

REQUEST TO STOP FRANKLIN BLVD TRANSFORMATION

FROM FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORS:

As members of the surrounding Eugene neighborhoods, we STRONGLY OBJECT to the city of Eugene moving forward with the proposed Franklin Boulevard Transformation project because:

- The proposed plan of multiple lane roundabouts closely intermixed with traffic and pedestrian stop lights between 1-5 and Agate Street is NOT an improved solution for this major boulevard with an ever growing volume of cars, delivery trucks, bicycles, and pedestrians NOR is such a design proven to be safer for bicycles and pedestrians, as is being claimed by the city.
- The closing of the Orchard Street left turn from westbound Franklin Boulevard will make it more difficult to access the local supermarket, drug store, and postal services and will flood more vehicle traffic through already congested residential neighborhood streets. This will be amplified by the upcoming developments, ongoing large U of O events, and limited parking on Romania and Garden Ave.
- Construction plus increased north and south sides of Franklin Blvd widening causing access and parking issues threatens to harm or close local businesses and services long serving the community. Neighbors would have to travel further distances for similar needs.
- Why does EMX dislike Roundabouts?
- An additional dedicated EMX lane to provide bidirectional EMX lanes is NOT warranted based on ridership levels. Providing point to point service to areas beyond the main EMX route or to the airport is of greater need to many, especially to low income, disabled, or elderly citizens.
- ALL MEDIAN TREES on Franklin Boulevard between Walnut and 11th avenue are proposed to be removed and more east of Walnut may also be removed, further reducing the city tree canopy.
- City plans were decided without adequate implementation of input from citizens or businesses and subsequent neighborhood concerns are being dismissed or disregarded.

FROM LAUREL VALLEY NEIGHBORS

There is much to be appreciated in the Franklin Transformation Draft Plan.

However, from the point of view of the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Association, eliminating the possibility of making a left turn at Orchard St. is a serious drawback. Orchard St. provides access to the only nearby grocery store, as well as pharmacy and post office, on which our neighborhood depends.

If the draft plan is adopted, drivers bound for one of those destinations have the following alternatives:

Turn left at Walnut St. and go around the Romania block through a narrow residential neighborhood; unsafe for pedestrians/bicyclists

Drive past Orchard and make a U-turn in the Villard intersection;

Avoid the U-turn by continuing to the traffic circle at Moss st. and returning 3 blocks to Orchard St.

None of these options seem to be in the best interests of safety, efficiency or smooth traffic flow. Our community numbers about 600 households. Add to that approximately 220 being built on a slope of Moon Mountain. That's a lot of people making U-turns across 2 bus lanes and crosswalks in a busy intersection on one of the highest volume thoroughfares in Eugene!

- CLOSE HIRONS/MOC ACCESS OFF FRANKLIN BLVD
- OPEN FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORHOOD WITH UNNECESSARY PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT
- RIVER ROAD EMX PROJECT SHELVED
- CITY COUNSELOR RECALLED
- PETITIONS TO THE CITY

RETURN TO DROPBOX AT HIRONS FRANKLIN BLVD

CUSTOMER INPUT TO JOHN HIRONS

Alan Zelenka, our counselor thinks I'm overly concerned
HOW MANY YEARS HAS ALAN ZELENKA BEEN IN BUSINESS?
I am concerned about the neighborhood. Is he?
I am concerned about the HIRONS MOC shopping center. I should be!
I am concerned about the carbon footprint if the shopping center goes DARK. When the city closes off the SHOPPING CENTERS east access from Franklin Blvd how is that going to help sustain the shopping center? How far is Whole Foods, Safeway, Trader Joe's or Albertsons from the Fairmount neighborhood? Think Green.
Experience... Alan. What happened to Irish and Swartz, Mikes IGA, McKays or Tiffany's Drug store all preceding the existing tenets Alan. I look at numbers I look at experience... What happened to Shopko? What happened to Sears? What happened to Bed Bath & Beyond. And Is this your best guess, a supposition or just a wild ass guess? Let's now talk safety. Why is the city eliminating the most efficient the best designed split island located at Villard and Franklin Blvd intersection between Hiron's and Matt Knight. a vehicular/pedestrian safety device that has proven itself to be a very very safe solution to quickly and efficiently move traffic off Franklin Blvd and in itself also a safe haven for pedestrians.
Next ...Add more pedestrian signal activated crosswalks to Franklin Blvd. The most grievous aspect of the Franklin Transformation project is what I see on Chambers street daily. And that is a quarter mile of bumper to bumper traffic going up Chambers St. That's not what the Fairmount neighbors are looking forward to when Walnut St. is opened with a roundabout.
Why is the Franklin Blvd Walnut roundabout unnecessary, unsafe and unwanted by the affected neighborhood including EMX?
Why open Walnut/Fairmount streets to bumper to bumper traffic?
Why are the neighbors already asking the city for speed bumps?
What is the ridership percentage of EMX today?
FRANKLIN BOULEVARD IS NOT BROKEN, DON'T BREAK IT.
Why are the north side of Franklin Boulevard stakeholders upset with the new two lane concept of EMX?
Why will two lanes of EMX eliminate Hiron's and Market of Choice's access? (One lane of EMX currently works perfectly well and allows easy, safe access for Hiron's and Market of Choice customers) Closing access to Orchard street at Franklin Boulevard because of two lanes of EMX will eliminate access to Hiron's and Market of Choice from Springfield, I-5, Laurel Valley, Moon Mountain, Augusta Street, Glenwood, residential, Glenwood hotels, and Glenwood commercial.
Why did Up Campus student housing developers of Chicago approach the Hiron's, Hiron's Shopping Center property owners into transforming the shopping center into a high rise student housing complex. In the event the EMX proposal compromises the shop-ability and profitability of the center and the shopping center becomes a food, pharmacy, and postal DESERT, I will do my best to see that the neighborhood retains a grocery store whether a 7-11 or Circle K.

Name Signed

Name Printed

Address

☐ Homeowner

☐ Renter

Return this to Hiron's Franklin Drop Collection Box