



MEMORANDUM

CITY OF TUALATIN

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

DATE: July 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Work Session for July 14, 2014

5:00 p.m. (30 min) – TriMet's Southwest Service Enhancement Plan. For the last several months, TriMet has conducted a significant amount of public outreach to gain a better understanding of the transit interests in Tualatin and the surrounding areas. Based on the feedback received, TriMet created a draft new bus service map for the Southwest Corridor, including Tualatin. Tonight, TriMet's Senior Planner, Tom Mills, will discuss the purpose and process for the plan as well as the next steps.

5:30 p.m. (30 min) – Basalt Creek Project Update. The Tualatin City Council will meet jointly with the Wilsonville City Council for a presentation of the existing conditions in the study area and a discussion and prioritization of the draft Guiding Principles. Additionally, the consultant team will facilitate live polling questions and present a summary of outcomes from the recent public workshop. The purpose of tonight's work session presentation is to discuss what has happened to-date and prepare for the joint meeting.

6:00 p.m. (25 min) – Parking Permit Zone, NW Fox Hill Neighborhood. The City Council requested that staff present options for a parking permit zone in the northwest Fox Hill neighborhood based on neighborhood complaints and concerns. Attached is a presentation that the Police Chief will use for this discussion.

6:25 p.m. (25 min) – League of Oregon Cities 2015 Legislative Priorities. The LOC has eight policy committees which work to identify and propose specific actions to include in the League's legislative agenda. For 2015, these committees have identified 22 legislative objectives which span a variety of issues. The League has requested each city review the objectives and identify their top four priorities. This input will be forwarded to the LOC Board of Directors in preparation for adoption of the League's 2015 legislative agenda.

6:50 p.m. (5 min) – Council Meeting Agenda Review, Communications & Roundtable. Council will review the agenda for the July 14th City Council meeting and brief the Council on issues of mutual interest.



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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos

FROM: Ben Bryant, Economic Development Manager

DATE: 07/14/2014

SUBJECT: TriMet's Southwest Service Enhancement Plan

ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

Presentation regarding TriMet's Southwest Service Enhancement Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the request of the Tualatin City Council, and many other Southwest Corridor partners, one of the central elements of the Southwest Corridor Plan was the inclusion of improved local bus service. For the last several months, TriMet has conducted a significant amount of public outreach to gain a better understanding of the transit interests in Tualatin and the surrounding areas. Based on the feedback received, TriMet created a draft new bus service map for the Southwest Corridor, including Tualatin. At the meeting, TriMet's Senior Planner, Tom Mills, will discuss the purpose and process for the plan.

Over the course of the next few months, TriMet will share this draft service plan with various community groups to gather additional feedback. The goal will be to find "early wins" as well as long-term changes to bus routes, frequencies, and times of service.

Attachments: [Attachment A: Presentation](#)

The Future of Transit Southwest Service Enhancement Plan



Presentation to the Tualatin City Council
July 14, 2014

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Service Enhancement Plans

**A meaningful public engagement for creating a shared vision
for making transit better**



- Better serve the growing region
- More local and regional service
- Connections to jobs, education and services in communities and throughout the region

Where We Are In The Process

Public Outreach & Research Existing Plans

Collect & Map Data

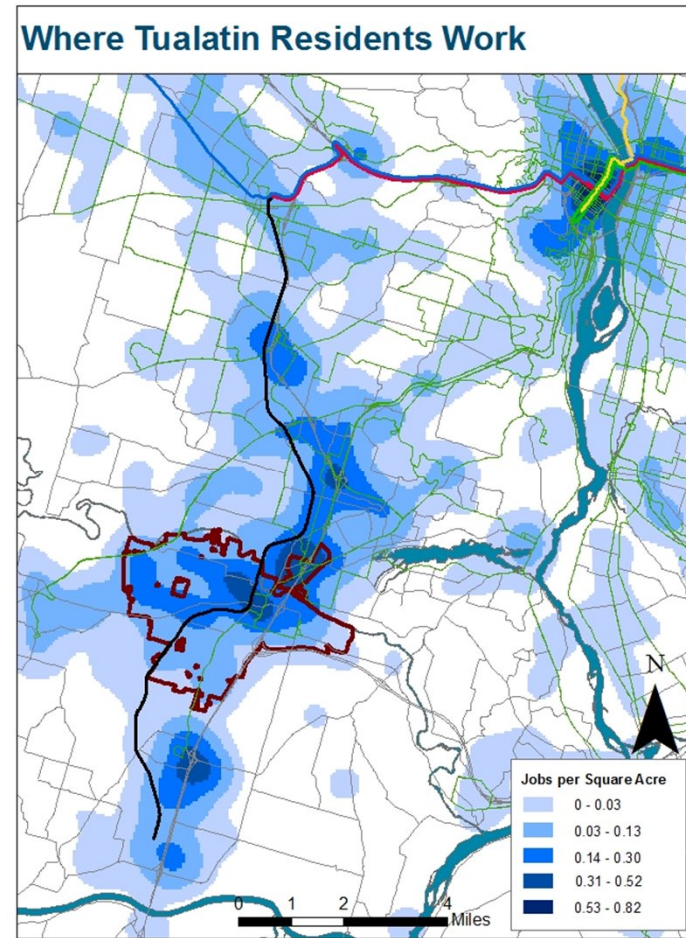
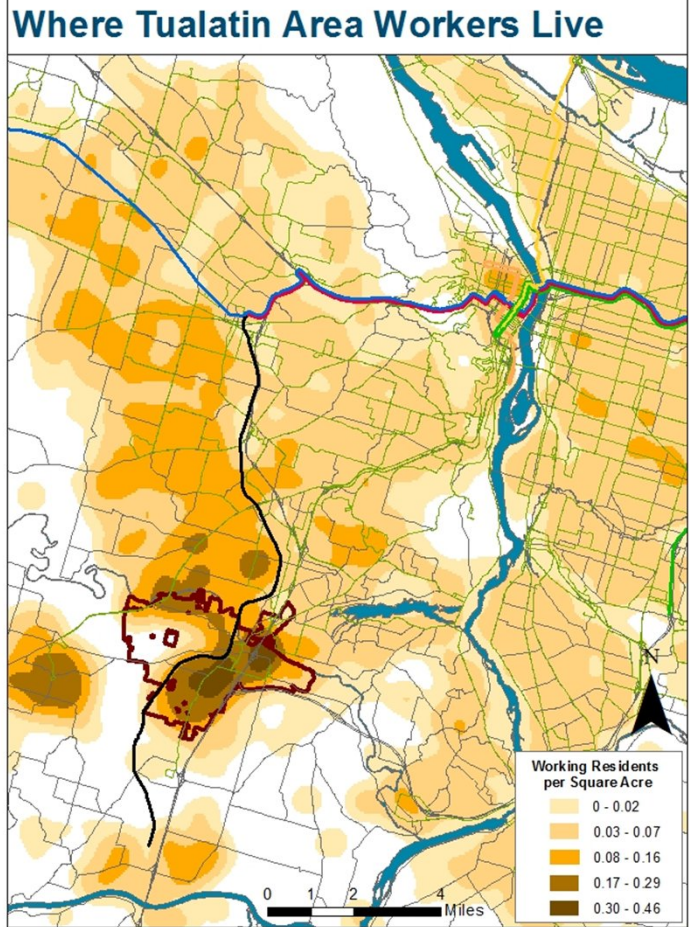
Determine & Share Common Themes

