

traffic include 8th Avenue from Jefferson to Oak streets, Lawrence Street from 6th to 13th avenues, Lincoln Street from 5th to 11th avenues, Charnelton Street from 6th to Broadway and 11th to 13th and 10th Avenue from Olive to High streets.

The CATS plan also includes a study of opening the last remaining pedestrian-only street in downtown — the block of Willamette between the Hult Center and Hilton Hotel — to Breeze bus traffic. Another proposed study would focus on a pedestrian way from Willamette to the top of Skinner Butte.

Language in the CATS study promotes alternative transportation but also describes the possible construction of another huge, 400- to 500-space parking garage downtown to serve development near the train station and new federal courthouse with convenient parking.

City staff have advocated building a new garage across from City Hall to serve a new \$34 million police station they hope to build. CATS estimates that structured parking will cost the city \$21,000 to \$31,000 to build. That puts the cost of the police garage at up to \$16 million.

With millions already spent on eight city garages downtown, the need for the pricey new garage is unclear. A study by a city consultant last year found that the downtown area had a demand of 12,450 spaces and supply of 15,394, for a parking space surplus of 2,944 spaces.

The CATS study notes, "The high cost of providing parking downtown puts pressure on the city and private developers to not 'over

supply' available parking. As demand and price for parking spaces increases, so might alternative modes of transportation use."

A public hearing on the Central Area Transportation Study is scheduled for Jan. 26 followed by a City Council vote on Feb. 9.

— Alan Pittman

**HOLIDAY WISH LISTS FOR LOCAL NON-PROFITS**

The season of giving and receiving in our consumer culture means many will be getting newer versions of stuff they already have. Instead of shoving the old computer, microwave or TV into the back of the closet or garage to gather dust, however, there's an alternative: making it a tax-deductible donation to the non-profit of your choice.

Many local, small groups that work for truth and justice, engage in humanitarian efforts, or support artistic expression can use what you can't, so connect with your favorite cause, charity or venue and see if you can help each other out.

Here are some examples to get your wheels turning:

- Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) is a national organization with a chapter in Eugene. Its mission is to empower women to act politically to reduce violence and militarism, and redirect excessive military resources toward unmet human and environmental needs. WAND's wish list includes an office computer that is at least 500 MHz and is Windows compatible. 344-6443. [www.wand.org](http://www.wand.org)

- Shelter Animal Resources Alliance (SARA) rescues, assists and advocates for

shelter animals. In the past three years, 569 dogs and 97 cats have been rescued from Lane County Animal Regulation and other local animal control shelters — where they would have been put to death — and placed in loving homes.

SARA needs clothing, books, jewelry, CDs, knick-knacks and other small household items for its fund-raising store, SARA's Treasures Gift and Thrift Shop, located at 871 River Rd. Donations of cat and dog food and pet supplies are always needed and appreciated, as are volunteers for the shop and foster programs. 607-8892.

- Lord Leebrick Theatre Company has for several years been voted "Best Live Theater" by *EW* readers. Despite its popularity, like most local arts organizations, it operates on a shoestring. LLTC's wishlist includes items for its office: a laser printer, microwave, space heater and water cooler.

These are just a few ideas. For a comprehensive list of local organizations and their phone numbers, see [www.heliosnetwork.org](http://www.heliosnetwork.org). Call them and ask what they need.

If you want the tax deduction, make sure the organization is a non-profit and can give you a receipt. If it's not, it still feels good to give.

May the returning light bring you peace.  
— Aria Seligmann

**CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS**

- Munir Katul tells us he provided a wrong contact number in his letter last week regarding the local Howard Dean campaign. The correct number is 242-0639.



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