

Memorandum

Date: September 4, 2024

To: Planning Commission

From: Chris Myers, Associate Planner

Subject: VISION43 Project Briefing

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. The future vision of the Hwy 43 corridor, called VISION43, includes providing complete and safe facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit users; safe crossing points on Highway 43; commercial services that provide neighborhood needs; and providing pedestrian connections to needed goods and services as well as to other neighborhoods. The City is interested in exploring mixed-use zoning to re-energize the corridor with a mix of housing types, work places, shops, and parks for people of all ages, incomes, and abilities.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT

To date we have held or attended approximately 28 events with a further 12 events scheduled through the end of calendar year 2024. In the past month we have been at the Old Time Fair and Music in the Park concerts. Throughout the year we have held open house events for the Robinwood and Bolton Neighborhoods, a renter open house, as well as a community wide open house. Most recently we gave a VISION43 project briefing to Oregon Senate President Rob Wagner (Lake Oswego). We also gave a project briefing to State Representative Jules Walters (West Linn).

Community input from the Spring 2024 engagement events and the first survey has been incorporated into a draft Vision & Goals Statement, which was reviewed by the VISION43 Working Group. The draft is now available on the [VISION43](#) project webpage.

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT

The VISION43 project team is in the process of planning for several events over the next few weeks including coffee and cookies at the library (9/29), a City Council tour of Boones Ferry Road in Lake Oswego (10/11), the third meeting of the VISION43 Working Group (10/17), and tabling at the West Linn/Lake Oswego high school football game (10/18).

NEXT STEPS

- Prepare draft corridor concepts and visual renderings for community input
- Share the working draft Vision and Goals Statement with the community
- Conduct a second online survey for more detailed feedback

Check out the VISION43 project webpage [here](#).