Draft Transit Service Vision & Partnership Opportunities

Gather Feedback

Refine & Finalize Transit Service Vision

Where People Live & Work



SWSEP Outreach – Community Meetings



❑ 6 Community Meetings

- Tigard – Nov. 6th
- Lake Oswego – Jan. 9th
- West Linn – Jan. 15th
- Sherwood – Jan. 16th
- SW Portland – Jan. 23rd
- Tualatin – Feb. 13th

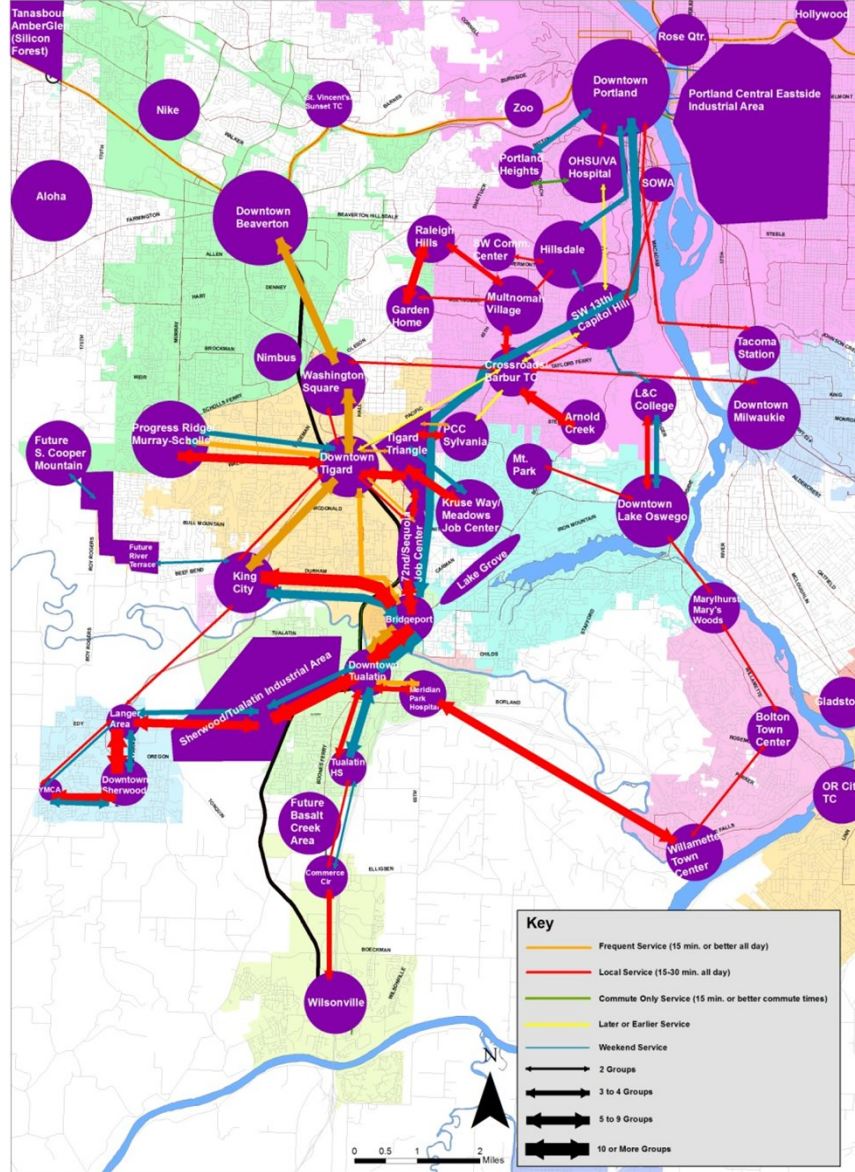
❑ 4 Key Populations Meetings

- Tualatin YAC – Mar. 6th
- St. Anthony's Church – Mar. 16th
- OHSU – Mar. 19th
- Neighborhood House – Mar. 27th

