

2024 West Linn City Council Priorities

Oppose I-205 Tolling

Strategies

Continued lobbying for West Linn's interests and mitigation of impacts from I-205 Tolling.

Council Role

- Lobbying with state legislators, ODOT, and surrounding jurisdictions to ensure any tolling plans
 are more regionally equitable and less impactful to individual communities, and advocate for
 sufficient mitigation measures for diversion traffic.
- Work with surrounding cities to equitably poll our communities on tolling and impacts.
- Engage in Environmental Assessment process with assistance of legal and consultant teams.
- Connect with legislators and lobbyist to work towards recouping costs to the City.

Community Advisory Group Role

• TAB advice to Council and participating in lobbying.

(Refer to end of document for list of Community Advisory Groups + acronyms)

Explore Feasibility of Indoor Recreation/Civic Center

Strategies

- Continue to explore creation of a new indoor recreation and civic center to serve a wide variety of ages, community needs, and recreation interests.
- Community and stakeholder involvement at all stages to gauge community support.
- Ensure financially sustainable operations and phased construction model.

Council Role

- Leadership role in community outreach.
- Work with our consultant to survey community interest in financing an indoor recreation center, including consideration of past plans/surveys/info. and financial factors.
- Continue to work with Indoor Recreation Center Task Force and stakeholders to assist with planning and advocate for a potential ballot measure.
- Consider ballot measure in 2024, pending survey and Task Force outcomes.
- Work with Lake Oswego on partnership opportunities with their new aquatic center.

Community Advisory Group Role

 PRAB representation on Indoor Recreation Center Task Force; SAB role in advising on sustainability features of facility (future project phase); YAC general involvement.

Police Review & Recommend Committee

Strategies

• Evaluate the Police Review and Recommend Committee reports and recommendations on Police policy, complaints, investigations, and disciplinary processes.

Council Role

Work with staff and members on a regular basis to ensure the Committee functions well.
 Reconsider the role of the PSAB or consider removal of PSAB from the Municipal Code as this new group will perform a similar, but enhanced function.

Community Advisory Group Role

PRR to continue training and work.

Define and Fund Drinking Water System Capital Needs

Strategies

• Ensure continued maintenance and operation of the City's drinking water system at the highest possible level.

Council Role

- Continue to advocate for funding of the Abernethy Bridge water transmission main as well as any other water mains affected by I-205 construction.
- Monitor progress and approve the Water Master Plan update.
- Receive updates on water main projects, including the Abernethy Bridge Project.

Community Advisory Group Role

• UAB to review water system needs against funding resources following adoption of the Water Master Plan and recommend any needed funding changes to Council.

West Linn Waterfront Vision

Strategies

- Complete Waterfront Master Plan to move towards creation of a world class recreational, historical, environmental, and educational tourism destination.
- Renovate Historic City Hall building into Museum and Cultural Center.

Council Role

- Intentional involvement with indigenous entities in Waterfront Planning and overall building of stronger relationships with area tribes.
- Oversight of public involvement and approval of Waterfront Master Plan.
- Fund Historic City Hall renovation.
- Work with property owner on future of Blue Heron Mill Pond site.
- Research potential return of Willamette Meteorite.

Community Advisory Group Role

 Consultant team and staff to involve many CAGs during Waterfront Plan development (PC, HRB, SAB, TAB, ACC, EDC, YAC, PRAB)

Vision 43 Project

Strategies

 Adopt vision for the Highway 43 area to create an attractive and welcoming environment for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Council Role

- Policy direction and liaison involvement with the Vision 43 project.
- Ensure extensive community involvement in the Vision 43 process and attend neighborhood association and other meetings to discuss the Highway 43 visioning plan.
- Consider Tax Increment Finance District as a funding source for revitalization in Hwy 43 area.

Community Advisory Group Role

Consultant and staff to involve EDC, PC, CCI, TAB, YAC, and SAB.

Transit and Transportation

Strategies

- Continue to advocate for transit improvements within West Linn as well as connections to area transit providers. Consider senior, teen, worker, tolling diversion, and last mile services.
- Seek grants and other funding opportunities for traffic safety and road maintenance.

Council Role

- Lobby for TriMet services improvements and work to support implementation.
- Continue to lobby ODOT and Tri-Met for transit, particularly with impact of I-205 tolling.
- Advocate for traffic safety and road maintenance funding stabilization and enhancement, including lobbying ODOT/State Legislature for improvements to Highway 43.

Community Advisory Group Role

TAB involvement in lobbying, planning, advising on transit and transportation issues.

Environmental Protection & Sustainable City Operations

Strategies

 Develop a policy regarding the purchase of alternative fuel, electric, and hybrid vehicles including a cost/benefit analysis for future purchases (from Sustainable West Linn Plan).

Council Role

- Meet with the Planning Commission regarding the Water Resource Area code and consider code amendments for the Planning Docket.
- Review past building sustainability certification policy and provide direction before design/construction of new buildings, such as Operations and Community Recreation facilities.

- Direct staff to review policies related to alternative fuel, electric, and hybrid vehicles including a cost/benefit analysis for future purchases.
- Consider a policy for increasing electric equipment use and reducing use of gas-powered equipment (including possible electric equipment incentive programs).

Community Advisory Group Role

- SAB advice on high-impact projects, potentially with consultant assistance
- SAB to recommend ways to reduce gas powered equipment use in West Linn (e.g. electric equipment incentives).

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Strategies

- Prioritize diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging as the heart of our work as a city. Our core values of inclusivity, collaboration, and accountability steer our actions, interactions, decisions, and policymaking to build an engaged, welcoming workplace, community, and a cohesive city.
- Increase access and opportunities for the West Linn community to feel welcome, educated, and engaged with the City.
- Intentional and meaningful engagement and collaboration with tribal communities.

Council Role

- Improving accessibility to the community to participate in community advisory groups and neighborhood associations through education, outreach, feedback loops (e.g. reporting form, standardization of Councilor roles) and creative solutions.
- Work with staff to continue to provide extensive communication to the community on all of the Council's priorities.
- Provide and participate in educational opportunities with the Council and community.

Community Advisory Group Role

- All CAGs hold a role in improving DEIB throughout the organization and community and should be considering their recommendations and actions through an equity lens
- Participate in educational opportunities on DEIB topics.

All priorities will involve extensive community engagement and involvement, including efforts to reach those not typically involved with city government. Priorities may also require evaluation of additional revenue resources by Council.

Community Advisory Groups	PRAB = Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
ACC = Arts and Culture Commission	PRR = Police Review and Recommend Committee
CCI = Committee for Community Involvement	SAB = Sustainability Advisory Board
EDC = Economic Development Committee	TAB = Transportation Advisory Board
HRB = Historic Review Board	UAB = Utility Advisory Board
PC = Planning Commission	YAC = Youth Advisory Council
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