



Memorandum

Date: February 22, 2018

To: West Linn City Council, Staff and Readers

From: Eileen Stein, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Weekly Report – February 22, 2018

Schedule

- Due to Tuesday's weather closure, the agenda topics for the February 20th meeting have been rescheduled to either the March 5th or March 20th special meetings.
- The Mayor's State of the City Speech is Monday, February 26, at the Library. The evening begins with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The event begins at 6:00 p.m.
- A work session has been scheduled on March 1st at 4:00 p.m. to continue discussing the explanatory statement for the general obligation bond measure. There is also an executive session scheduled at 3:30 p.m. that day.
- I will be away from the office March 9 – 14th. I will be meeting with department directors all day on March 15th for a strategic planning/leadership development retreat.

Information Items

- Electronic Sign Request. This week the Council received a request by a local church to be on the agenda to request an electronic sign. Community Development Director John Williams looked into this matter and reports that staff have taken a look at the Community Development Code (CDC) and have not found an avenue for a variance. The code allows limited variances to the size and design of signs, but not the type. To allow this sign would require a code amendment of some type, which would necessarily allow them for at least a limited number of other properties as well. If Council wishes to have this conversation, we will certainly check with the City Attorney to confirm this interpretation. The best avenue for this matter is a change in the CDC. This request should be added to the docket so that it can be taken into consideration with other changes being considered. The Council is scheduled to review the code change docket next in a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on April 2.
- Personnel Policies Request. This week you should have received a copy of the City's personnel policies for all employees and the Police Department ("Lexapol policies".) This material was sent in response to Councilor Sakelik's request for this information. If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources Director Elissa Preston.
- I-205 Tolling Update. The 25-member ODOT Value Pricing Policy Advisory Committee will hold its third meeting on Wednesday Feb. 28 as it considers concepts for reducing congestion on Interstates

5 and 205 in the Portland area. The meeting is scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. at the Oregon Department of Transportation's Region 1 headquarters, 123 N.W. Flanders St., in Portland. Committee meetings are open to all and will include an opportunity for public comment. The meeting will be viewable live via the project web site - ODOTValuepricing.org - or at <https://www.youtube.com/user/oregondot/live>.

During the Feb. 28 meeting, the advisory committee will hear a report of community input and results from the first-round technical evaluation of seven initial pricing concepts. These concepts were evaluated to determine how different types of congestion pricing techniques would perform on I-5 and I-205 in the region. The committee will then consider five concepts recommended for a second-round of evaluation at the Feb. 28 meeting. These Round 2 concepts describe only a location and type of tolling, not a proposed tolling rate.

The five concepts recommended for Round 2 are:

1. North section I-5 priced lane. This would convert the northbound high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on Interstate 5 in North Portland to a toll lane and would convert the southbound left lane to a toll lane in the same area.
2. Toll all I-5 lanes from downtown Portland to Southwest Portland. This would set a toll on all lanes in both directions of I-5 between North Going Street and Southwest Multnomah Boulevard.
3. Toll all I-5 and I-205 lanes. This would set tolls on all lanes in both directions on all 47 miles of I-5 and I-205 in the study area.
4. New priced lane on I-205. This would set a toll on the new lane planned in both directions of I-205 from the Abernethy Bridge south to Stafford Road. The left lanes would be tolled.
5. Abernethy Bridge toll. This would set a toll on all lanes in both directions of the bridge.

No decisions have been made about what type of value pricing practices will be recommended for the I-5/I-205 corridor. The Advisory Committee will consider different scenarios, evaluate the trade-off and advise the Oregon Transportation Commission on the type and location of value pricing, as well as strategies that should be considered to mitigate impacts to low income and surrounding communities. The Advisory Committee includes representatives of the business community, equity and environmental justice interests, public transportation, environmental advocates and local governments in Oregon and Washington.

West Linn should continue to monitor this work to ensure that a side effect of tolling I-205 does not result in more congestion in the city. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Director Lance Calvert.

That's it for this week.

Respectfully,

Eileen