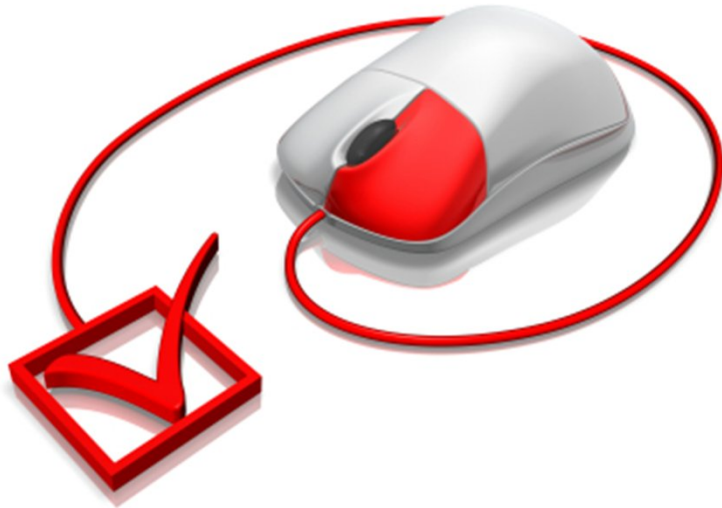
❑ Participation

- +200 participated in community meetings
- 55 stakeholder meetings

SW SEP Charrette Results, March 2014



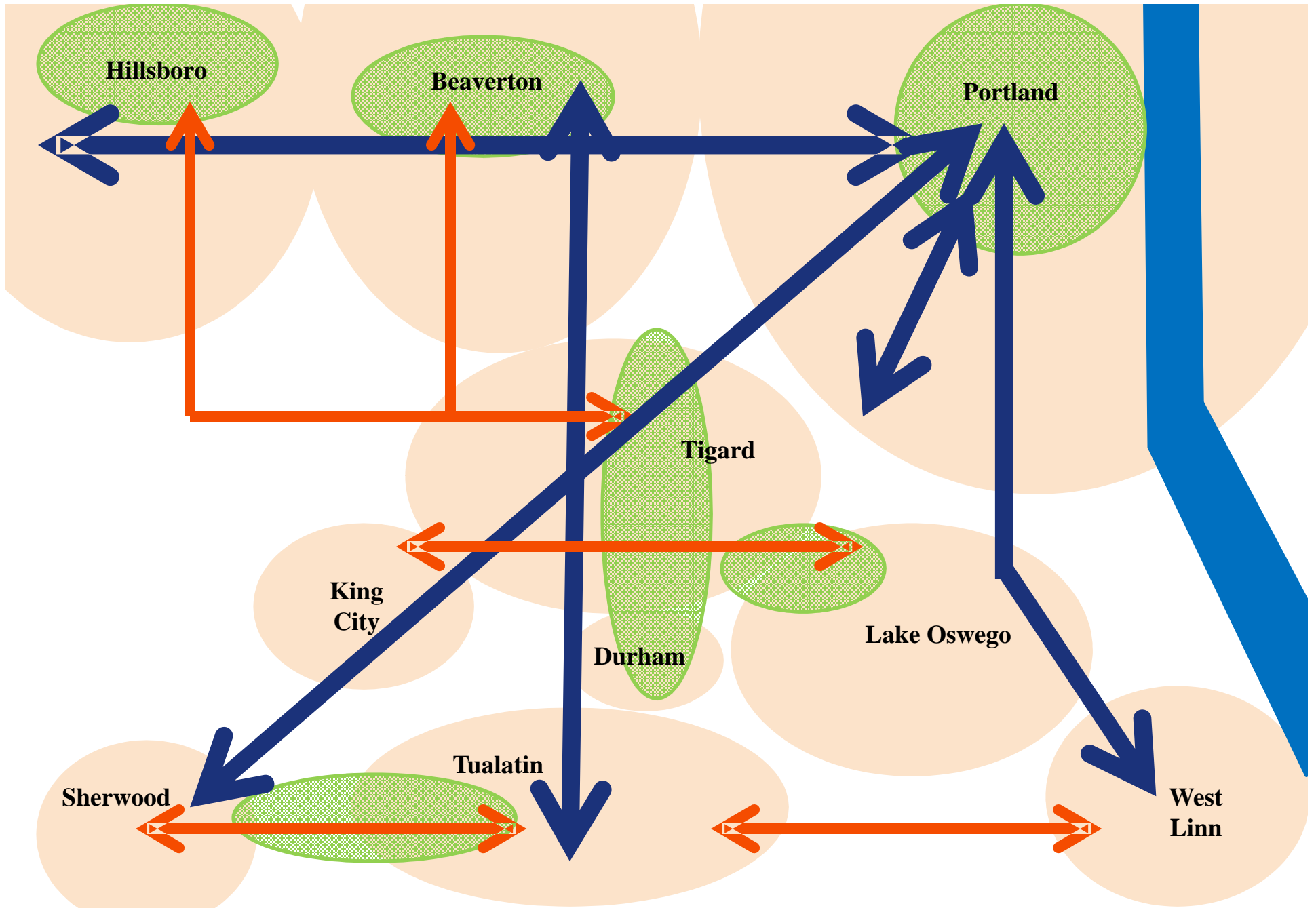
What We're Hearing:



Transit Survey

- Online & Hard Copy
- English/Spanish/Vietnamese
- Postcard/Email/Facebook
- Drawing for 10-Adult TriMet Passes

