



MEMORANDUM

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Project: West Linn Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update

Subject: Draft Technical Memorandum 5: Existing Conditions

This memorandum documents existing transportation conditions within the City of West Linn and has been formatted as Chapter 3 of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update. The information presented in this memorandum is intended to serve as a basis for comparing future transportation conditions, evaluating alternatives, and identifying potential solutions and improvements for the City's transportation system. The information is based on existing transportation inventories, previous studies conducted by the City, and field observations.

This memorandum includes information on the existing pedestrian, bicycle, transit, motor vehicle, and other travel modes within West Linn. The following provides highlights from each system:

- **Pedestrian System:** The pedestrian system consists of sidewalks, multi-use paths, and trails as well as marked and unmarked, signalized and unsignalized pedestrian crossings. These facilities provide local residents with the ability to access transit as well as local retail, commercial, recreational, and other land uses by foot. The existing sidewalk inventory shows that a basic system of walking facilities is provided along most of the major streets within the city; however, there are significant gaps in sidewalks or walkways in older neighborhoods.
- **Bicycle System:** The bicycle system consists of on-street bike lanes, shoulder bikeways and shared roadways as well as off-street bike facilities such as bicycle parking and wayfinding signage. These types of facilities provide residents with the ability to access transit as well as retail, commercial, recreational, and other land uses located within West Linn and neighboring cities by bike. The existing bicycle inventory shows that a basic system of bicycle facilities is provided along a few major streets, such as Highway 43, West A Street, and intermittent segments along Summit Street, Parker Road, and Willamette Falls Drive.
- **Transit System:** The transit system within the City of West Linn includes fixed-route and paratransit services as well as regional transit centers and park-and-rides. Frequent morning

and evening peak hour service along Highway 43 provides residents with the ability to use public transit for daily commuting, while less frequent mid-day, and weekend service provides residents with the ability to use public transit to access retail and recreational areas located throughout Clackamas County and the region.

- **Motor Vehicle System:** The motor vehicle system within the City of West Linn includes private streets, city streets, state highways, and an interstate freeway. Highway OR 43 functions as the major north-south arterial through West Linn providing access to local retail and commercial land uses as well as Lake Oswego to the north and Oregon City to the South. Other streets, such as Rosemont Road, Salamo Road, and Willamette Falls Drive also provide access to local retail and commercial land uses as well as many of the local recreational and residential land uses within the City. The only capacity constrained areas within the City are located along Highway 43 and Willamette Falls Drive.
- **Other Travel Modes:** There are no other modes of transportation within West Linn, with the exception of the Tualatin and Willamette Rivers, which are primarily used for recreation. All major air, rail and natural gas pipelines are located north and south of West Linn in neighboring cities.

Additional information on the study methodology and findings is provided below.