

Memorandum

Date: January 10, 2014

To: John Kovash, Mayor
Members, West Linn City Council

From: Chris Jordan, City Manager *CJ*

Subject: Miscellaneous Items

City Council Schedule

The Council is scheduled to meet on January 13 at 6:00 p.m. to hear the remand of the LUBA appeal for the Lake Oswego-Tigard water project. Councilors may also be attending a land use training session on July 15 which may include a short discussion with members of the Planning Commission immediately following the training session.

There is no Council meeting scheduled for January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

City Services Bill

Beginning January 1, 2014, the City Services bill to residents will increase an average of \$1.93 per month. The increase is due to rate increases of 5% on the City's water, sewer and storm utility rates.

The City Services Bill also includes charges for Street and Park maintenance.

I-205 Closure

We have received the following information from the Oregon Department of Transportation regarding lane closures on I-205 this weekend:

Construction of one of Oregon's newest highways in 30 years will require nighttime closures of Interstate-205 on two weekends in January.

The work will begin at 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 as contractors place bridge beams for a new overpass crossing I-205. This work is part of the Sunrise JTA project.

The work will require the following nighttime only closures on two weekends:

I-205 Northbound Full Closure between Exits 13 and 14:

- *Closed from 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 until 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.*
- *Closed from 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 until 7 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 12.*

The ODOT contractor will close northbound lanes of I-205 at Southeast 82nd Avenue (exit 13). The detour will direct I-205 northbound traffic off I-205 at Southeast 82nd Avenue to Southeast Sunnyside Road and back on to I-205 at the Southeast Sunnyside Road Interchange (exit 14).

The SE 82nd Drive to northbound I-205 on-ramp will remain open for local traffic access.

I-205 Southbound Full Closure between Exits 13 and 14:

- Closed from 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 until 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18.*
- Closed from 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 until 7 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19.*

ODOT will close the southbound lanes of I-205 at Southeast Sunnyside Road (exit 14). The closure will direct I-205 southbound traffic off at the Southeast Sunnyside Road Interchange. Traffic will turn right on Southeast Sunnybrook Boulevard and then turn left onto Southeast 82nd Ave. Motorists will follow it south until it merges back on to I-205.

In addition, the following ramps will be closed during the same time:

- The I-205 southbound Southeast 82nd Avenue off-ramp (exit 13) to OR 224*
- The I-205 southbound Southeast Sunnyside Road and Southeast Sunnybrook Boulevard on-ramps*

Background: The Sunrise JTA Project will address existing congestion and safety problems in the Oregon 212/224 corridor by constructing a new road from I-205 to 122nd Avenue. Major project elements include:

Constructing a new two-lane limited access highway (one lane each direction) from the Milwaukie Expressway (OR 224) at I-205 to SE 122nd Avenue at OR 212/224. Constructing a new I-205 overcrossing that will connect 82nd Drive and 82nd Avenue. Improving bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in the project area. Improving the intersection of SE 122nd Avenue and OR 212/224.



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Subject: Willamette Parking Study

Recently, the Council has asked for a status report on the Willamette area parking study. Associate Planner Zach Pelz provides the following update on the project:

You may recall that the project originates through an agreement between the City of West Linn and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), in exchange for a feasibility analysis of a roundabout at 10th Street and Willamette Falls Drive. ODOT is interested in more effective management of the parking in this area because it can improve the safety and performance of the 10th Street corridor/I-205 interchange, which of course are ODOT facilities.

After two meetings with residents and business owners in the Willamette Area (about seven in attendance at each meeting) ODOT, staff, and meeting participants have assembled a short list of near-term recommendations that the City could pursue to improve parking in the area. A key lesson learned during the study was that there are a significant number of unoccupied parking spaces within about a two minute walk of the Willamette Falls Drive (WFD) Commercial Area. On an average weekday, of the 936 public and private parking spaces within two minutes of the WFD Commercial Area, 40 percent of the public spaces and 70 percent of the private parking spaces are unoccupied (these findings are largely consistent with workgroup participants that identified special event parking and employees using prime (parking closest to commercial area) parking as the most significant parking issues in the area). Because of the current availability of parking in the area, low-cost management solutions are likely to provide significant improvements in the perception of available parking and the availability of prime parking spaces.

Near-term recommendations developed by workgroup participants include: Identify employee parking areas away from Willamette Falls Drive that are safe and convenient; Improve parking during special events through shared parking agreements with area businesses (such as Les Schwab and Pacific West Bank) that do not operate during those hours; Assign a City staff liaison to meet with the area business association on a quarterly basis to monitor the success of parking management programs; Improve signage and information about where to park; and Improve parking enforcement. The group also identified a set of mid- and long-term programs to more effectively manage parking that would require additional resources.

Although staff originally planned to deliver this document to the City Council by the end of 2013, higher priority projects have put this on hold. The next steps will be to document the development of the plan, including outreach, analysis and recommendations, in a formal draft parking management plan and submit it to the City Council for their review and comment. Following approval by the City Council, staff will forward the plan to ODOT and thereby satisfy the City's obligation under the original agreement regarding the roundabout feasibility analysis.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.