<http://future.trimet.org/southwest/>



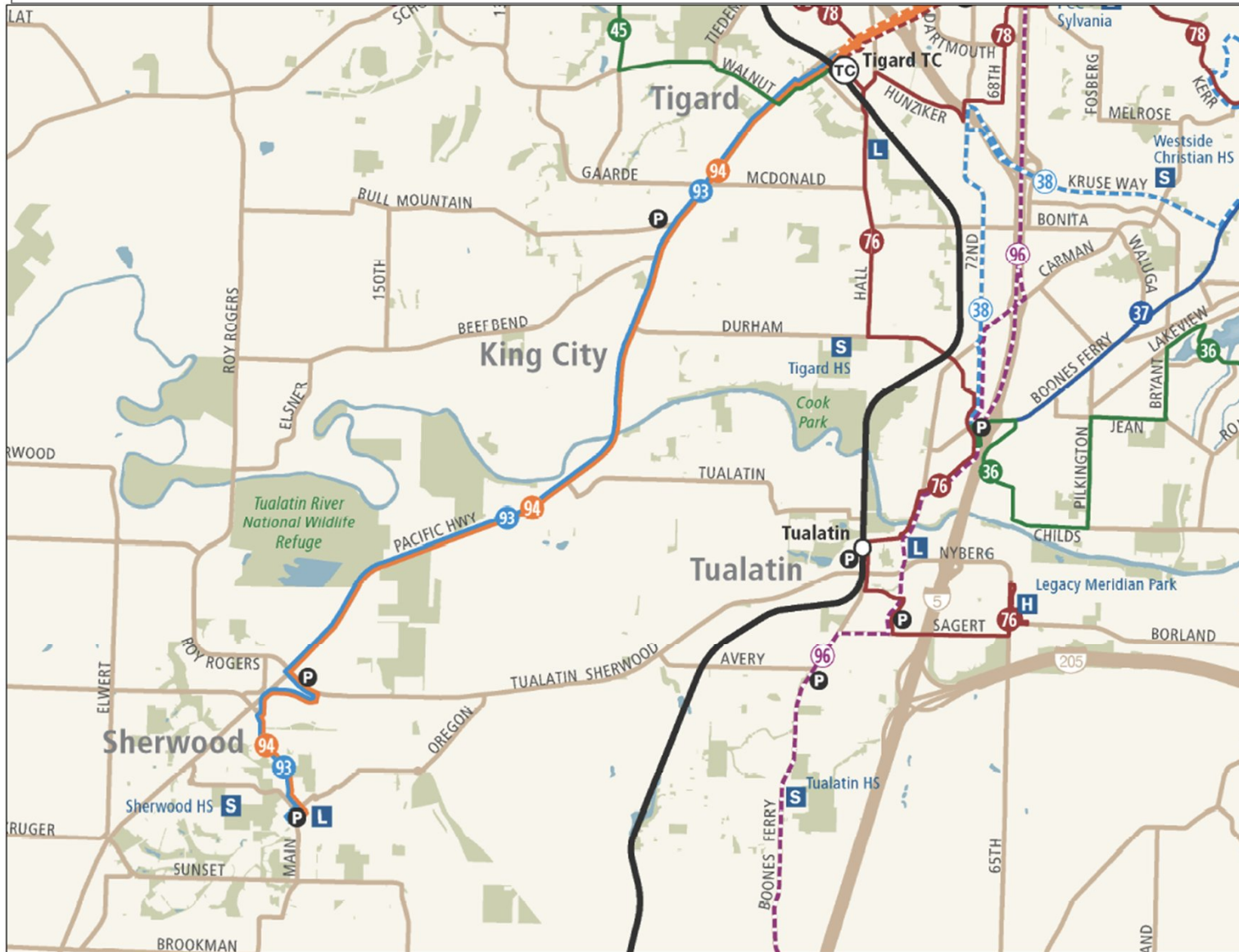
SWSEP Outreach – Draft Vision Assumptions/Legend

Assumptions

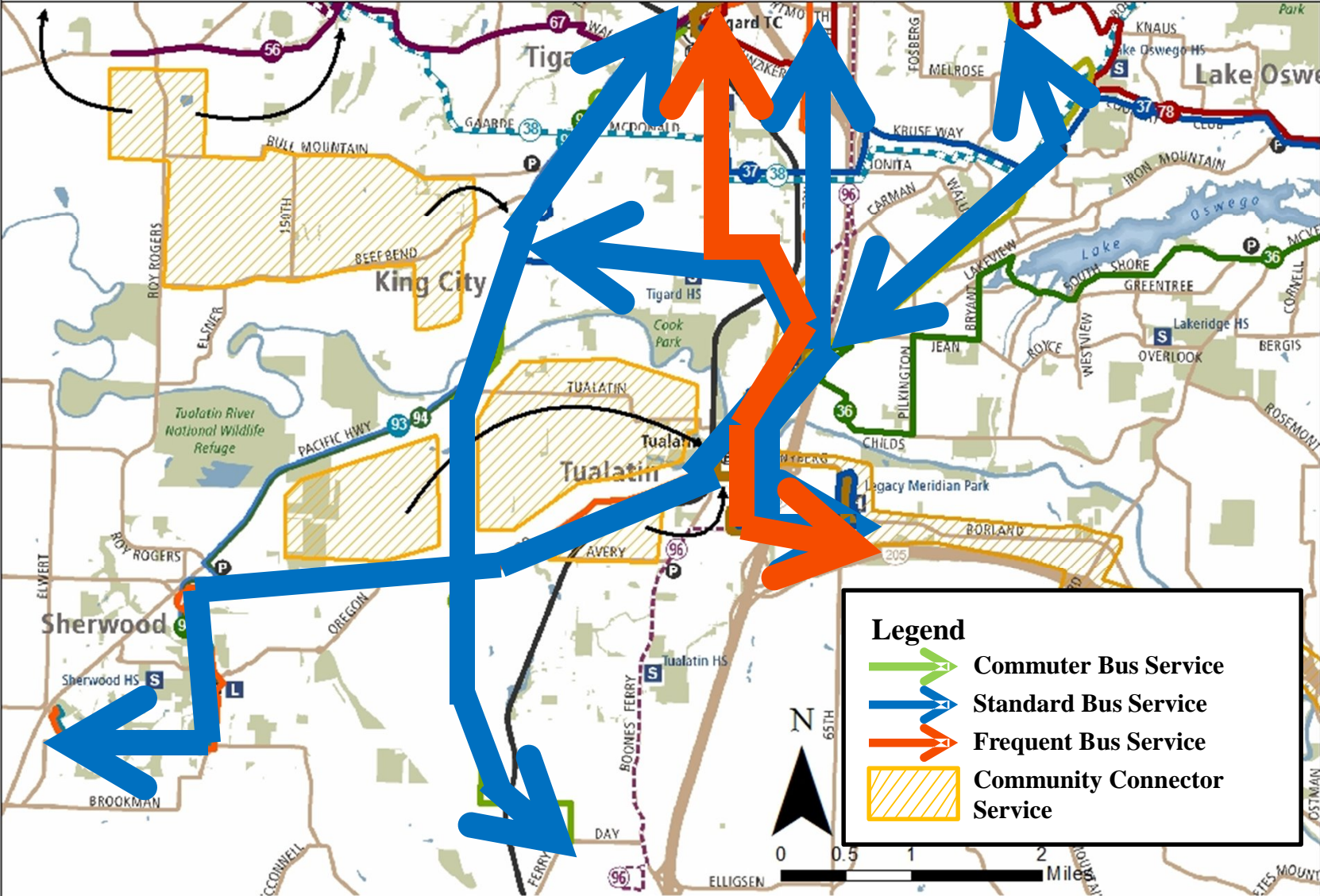
- Long-term vision
- Doesn't include HCT
- Bold, but realistic



