/jobs/employment is a good thing. The physicist defines work as "the expenditure of energy." Unnecessary work also unnecessarily pollutes and expends other resources. Work that mainly supports the economy is "make-work welfare," a very inefficient form of welfare, that also supports corporate welfare. Today, the "need" for work usually leads to the "need" for big business.

What we all really need most is sustenance and a feeling of accomplishment and self-worth. Few jobs provide both well. Rather than make-work welfare, we need welfare systems that work for global and local communities, to fill in the many cracks left by private enterprise.

Dan Robinson
Eugene

RADIOKILL HUMOR

I am concerned about the future for our kids in Eugene. It has nothing to do with their formal education, or the physical environment. It's more peripheral. It's radio. More specifically it's morning rock and/or roll radio. And I am not even writing about the recent allegations of "racy" broadcasts. It's all in the wit.

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