



## Memorandum

**TO:** Chris Jordan, City Manager

**FROM:** Chris Kerr, Senior Planner

**DATE:** November 25, 2008

**SUBJECT:** New Transportation System Plan ("TSP"); amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and associated Community Development Code ("CDC") amendments (PLN-08-07 / CDC 08-01)

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### PURPOSE:

The proposed amendments to the City of West Linn Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Code with a new Transportation System Plan are intended to accomplish the following specific purposes:

1. Replace the City's current 2000 West Linn Transportation System Plan ("TSP");
2. Amend Goal 12 (Transportation) of the City's Comprehensive Plan ("Plan") to address the new TSP and new state transportation requirements, and;
3. Amend applicable portions of the City's Community Development ("CDC") to implement the new TSP, Plan, and State TPR requirements.

The proposed 2008 TSP is proposed for adoption as a 'Supporting Plan' to the Comprehensive Plan. The City Engineering Dept. utilized the professional consulting firms of DKS Associates, Inc. (to prepare the TSP) and Angelo Planning Group (for guidance and assistance with the Plan and CDC amendments).

### DISCUSSION:

The City is in the process of updating Goal 12 of the City's Comprehensive Plan which is entitled, "Transportation". This Goal recognizes the importance of the City's multi-modal transportation elements for serving the economic and domestic needs of area residents as well as the needs of the traveling public passing through West Linn. Goal 12 includes a general description of the City transportation system and includes specific Goals, Policies, and Action Measures to reach these goals. This proposal includes text amendments to this Goal, a new TSP, which is a technical element of the Plan and is to be approved as a supporting document to the Plan, and to modify specific sections of the CDC to implement the recommendations and technical standards established in the new plan.

The proposed amendments to Goal 12 of the Comprehensive Plan will specifically update the description of city transportation conditions and needs and clarify a number of policies regarding street classifications, traffic impact studies, mitigating unplanned development impacts, and intergovernmental coordination. The updated TSP includes a current inventory and assessment of the city's transportation network and a comprehensive improvement program that is designed to meet future needs. Once adopted, the street classification standards, inventory, and capital improvement program will be used by the City in the development approval process to ensure transportation impacts are addressed and system improvements meet city performance goals.

The proposed CDC amendments establish the regulatory component of the proposed Plan amendments and ensure consistency with the new TSP. The State's Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) specifically requires all jurisdictions to complete a transportation system plan (TSP), including policies and ordinances to implement that plan. The TPR requires that local governments adopt land use regulations consistent with state and federal requirements "to protect transportation facilities, corridors, and sites for their identified functions OAR 660-012-0045(2)."

The proposed TSP, and amendments to the Plan and CDC will comply with the revised TPR and to more accurately reflect the current transportation system and predict and prepare for the future needs of West Linn.

The Planning Commission is expected to make their recommendation on this item at their December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Staff will provide a Memorandum to the Council on December 5, that includes the Commission's discussion and their formal recommendation.

#### OPTIONS:

The City Council shall have the option to (1) approve, (2) deny, (3) approve with modifications, or (4) remand this proposal back to the Planning Commission.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommend that the Council adopt the attached Ordinance approving the proposed Transportation System Plan and associated amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Community Development Code.