

Memorandum

Date: July 3, 2024

To: West Linn Planning Commission

From: Darren Wyss, Planning Manager

Subject: Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Adoption Schedule

The Planning Commission (PC), acting as the City Council appointed working group, held two work sessions ([first work session was on April 3, 2024](#) and [second work session was on June 5, 2024](#)) to discuss the policy choices the City must make regarding parking reform as part of the required implementation of the [Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities \(CFEC\) rules](#). The primary policy decision the City must make is to either eliminate all parking mandates in the community or implement a series of regulations/programs to meet the CFEC rules.

The PC found consensus to recommend removing all parking mandates in the City. Some of the basis of the recommendation included:

1. 90 percent of commercially zoned properties would be covered by no parking mandates unless the City implemented paid on-street parking districts in the Willamette and Bolton town center areas.
2. No support for paid on-street parking.
3. Feedback from commercial property owners/developers that parking would continue to be provided and they supported removing the mandates to allow market forces to dictate necessary parking amounts.
4. Two new TriMet bus routes will begin operating and if the frequency were to increase in the future, the City may be required to remove mandates within one-half mile as is the case with the current TriMet 35 route along Highway 43.
5. Ease of implementation will reduce City costs associated with new programs, regulations, and enforcement.

The City needs to adopt parking related code amendments by the end of calendar year 2024. The City received grant funds from the Department of Land Conservation and Development for consultant assistance in drafting the code amendments. The consultant team is currently working on a draft of proposed code amendments with the tentative review/adoption schedule of:

Meeting Date	Meeting Focus
Aug. 21, 2024	Planning Commission Work Session #1
Sept. 18, 2024	Planning Commission Work Session #2
Oct. 2/16, 2024	Planning Commission Public Hearing
Oct. 21, 2024	City Council Work Session
Nov. 4, 2024	City Council Work Session (if needed)
Nov. 11, 2024 or Dec. 9, 2024	City Council Public Hearing

If the PC has any additional questions that need answered or additional information that could help during the proposed code amendment review, please let staff know so we can make the future meetings as efficient and effective as possible.

If you have questions about the meeting or materials, please feel free to email or call me at dwyss@westlinnoregon.gov or 503-742-6064.