

ROBERTS Adam

From: ...
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 9:05 AM
To: ROBERTS Adam
Cc: CLINE Emily; LANGE Jeffrey R
Subject: Re: Franklin Boulevard Project in Glenwood?

Dear Adam,

Yes, your explanation is very helpful, and consistent with what we knew about the project.

I will let you know if we have any further questions or concerns.

Best wishes,
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On Oct 7, 2016, at 11:41 AM, ROBERTS Adam <Adam.Roberts@odot.state.or.us> wrote:

Hello ,

NEPA has not been finalized for this project yet. Back in late 2014 the City discussed with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) the possibility that the project could qualify for a Categorical Exclusion. The discussion centered on extensive past planning and public outreach efforts along with what additional work would be done prior to final approval. FHWA agreed the approach seemed plausible but did not provide NEPA approval. The City confused this confirmation with an approval and posted the information to the project website that NEPA was complete. In early August of this year, FHWA discovered the oversight and we asked the City to correct the language on their website. We are nearing the end of the NEPA Cat Ex process and will be seeking FHWA approval within the next couple months.

I hope this answers your questions. Let me know if I can provide any other information.

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From: ...
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 6:08 AM
To: ROBERTS Adam
Subject: Franklin Boulevard Project in Glenwood?

Dear Adam,

We understood that the Franklin Boulevard Project in Glenwood (Springfield) had already received a Categorical Exclusion designation, as well as STIP funding for Phase 1, and that construction could begin as early as this season.

But the *Eugene Weekly* recently posted this [short story](#) in yesterday's edition:

The city of Springfield is seeking National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) approval to use federal funds on the **Franklin Boulevard Project in Glenwood**. It is seeking the approval using a process called Categorical Exclusion, which would not require an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement to fully assess, and potentially mitigate, impacts resulting from the project. Categorical Exclusion requires that the project not involve significant environmental impacts or substantial controversy on environmental grounds. Under a Categorical Exclusion, Springfield is not required to provide notice or a period for public comment on this documentation. To express an opinion on a Categorical Exclusion for the Franklin Boulevard Project or request more information, contact Adam Roberts, ODOT Region 2 Environmental Coordinator, at 541-757-4165 or Adam.Roberts@odot.state.or.us.

What is the NEPA status of the project?

Best wishes,

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