

# **Moving Franklin Forward**

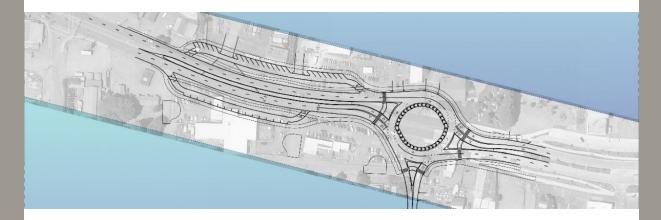
The vision for Franklin Boulevard is moving forward as we begin to plan for Phase 2. The first phase of Franklin Boulevard was completed in 2018 and has been in service for three years. Phase 1 included two new roundabouts and improvements for pedestrian and bicycle access. The City is continuing to work on the corridor and is focusing on Phase 2 from Mississippi Avenue to just east of Henderson Avenue as well as Franklin Blvd (Hwy 225).

Included in this update are the key points of this next phase. Visit the project website for additional background information.

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# Phase 2 Update:

 The City of Springfield received grant funding to continue the design of phase 2. The design extends from Mississippi Boulevard to just east of Henderson Avenue.



• At this time the City does not have funding for the construction of phase 2 but is actively pursuing resources. The Cities of Eugene and Springfield jointly submitted an application for funding for the Franklin Boulevard Corridor during the 2020 grant cycle. The project was not selected for funding for that grant cycle but the project will be resubmitted for the 2021 funding cycle. Additional information and the 2020 application materials are available on the <u>City of Eugene's website</u>.

### **Access From the South**



- Franklin Blvd. (Hwy 225) is a primary north/south connection between I-5 and Franklin Blvd. (OR 126) as well as a primary southern entry to Springfield and a key route into the Glenwood redevelopment area, downtown Springfield, Eugene, and the University of Oregon. Improvements to this section of Franklin Blvd. are necessary to improve the quality of life for local residents and for the redevelopment of the employment lands. It adds the critical and lacking transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and stormwater facilities to support a safe and efficient system. The improvement of multiple intersections along the north/south corridor is also needed to provide expanded connections for multiple modes and establish access to developable parcels.
- This project will help further implement the Glenwood Refinement Plan, supporting Springfield's community vision, transportation safety priorities, and economic development strategies and goals.
- Recently the City has contracted with Lane County to perform survey work. You may have seen the surveyors doing this work along the corridor.
- The City recently received federal funding to develop a design layout and complete the environmental assessment for the corridor. This work will begin after the survey work is complete.
- The City has no funding or timeline to reconstruct the corridor at this time. If future funding is secured, City staff will reach out to property owners and residents. No businesses or residents will be displaced because of this survey work or environmental assessment.



The City will continue to pursue funding for the construction of Phase 2 and the design of Franklin Blvd. (Hwy 225). As we make progress on the next steps we will continue to send updates.

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