Current Bus Lines – Sherwood and Tualatin



Southwest Service Enhancement Plan Draft Vision: Sherwood and Tualatin

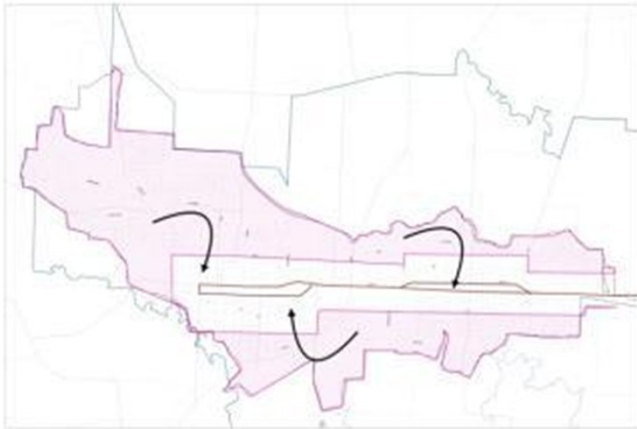


Southwest Service Enhancement Plan Draft Vision: Sherwood and Tualatin



Taking the Tualatin Shuttle into the Future

Forest Grove Community Circulator



In Service Now: GroveLink





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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos

FROM: Cindy Hahn, Associate Planner
Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Planning Manager

DATE: 07/14/2014

SUBJECT: Basalt Creek Concept Plan Project - Update and Preview of July 16, 2014 Joint City Council Meeting with Wilsonville

ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

City Council will receive an update on the Basalt Creek Concept Plan project, including draft Guiding Principles and highlights of the Community Workshop. Council will hold a Joint City Council Meeting with Wilsonville on July 16, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Council will meet jointly with the Wilsonville City Council for a presentation of the existing conditions in the study area, a discussion of the draft Guiding Principles and a dot exercise to prioritize the principles. Additionally, the consultant team will facilitate live polling questions and present a summary of outcomes from the June 17th workshop. The purpose of this work session presentation is to prepare the Council for that meeting (see Attachment A for the meeting agenda).

Since the last Council briefing in April, staff from Tualatin and Wilsonville have worked with the Basalt Creek consultant team to complete a detailed task schedule for the project (see Attachment B for a summary schedule), document existing conditions in the study area to be finalized in August, and develop draft Guiding Principle (see Attachment C). A Community Workshop was held on June 17, 2014, to gather input that will inform possible alternative concepts for future development in the Basalt Creek area. The Agency Review Team also met for the first time to get an overview of the project.

The Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee (TPARK) received a project overview on June 10, 2014, and the Tualatin Planning Commission (TPC) received a similar update on June 19, 2014. TPARK did not have any specific comments on the draft Guiding Principles or existing conditions information gathered to date at that time. TPC suggested that residential livability, commercial opportunities, and preservation of wildlife corridors be more thoroughly addressed in the Guiding Principles.

NEXT STEPS

Next steps in the planning process include completing the stakeholder outreach, summarizing input, and starting to develop themes to present to each Council individually for input that will inform land use alternatives. The Planning Commissions and City Councils of both Tualatin and Wilsonville will receive regular updates throughout the concept planning process.

DISCUSSION:

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Project Team drafted the Guiding Principles based on input from the Tualatin and Wilsonville City Councils at the joint meeting held on October 29, 2013. At the July 16, 2014 Joint City Council meeting, the Councils will be asked to review and provide feedback on these principles. After this discussion, the project team will create evaluation measures to be used in assessing alternative land use scenarios. Attachment C contains the draft Guiding Principles.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The consultant team has gathered information about demographics, market conditions, environmental constraints, services and utilities, and transportation in the Basalt Creek study area. In addition, input gathered from the Community Workshop, and from interviews and focus groups that occurred at the end of June and early this month will help inform creation of the alternative development scenarios. Attachment D presents highlights from the existing conditions data gathered to date.

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- Attachments:**
- [A. Joint Council Meeting Agenda](#)
 - [B. Graphic Project Schedule](#)
 - [C. Draft Guiding Principles](#)
 - [D. Presentation](#)

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City of Tualatin

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA JOINT CITY OF TUALATIN AND CITY OF WILSONVILLE COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Basalt Creek Concept Plan Joint Meeting #2

Police Training Room
8650 SW Tualatin Road
Tualatin, Oregon 97062

July 16, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Purpose

- Tualatin and Wilsonville Councilors are updated on the current status of the project and process
- Findings from the June 17 community workshop are presented
- An overview of existing conditions, highlighting major findings, is provided
- Guiding Principles are discussed and prioritized

A. AGENDA

B. CALL TO ORDER

C. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

D. PRESENTATIONS (30 minutes)

1. **Project Update:** Brief status update to prepare for a productive discussion of guiding principles
2. **Existing Conditions:** Overview of major findings related to market conditions, population and housing, environmental constraints, services and utilities, and transportation.

E. POLLING QUESTIONS EXERCISE (10 minutes)

Councilors will participate in an instant polling exercise, responding to the same questions posed in the community workshop and online survey.

F. WORKSHOP OUTCOMES (15 Minutes)

Summary of outcomes of the June 17 community workshop, including results of instant polling, mapping exercise, and subsequent online survey.

