

## Memorandum

Date: June 9, 2021

To: West Linn Historic Review Board

From: John Floyd, Associate Planner

Subject: Willamette Falls Drive 2021 Conceptual Design Plan

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The focus of this work session is discussion of the Willamette Falls Drive 2021 Conceptual Design Plan. This plan has been under development for several years and subject to recent work sessions of the Transportation Advisory Board, Planning Commission and City Council. Staff will be providing an overview of the project at the request of the HRB Chair.

The study area and proposed improvements span approximately 3.8 miles along the Willamette Falls Drive corridor from the Tualatin River to the interchange of I-205/OR 43, and are intended to better accommodate bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles. The Draft Plan is proposed as an appendix to the adopted 2016 West Linn Transportation Plan (TSP).

The major change proposed by the Draft Plan is the roundabout at the intersection of Willamette Falls Drive/OR 43 and the re-routing of Willamette Falls Drive through the mill parking lot property. This re-alignment was born out of the West Linn Waterfront Project to provide better access to properties, foster redevelopment opportunities, and to help mitigate congestion and improve safety at the intersection during peak hour traffic. City staff and the consultant team have worked with the property owner to identify the alignment and cross-section that would best serve the needs of the City's multi-modal transportation system and redevelopment opportunities of the property.

It is not anticipated that this change will adversely impact Historic City Hall as the building will still maintain its orientation to OR43 and visual relationship with the Arch Bridge. Regardless, Historic City Hall and other properties on the National Register, or eligible for the Register, will trigger a Section 106 Review if any federal funds are used in the road realignment project (this is anticipated as the City does not have the funding). This process will be open to public involvement and will identify whether the project will have an effect on historic properties, whether they are adverse, and identify appropriate changes or actions to avoid, minimize or mitigate for these impacts.

The tentative schedule for the legislative process includes:

- June 16, 2021 Planning Commission Public Hearing
- July 12, 2021 City Council Public Hearing

If you have questions about the work session or proposal, please feel free to email or call me at [jfloyd@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:jfloyd@westlinnoregon.gov) or 503-742-6058. As always, submitting questions prior to the meeting is beneficial to the efficiency and effectiveness of the discussion as it allows staff to prepare materials and distribute them for your consideration.

If you have questions about the mechanics/logistics of the virtual meeting, please contact Lynn Schroder at [lschroder@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:lschroder@westlinnoregon.gov) or 503-742-6061. Thanks and look forward to the discussion on the 19<sup>th</sup>.