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ECA Begins Transportation Improvements

This week, Eugene Civic Alliance (ECA) will begin work to improve 20th Avenue between Willamette Street and Amazon Parkway. The project will extend 20th Avenue to allow two-way traffic to flow between Amazon and Willamette. It will include two lanes for automobile traffic, and curbs and sidewalks for pedestrians.

Since Civic Stadium was built in 1938, 20th Avenue primarily existed as a line on a map. Practically speaking, it was part of the stadium parking lot. The new design will extend 20th Avenue from Willamette Street to Amazon Parkway. There will be stop signs at the intersection with Oak Street and the intersection with Amazon Parkway that will help to improve traffic flow during periods of high use.

The new 20th Avenue will serve as a connecting point for pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and automotive transportation. It is very likely that a bike share station will be installed on 20th Avenue as well. Residents and visitors alike would be able to rent bicycles for one-way trips or a tour of the city.

The improvements to 20th Avenue are part of a larger effort by ECA to promote safe and active transportation options around the Civic Park site. In February, the City of Eugene removed the preexisting pedestrian overpass on Amazon Parkway. ECA will install new at-grade pedestrian crossings with flashing safety lights across Amazon Parkway and Willamette Street. The crossings will connect to a pedestrian and bicycle path that links the east and west sides of the site.

Once completed, these improvements will provide a safer route for students to reach South Eugene High School and Roosevelt Middle School and create a safer commute for all pedestrians and bicyclists who use the Amazon and Willamette corridors daily. As a community resource, ECA's goal for Civic Park is to connect not only programming, but the facility itself, with the broader vision of a healthier community. Providing opportunities for safe and active transportation is part of that mission.

ECA, founded in 2014, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation established to redevelop the historic Civic Stadium property into an inclusive, self-sustaining community sports and entertainment venue, operated primarily to benefit the children of the community.

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