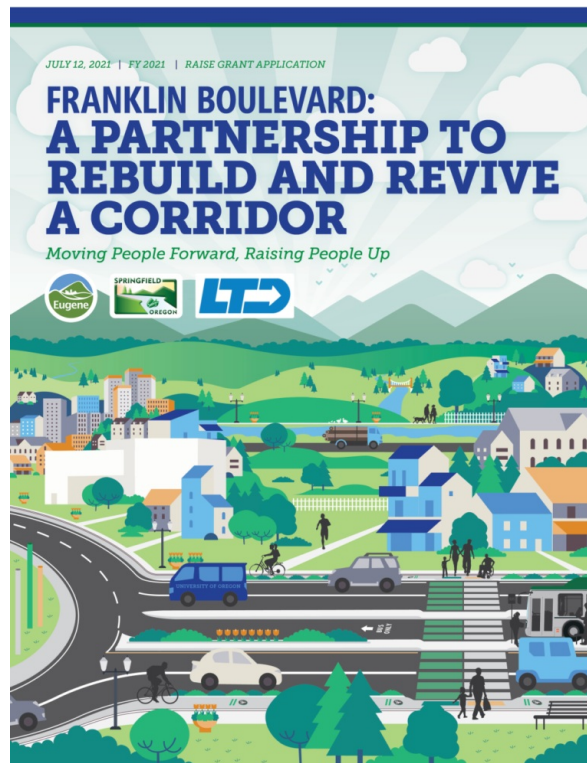


## RAISE Grant Application Awarded for Franklin Boulevard Partnership Project

This past summer, the Cities of Eugene and Springfield along with Lane Transit District (LTD) submitted a request for federal funding for the Franklin Boulevard Partnership Project. We are excited to announce that the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the partnership a \$19 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant!

With the funds, both cities, working in partnership with LTD, will continue to modernize Franklin Boulevard into an urban corridor that improves access and safety for people traveling to, in, and between each city. Proposed work includes construction of new and improved sidewalks and infrastructure for bicycle and EmX bus service, multiple new roundabouts, stormwater treatment, and utility improvements.



The overall investment supports the Climate Action Plans for Eugene, LTD, and University of Oregon, and for Springfield continues to implement key redevelopment plans for the Glenwood Riverfront District.

Transforming Franklin will improve safety for all who rely on Franklin Boulevard, whether by walking, rolling, driving, or riding transit. We will see an increase the number of people who can move along the corridor while saving minutes of travel time, will provide better access and mobility for disproportionately low-income neighborhoods and vulnerable populations, and

will deliver environmental benefits such as better treating stormwater before it enters the Willamette River.

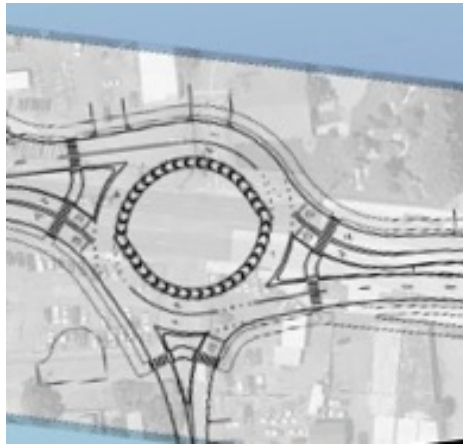
We look forward to getting right to work! Learn more at:

City of Eugene – [eugene-or.gov/Franklin](http://eugene-or.gov/Franklin)

City of Springfield – [newfranklinblvd.org](http://newfranklinblvd.org)

[New Franklin Boulevard website](#)

## Phase 2 Update:



Within the RAISE grant award, Springfield will receive \$7.6 million and will focus on building a roundabout at Mississippi Avenue and Franklin Boulevard. Additional funding will be pursued in the future to continue to make efforts to build the entire planned corridor. This current funding will continue to transform Franklin Boulevard and create better transportation between Eugene and Springfield.

The project will connect nearby neighborhoods, improve the bus rapid transit (BRT) system, deliver significant environmental benefits, and improve safety for travelers by adding continuous sidewalks, and safer more convenient connections to the regional bicycle network. An additional roundabout will be added at Mississippi Avenue along with several new roundabouts in Eugene to increase the number of people who can move through and along the corridor.



Upon hearing the news of being awarded the RAISE grant Springfield Mayor Sean VanGordon said, “The City of Springfield is honored to receive this RAISE grant to help rebuild Franklin Boulevard. Our community deserves a modern transportation corridor which emphasizes roadway safety and mobility. We are grateful to our partners at the City of Eugene and Lane Transit District for their teamwork in bringing these competitive funds to our region. This award will set the tone locally for America’s planned reinvestment in critical infrastructure over the next decade to support quality of life, jobs, transportation choices, and a healthy local economy. We cannot thank our Federal Delegation enough, including Senators Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley, and Congressman Peter DeFazio, for their support and leadership.”

For more information about the RAISE grant, the Franklin Boulevard Partnership project, and to sign up on our project e-update list, visit the project website at <https://newfranklinblvd.org/>.

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