

**CITY OF WEST LINN
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
PLN-11-01**

ADOPT A NEW COMPREHENSIVE TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN AND AMEND THE WEST LINN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REFERENCE THE 2013 WEST LINN TRAILS PLAN: A 50-YEAR VISION

The West Linn Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing on October 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 22500 Salamo Road, West Linn, to consider a proposal to recommend adoption of the “2013 West Linn Trails Plan: A 50-year Vision” (Trails Plan) and amendments to the West Linn Comprehensive Plan that facilitate future implementation of the plan.

The purposes for adopting the Trails Plan are:

1. To implement the community’s vision for a system of interconnected on- and off-street pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and,
2. To identify the generalized location and preliminary design characteristics of future trails.

The purposes for amending the Comprehensive Plan are:

1. To establish the Trails Plan as a supporting document of the Comprehensive Plan; and,
2. To add policies and action items that facilitate future amendments to the West Linn Community Development Code (CDC) as necessary to implement the Trails Plan.

Many of the recommendations identified in the Trails Plan are included in the previously adopted 2007 West Linn Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and the 1998 Parks Plan. The new plan refines the trail recommendations from these two previously adopted plans and adds generalized alignments and design typologies which facilitate more flexible design standards and which are better able to respond to unique site characteristics and future financial resources.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the rules of CDC Section 98.120. Anyone wishing to present written testimony on this proposed action may do so in writing prior to, or at the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented at the public hearing. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission will receive a staff presentation, and invite both oral and written testimony. The Planning Commission may continue the public hearing to another meeting to obtain additional information, leave the record open, or close the public hearing and take action on the application as provided by state law. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter at some point prior to the close of the hearing, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue. At least 10 days prior to the hearing, a copy of the proposed amendment and associated staff report will be available for inspection and also on the City’s web site at <http://westlinnoregon.gov/planning/comprehensive-trails-master-plan>. In addition, the file, PLN-11-01, Comprehensive Trails Master Plan, containing the proposed amendments and related information is available for review at the Planning Department.

Following the hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council. The Council will make a final decision regarding the proposed amendments following its own public

hearing. For further information, please contact Zach Pelz, Associate Planner, at City Hall, 22500 Salamo Road, West Linn, OR 97068, at (503) 723-2542, or via e-mail at zpelz@westlinnoregon.gov.

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