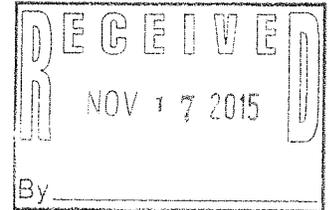


November 16, 2015

City of West Linn
Planning Commission
22500 Salamo Road
West Linn, OR 97068



Re: November 17, 2015 Transportation System Update Public Hearing

Planning Commission:

We have lived at 1674 5th Avenue in Willamette since 1996. We treasure this unique community we live in and are glad to participate in this very important update of the TSP. The decisions we make today will impact the livability and vitality of the Willamette Area and the City of West Linn.

Following are 6 recommendations we hope you, the Planning Commission, will consider including in your recommendations of the TSP Update. We understand that there are budget constraints. With that in mind we have limited our recommendations to those that focus on safety.

1)Curb Extensions: Adding additional curb extensions along Willamette Falls Drive where they are missing between 10th Street and 16th Street would greatly improve pedestrian safety by shortening the crossings. And at the same time they would have a traffic calming effect that gives the driving public the visual reminder they are driving through a neighborhood and need to drive slowly.

2)All-Way Stop Signs with Cross-Walks: Adding All-Way Stop Signs and Cross-Walks at intersections along Willamette Falls Drive will greatly improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Increased safety will also encourage more walking and bicycling trips which in turn will reduce the number of daily short car trips we all make.

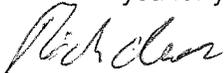
3)Sidewalks Connecting Neighborhoods to Schools and Businesses: Continue to add or replace sidewalks in order that our children have a safe way to walk to school. And to provide a safe continuous sidewalk for residents and visitors to walk to our local businesses.

4)Pedestrian Activated Blinkers: Add Pedestrian Activated Blinkers at Bus Stop intersections and at cross walk/s to Fields Bridge Park for improved public safety.

5)Shared Lane Bicycle Marking: Adding the Shared Lane Bicycle Marking symbols along Willamette Falls Drive would improve safety. Currently, sections of Willamette Falls Drive are too narrow for bike lanes and therefore hazardous for bicycle traffic. Marking Willamette Falls Drive with these symbols could improve safety by alerting the driving public that bicyclists and cars share the lane.

6)8th Avenue at Dollar: Please do not consider opening 8th Avenue at Dollar. This would become another "short cut" for that portion of I-205 traffic that cuts through Willamette. And, that heavy afternoon commute traffic would conflict with the large number of students who attend the Youth Music Project daily.

Thank you for your consideration.


Rich Clark


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November 15, 2015
RE: MISC 12-03 Transportation System Plan Update

Dear Planning Commissioners:

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association recommends the existing language in the West Linn Comprehensive Plan Goal 2, Section 1, Goal 2 related to neighborhood plans be retained. The draft Transportation System Plan dated October 14, 2015, Attachment 1, page 1, proposes the following policy amendment:

Goal 2 - Land Use Planning:

Section 1 - Residential Development

Goal 2. Allow a mixed of residential and commercial uses existing in Commercial Districts ~~commercial areas only in conjunction with an adopted neighborhood plan designed to~~ and ensure compatibility and maintain of these districts with the residential character of existing neighborhoods.

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association finds that retaining the policy to use a neighborhood plan when deciding residential development in the respective neighborhood provides for an objective decision, whereas amending the policy will allow a discretionary decision by the decision making authority based on what it thinks the residential character of the neighborhood to be.

This recommendation was approved by a majority vote at the October 27, 2015 meeting of the Marylhurst Neighborhood Association. It is in addition to the recommendations made previously.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Karie Oakes, President
Marylhurst Neighborhood Association