




CITY OF
West Linn

Memorandum

TO: Chris Jordan, City Manager
FROM: Chris Kerr, Senior Planner 
DATE: December 5, 2008
SUBJECT: Summary of the Planning Commission meeting a recommendation on the TSP and related regulatory package (PLN-08-07 / CDC 08-01)

The Planning Commission held their second and final public hearing on December 3rd on this item. Below is an overview of the public testimony that was provided, the Commission's discussion, and their formal recommendation.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Fourteen people completed testimony sheets (9 in opposition, 2 in support, and 2 neutral). Generally, testimony concerned:

- eliminating the Kapteyns St. connection,
- relocating the arterial designation on Sunset Ave. south of Parker Rd.; and,
- the proposed Transit Policy 11(b) related to increasing intensity and density along transit corridors.

DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION

During their discussion period, the Commission discussed the same three issues raised above in greater detail, with questions for City Staff.

The Commission unanimously passed a motion (6-0, with one abstention) to recommend approval of the requested Ordinance with all proposed modifications **EXCEPT** for the Kapteyns St. and Sunset Ave. issues. There was consensus among the Commissioner's that additional study and public input regarding the ramifications of the two street issues (Kapteyns St. or Sunset Ave.) was required in order for them to reach an informed decision. Additionally, the Commission was evenly 'split' (3-3 vote) on whether to delete or accept the proposed language on Transit Policy 11(b).