G. **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (45 minutes)**

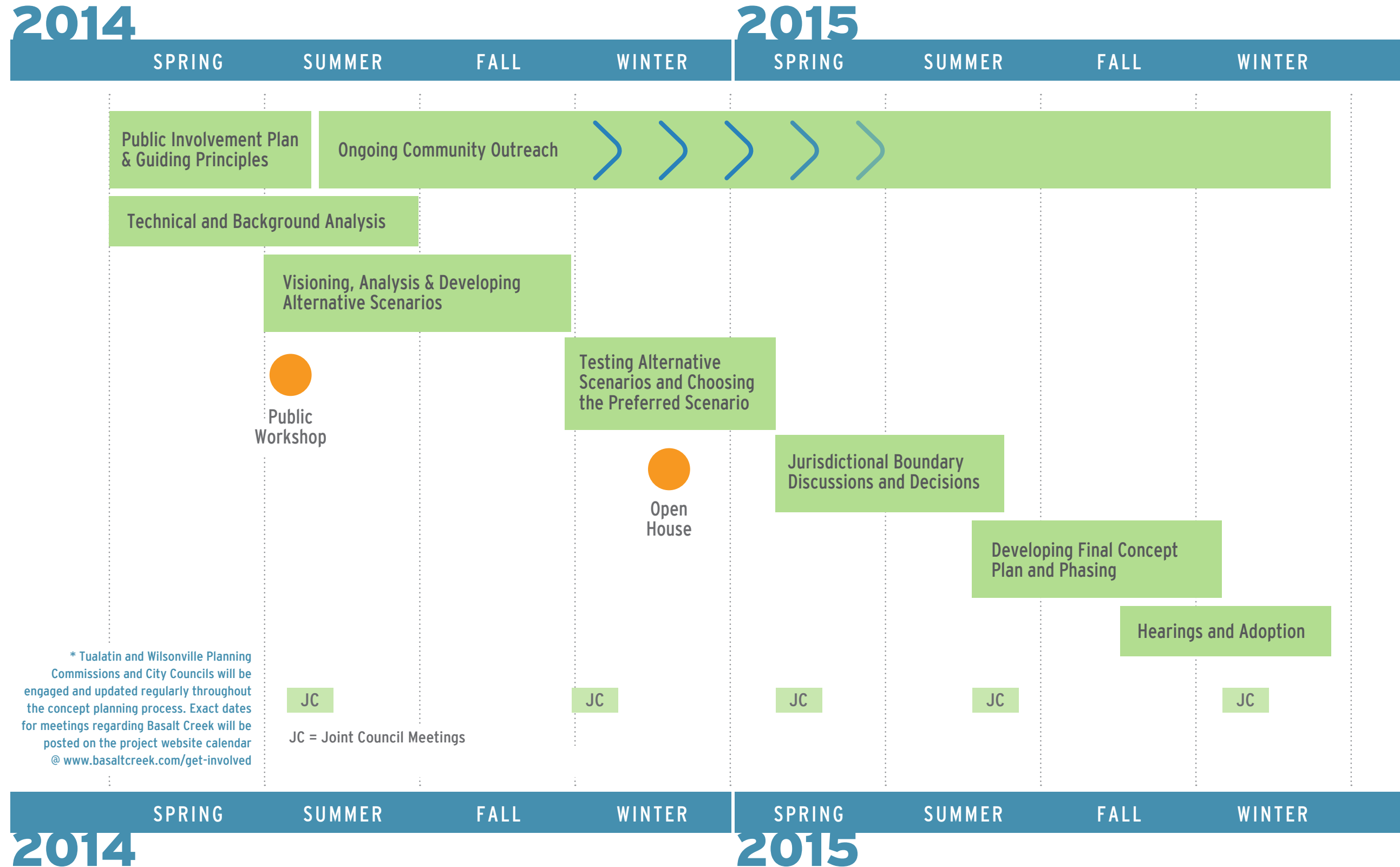
1. **Guiding Principles:** Facilitated discussion of draft guiding principles. Councilors will also have the opportunity to suggest changes to principles and new principles.
2. **Discussion:** After hearing about existing conditions and constraints, public input and discussing the guiding principles, what characteristics should the project team consider when developing land use scenarios?

H. **NEXT STEPS**

1. **Planning Activities:** Brief outline of next steps in the planning process.
2. **Joint Council Meeting #3:** December 2014

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Concept Plan - Timeline



* Tualatin and Wilsonville Planning Commissions and City Councils will be engaged and updated regularly throughout the concept planning process. Exact dates for meetings regarding Basalt Creek will be posted on the project website calendar @ www.basaltcreek.com/get-involved

June 16, 2014

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BASALT CREEK CONCEPT PLAN

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Guiding Principles are intended to represent the collective interests and goals for the Basalt Creek planning area. The guiding principles provide a framework for gathering input and developing transparent and meaningful measures that can help inform the decision making process.

1. Create a shared vision for the Basalt Creek planning area that maintains and complements the identity of each city and leads to successful implementation at the local level.
2. Grow the economic opportunities of this unique area.
3. Develop cohesive infrastructure systems (roads, trails, pipes) to serve the area.
4. Catalyze high-quality industrial development and foster creation of quality neighborhoods with a range of housing options to meet local demand.
5. Provide appropriate transitions between different land uses.
6. Protect existing city neighborhoods and employment areas from impacts created by growth.
7. Ensure natural resource areas are incorporated into the plan as community amenities and assets.
8. Increase equitable access to nature and active recreation opportunities.
9. Design an efficient transportation network to provide a full range of mobility options supportive of industry, employees and diverse residents.



