



Lane County Board of Commissioners

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Regarding: River Road and River Avenue

Dear Tom:

On March 3, 2009 the Lane County Board of Commissioners approved a Board Order to relinquish county property located at River Avenue and River road to the City of Eugene. The property was relinquished to continue to be used as street right of way.

During the Board discussion, safety concerns were raised regarding the intersection at River Avenue. More specifically, those concerns were related to traffic traveling from the West on Silver Lane coming through the intersection. The Board felt that signage directing East bound traffic to use Beltline instead of River Avenue could be beneficial.

We understand similar issues have been discussed and reviewed by the City as part of the River Avenue Redesign Project. There was a determination, during that project, to move forward with the operational improvements to the River Road/River Avenue intersection as suggested by City engineering staff. There was also a determination to continue to monitor that area.

The Board of Commissioners is requesting the City of Eugene take another look at the intersection for safety concerns and provide an assessment of what if any actions may be necessary. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Pete Sorenson, Chair
Board of County Commissioners