

Memorandum

Date: February 29, 2024

To: Planning Commission

From: Chris Myers, Associate Planner

Subject: VISION43 Project Update

VISION43

The City of West Linn has been working towards implementing a new vision for the Highway 43 corridor (Hwy 43), which serves as a critical north/south transportation link in the Portland Metro region, to create a destination and not just act as a pass-through for commuters. As part of the VISION43 project, city staff and MIG (the consulting firm hired to facilitate the project through the visioning and implementation process) are asking the community of West Linn to tell us what they would like the future of Highway 43 to look like. Previous efforts have identified infrastructure improvements to the roadway (sidewalks, cycle track, turn lanes) and this project will expand the conversation to the type and intensity of land uses along the corridor, needed pedestrian/bicycle routes from neighborhoods to the corridor, and improved crossing points. The goal of the project is to re-energize the corridor with a mix of housing types, workplaces, shops, and parks for people of all ages, incomes, and abilities.

WHERE ARE WE NOW

The VISION43 project will utilize a project webpage as a critical tool to help gather community feedback and communicate project specific events, data, and other project information. The webpage can be found at [VISION43](#). We encourage visitors to the project webpage to register and interact with our surveys, send comments, and utilize the interactive map feature.

In February, City Council approved the VISION43 Working Group membership. The Working Group will meet approximately five times over the next twelve-month period. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first week of April. The Working Group will provide input by reviewing, discussing, and revising the draft documents brought forward by staff and the consultant team and make a final recommendation to the Planning Commission.

WHERE ARE WE GOING

The foundation of the VISION43 project is community engagement. As part of the project, City staff and MIG have created a Public Engagement Plan (which can be accessed at the [VISION43](#) webpage) that outlines the engagement tools the project will utilize. The Public Engagement Plan was reviewed by the Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) in January.

The VISION43 project team has started planning for several events over the next three weeks including tabling at the St. Patrick's Day in Willamette, Cinco De Mayo in Willamette, a project specific event at the library and a larger community kick-off meeting tentatively scheduled for May of this year. The project consultant team is working on adding a new survey to the project webpage

The project team is about to start the process of setting up the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). The TAG will be comprised of representatives from the following agencies:

- City of West Linn Public Works
- City of West Linn Parks and Recreation
- City of West Linn Economic Development
- TriMet
- ODOT
- Clackamas County Transportation
- Metro Transportation/Land Use Division

The TAG is expected to meet approximately five times between June 2024 and August 2025. Similar to the Working Group, the TAG will provide input by reviewing documents, data, and information brought forward by staff. The TAG will review more technical documents and analysis performed by the Project Consultant Team from MIG.

If you have questions about the meeting or materials, please feel free to email or call me at cmyers@westlinnoregon.gov or 503-742-6062.