

Susan Sullivan 6-20-17  
East Nevada

June 20, 2017

To: Ashland City Council Members

Fr: Susan Sullivan, Resident, City of Ashland

Re: Approval of Biennial Budget, East Nevada St. Extension

As you make decisions this evening regarding the current budget proposal before you, I implore you all to consider the goals and objectives that you have set out in the recent City's Climate Action Plan. I am speaking of the need for multi-modal transportation infrastructure rather than more vehicular access. You will find the same goals and objectives in the City's Transportation System Plan as well as the State of Oregon's Transportation Plan to fund and support multi-modal infrastructure such as exclusive bike and pedestrian access. These goals address budgetary, environmental and citizen priorities.

When the young people who worked so long and hard to help craft the City's Climate Action Plan spoke so eloquently to the Budget Commission last month, they were speaking of the need of acting immediately to address the environmental world that they will be inheriting and in which we live now. Are we going to continue with "Business as usual" or are we going to take action now? Will we continue to go ahead with a poorly designed vehicular bridge that the overwhelming majority of citizens don't want, can't afford, yet, will have to pay for or are we going to address the goals in our own City and Transportation plans and consider a far less expensive, more neighborhood friendly and less environmentally damaging alternative such as a smaller bike/pedestrian bridge?

I urge you to permanently remove the East Nevada St. Extension from the City's budget tonight and from any further consideration in the future. As you are aware, the Transportation Commission voted 6 – 0 to veto the project. Yet, this boondoggle continues to appear in the latest budget proposal. I am aware that the budget is already very tight and that there are many higher priorities being considered, yet a modest pedestrian/bike bridge is a far better fit for any available funds.



Plant and Care for  
the Trees and Shrubs

Planting  
Instructions

1. Dig a hole  
2. Place the plant  
in the hole  
3. Fill the hole  
with soil  
4. Water the plant  
regularly

SLOW

ALL  
REFLECTORS  
WILL BE  
REMOVED  
DURING  
WINTER  
TEMPERATURES



View Simulation for Blue/Red Emergency Vehicle Bridges  
at E. Nevada St & Bear Creek Ashland, OR  
Bridge in Simulation - Tualatin River Creek Crossing

14'

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