




September 29, 2014

To: Washington County Board of Commissioners

From: Andy Back, Manager 
Planning and Development Services

Subject: **PROPOSED A-ENGROSSED LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 783 – An Ordinance amending and updating the Transportation System Plan**

STAFF REPORT

For the October 7, 2014 Board of Commissioners Hearing
(The public hearing will begin no sooner than 10:00 a.m.)

I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Conduct the second of two required public hearings on the engrossed ordinance. At the conclusion of public testimony, adopt A-Engrossed Ordinance 783 and the associated findings. Staff also recommends that the Board concurrently adopt the Transportation System Plan (TSP) Technical Appendix and acknowledge the Tualatin Valley Highway Corridor Plan (TVCP) as provided through separate action items.

II. BACKGROUND

At the August 5, 2014 public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 783, the Board directed engrossment of the ordinance and continued the hearing to September 23 and October 7, 2014. The Board further directed staff to provide notice of the changes and the schedule for engrossment hearings as required by Chapter X of the County Charter. A copy of A-Engrossed Ordinance No. 783 and Individual Notice No. 2014-17 were provided in the Board's materials for the September 23, 2014 hearing.

On September 23, the Board held the first of two required hearings on A-Engrossed Ordinance No. 783. Upon conclusion of public testimony, the Board voted to continue the hearing to October 7, 2014. Provided in the packet for the Board's October 7, 2014 hearing are separate action items recommending the adoption of materials related to the update of the TSP by resolution and order.

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III. RELATED RESOLUTIONS

Included with A-Engrossed Ordinance 783 are three resolutions that adopt supplemental materials associated with the TSP update. Together these three documents fulfill all the requirements necessary to update the Washington County TSP.

1. Findings

The findings demonstrate that A-Engrossed Ordinance No. 783 is consistent with Statewide Planning Goals (Goals), Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) requirements, the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP), Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan (UGMFP) and Metro's Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP).

2. Technical Appendices

The Technical Appendices contain additional materials that do not need to be adopted as a land use action. These materials provide supplemental information to A-Engrossed Ordinance Nos. 768 and 783.

3. Tualatin Valley Highway Corridor Plan (TVCP)

The TVCP has been incorporated into the TSP where appropriate. The TVCP also includes significant additional details pertaining to Tualatin Valley Highway. Staff is recommending that the Board acknowledge the TVCP by resolution.

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September 23, 2014

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Re: September 23rd Hearing on the Transportation System Plan

Dear Chair Duyck and Commissioners Schouten, Malinowski, Terry, and Rogers,

The Bicycle Transportation Alliance would like to provide testimony on Washington County's Transportation System Plan. The BTA works to make this region a place where everyone can choose to meet their daily needs on a bicycle. We envision a healthier and wealthier community, where businesses are thriving and everyone can access the basic services, jobs, and education they need to be successful.

I have had the opportunity to work with Washington County staff and community members for the past ten months on the update of the Transportation System Plan. We are excited to see Washington County move towards becoming a place where bicycling is safe, convenient, and accessible for all residents, and we have some recommendations for how to achieve this vision.

The staff and community members engaged in this TSP update recognized that a few inches of paint is not enough to make biking safe and comfortable on our big streets like Brookwood, Cornelius Pass Road, 185th, Walker, and TV Highway. That is why this TSP has a new designation of "Enhanced Major Street Bikeways." These are major roads that have, or will have, "buffered bike lanes or cycle tracks on one or both sides of the road." Cycle tracks, also known as protected bike lanes, are physically separated from both the sidewalk and the vehicle travel lanes.

Protected bike lanes make our big streets safer and stress-free, however you travel. Today, most people want to bike more but are worried about their safety. Protected bike lanes allow people to safely and comfortably access the vibrant employment and commercial centers that lie along our major roads. They help keep vehicle traffic moving and make our sidewalks more pleasant for walking by separating people traveling at different speeds.

One of the most important corridors in Washington County is the Tualatin Valley Highway. This road connects the communities of Beaverton, Aloha-Reedville, Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove. It serves thousands of people every day but lacks basic sidewalks, crossings, bus shelters, and safe bike lanes. This TSP recommends protected bike lanes and a regional trail alongside TV Highway. We thank Washington County for recognizing that safe, dedicated facilities for biking, walking, and accessing transit are urgently needed in this corridor and along other major roads throughout the region.

At the same time, there are plans for major roads like TV Highway and Cornelius Pass to have only five-foot unprotected bike lanes adjacent to wide, fast vehicle travel and turn lanes. These road designs concern us and we would like to work with Washington County to ensure new projects fulfill the recommendations of this Transportation System Plan by providing protected bike lanes, sidewalks, and transit stops along all major roads.

Just as you would drive down your neighborhood street to access the main road, when you bike you need to be able to connect from your neighborhood to major routes like TV Highway or the Westside Trail. Neighborhood bikeways are quiet, low-stress streets that provide comfortable bike routes for people of any age and ability. Washington County has identified recommended neighborhood bikeway routes, and we would like to see at least fifteen miles of the bikeways built by 2018 to help everyone access local destinations, new major street bikeways and regional trails.

Today, almost half of major streets in the urban area lack sidewalks on both sides, while more than sixty percent of major streets do not have bike facilities. The project list associated with this TSP would complete seventy percent of the sidewalk network and only fifty-three percent of the bikeway network. We encourage Washington County to set targets of one hundred percent completion for the bicycle and pedestrian system and to prioritize the projects that move us closest to completing the network. Completing the active transportation infrastructure in the county would provide people with true transportation options, lessen the burden on our roads, improve health, safety and congestion, and ensure that Washington County will not need to spend millions on widening roadways in the future.

The Bicycle Transportation Alliance looks forward to collaborating with Washington County to achieve the vision set out in this plan for a network of protected bike lanes, neighborhood bikeways and regional trails, and to ensure that any road being constructed or widened includes protected biking and walking facilities that families are comfortable using to get to school, work, or their local market.

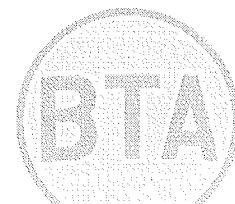
We support the adoption of this Transportation System Plan, the provision of enhanced major street bikeways and the completion of the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit systems, and we offer our assistance in identifying funding for those projects. Thank for your leadership in planning for a healthier, safer, and wealthier Washington County.

Sincerely,



Lisa Frank, Advocate

CC: Andrew Singelakis
Stephen Roberts



Angela Brown

From: Steve L Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 2:59 PM
To: Angela Brown
Subject: FW: BTA testimony from 9/23
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Attachments: BTA testimony 9.23.14.pdf

Hi Angela-
Please add to the record for Ord 783.
Thank you.
-SK

From: Lisa Frank [mailto:lisa@btaoregon.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 2:39 PM
To: Steve L Kelley
Cc: Ana Noyola
Subject: BTA testimony from 9/23

Hi Steve and Ana,

Sorry the rain ate my testimony last night! Attached please find the Bicycle Transportation Alliance's testimony on the Transportation System Plan to be entered into the written record.

Best,
Lisa

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