Project Update

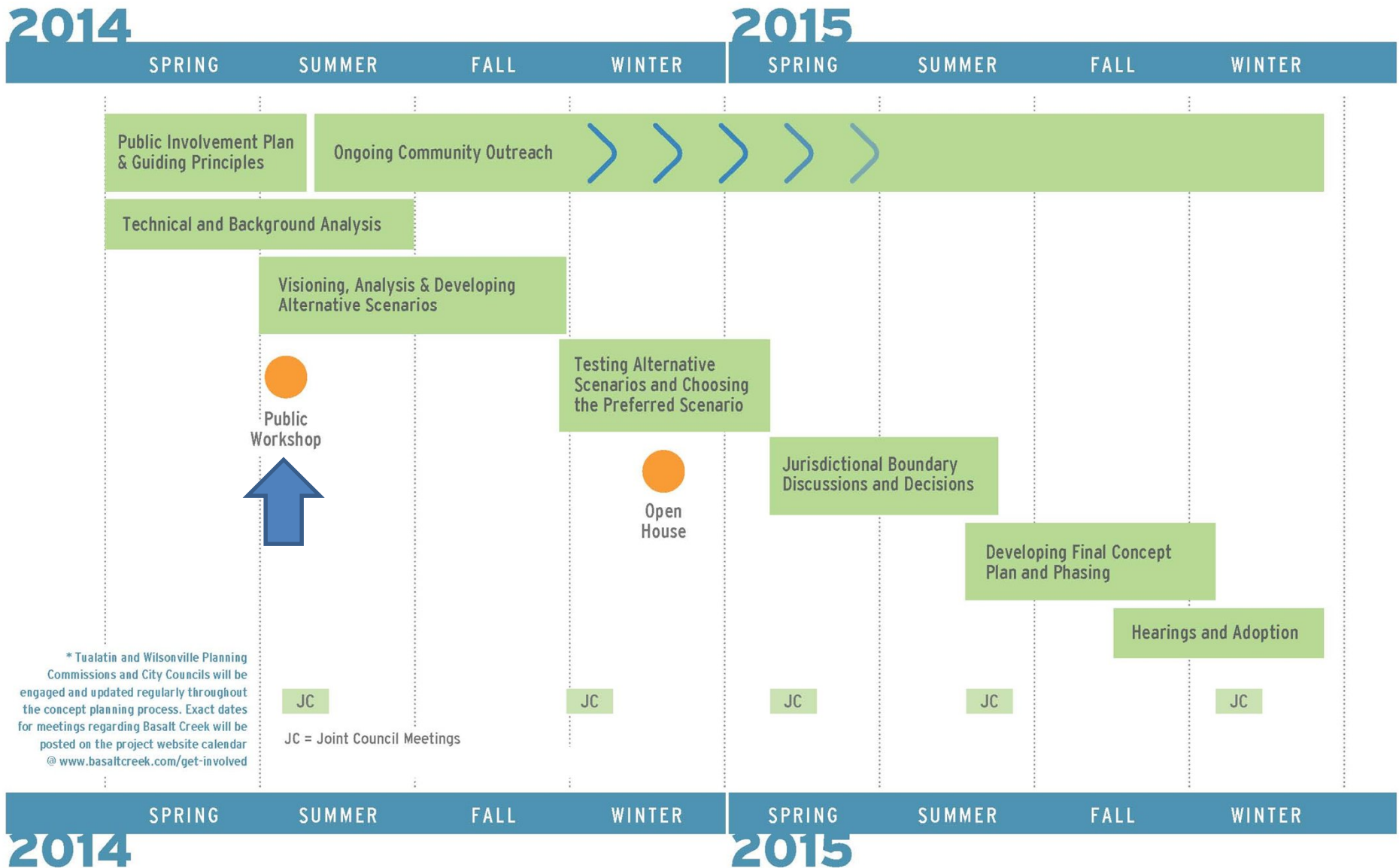
Tualatin City Council

Work Session

July 14, 2014



What is the schedule?



Draft Guiding Principles

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Public Involvement

- Workshop
- Open House
- Online surveys
- Stakeholder focus groups and interviews



Public Workshop

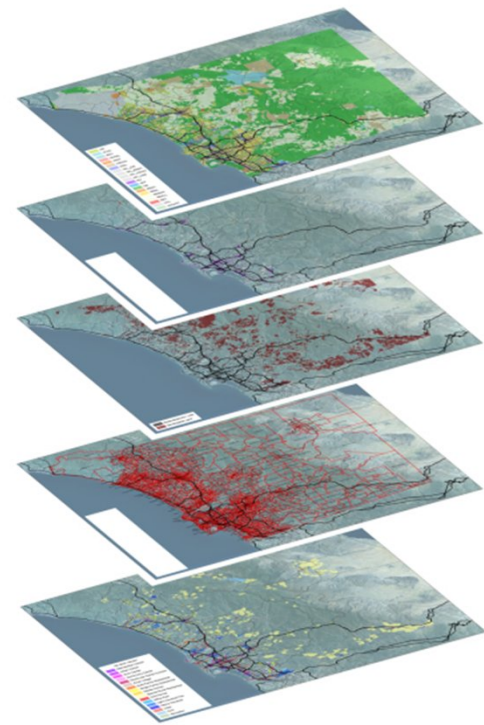
1. Approximately 40-50 attendees
2. Instant Polling questions
 - Get to know the audience
 - General appetite for land uses
 - Sense of prioritization of housing, jobs, environment, etc.
3. Mapping Exercise
 - Development chips

Public Involvement

- Compile all public input into concepts
- Present themes to each Council individually
- Develop up to three alternatives

