



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 2, 2010

To: Lane County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Jerry Finigan
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Mike Kinnison, Neighborhood Services Manager

From: Lisa Gardner, 541-682-5208
Eugene Planning Director

Subject: River Road-Santa Clara Transition

I regret that I am unable to attend the Board of County Commissioner meeting scheduled tomorrow. As you know, there have been several studies and working groups attempting to understand the complex web of services in River Road and Santa Clara and propose a transition to a more logical and sustainable system in recent years.

The City of Eugene currently has no active area-wide transition activities for the River Road and Santa Clara neighborhoods. As always, City service providers coordinate with the special districts within the area, such as the River Road Parks District and the Santa Clara Fire District, and City Public Works staff routinely coordinates with Lane County regarding street maintenance.

Funds that were remaining after completion of the 2006 Final Transition Report were reallocated for neighborhood newsletters and to create a new neighborhood grant program. To date, the Santa Clara Community Organization is the only neighborhood that has tapped the \$60,000 fund for grants. They spent \$1,035 to produce the "Santa Clara Neighborhood Blueprint Project (2008)" that is a narrative and pictorial survey of distinct neighborhoods within Santa Clara, an approach suggested by the 2006 Transition Report.

I am hopeful that the information in the report will be useful to the Board of County Commissioners in consideration of issues related to the River Road/Santa Clara area. If the County has further questions regarding available funding for the neighborhood grant program, I would suggest contacting Michael Kinnison, Neighborhood Services Manager, administers the grant program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions regarding specific planning issues.