Existing Conditions

1. Housing and Employment
2. Environmental Constraints
3. Transportation
4. Infrastructure



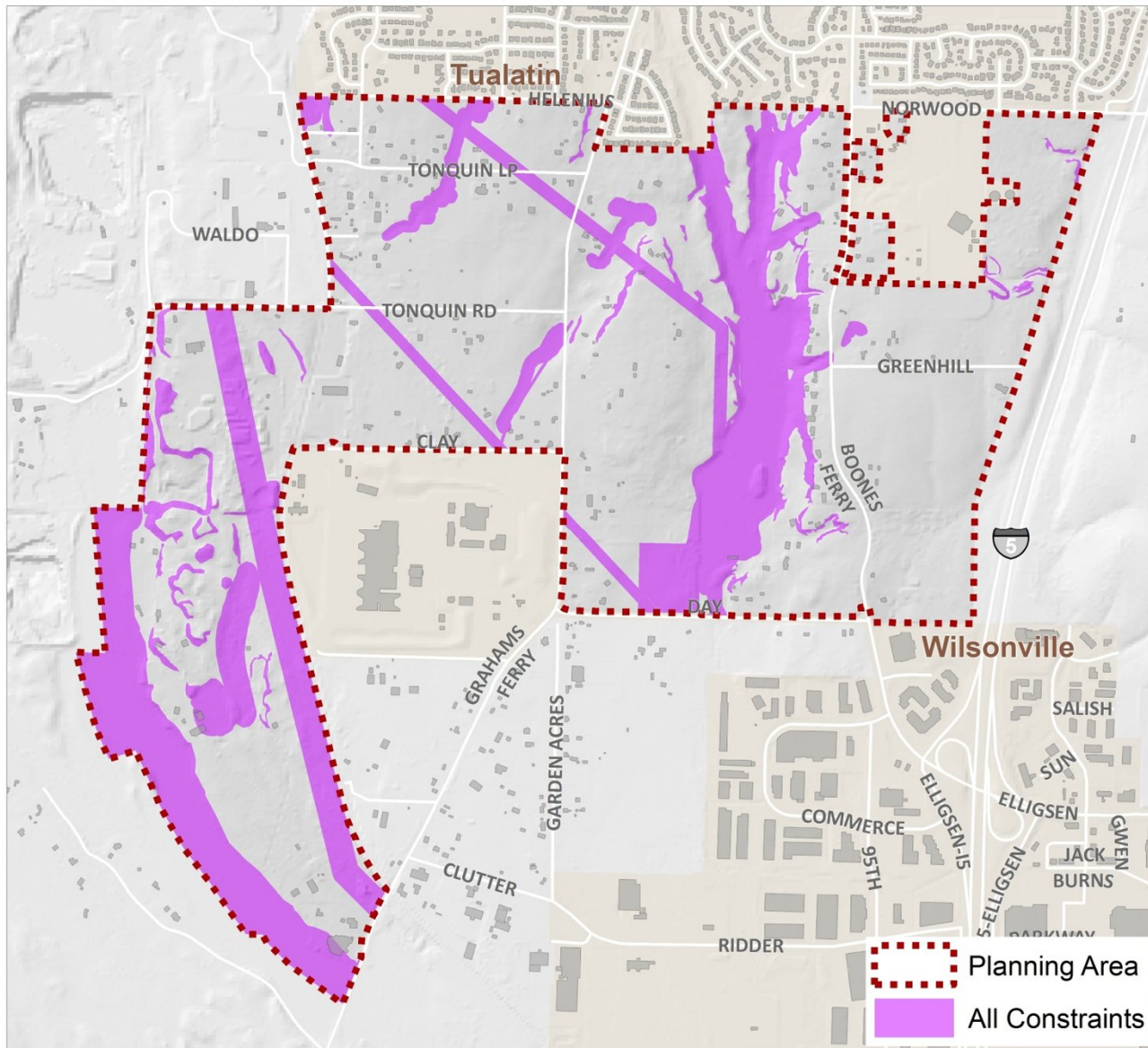
Housing

- **Age:** Tualatin and Wilsonville have a higher percent of population who are 20-44 years old and under 5 years old than Metro Area and the U.S.
- **Household size:** Higher percent of 4-person and 1-person households.

Employment

- **Office:** Some potential office demand
- **Industrial:** Good access to I-5, near other industrial areas, should complement other planned sites
- **Retail:** Regional shopping centers already nearby

Environmental and Other Constraints



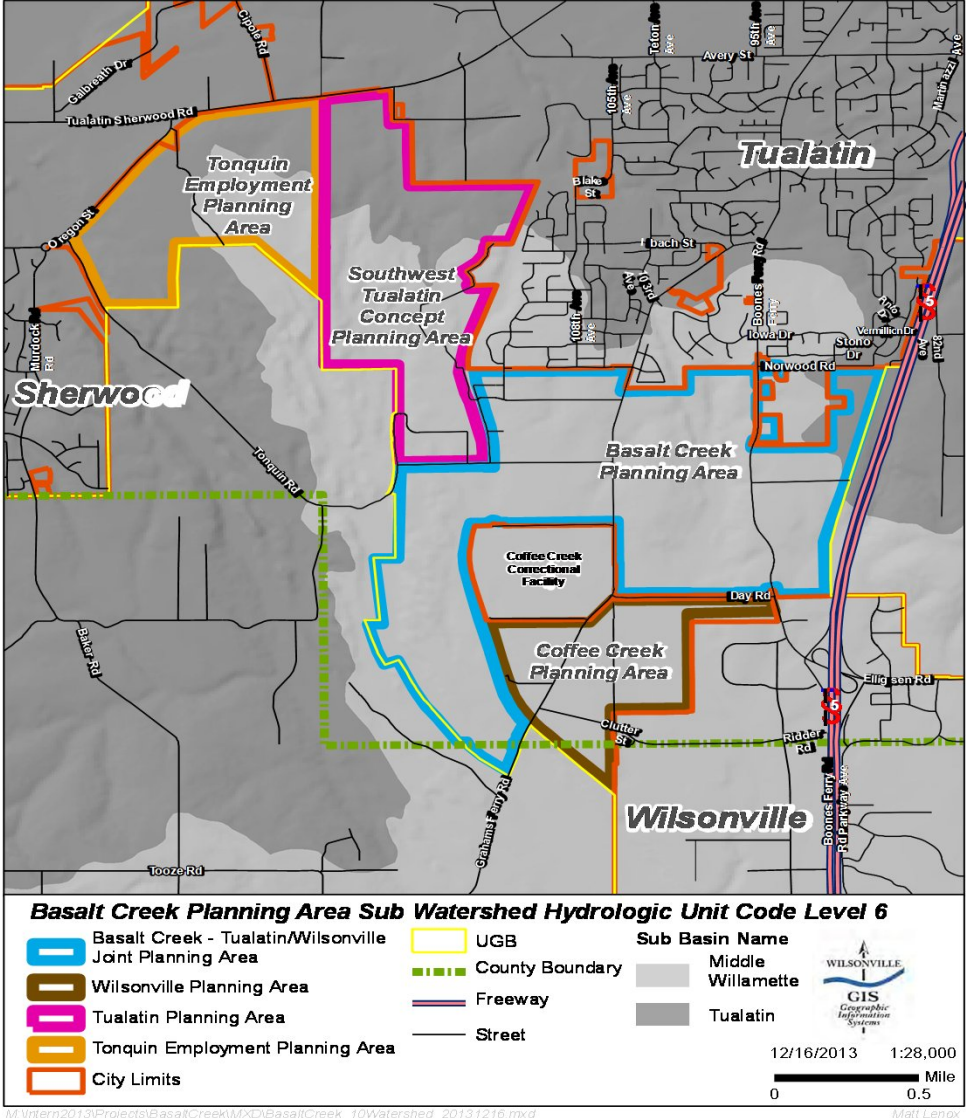
- 234 acres constrained
- Study area total is 847 acres
- 28% constrained
- Does not include additional methodology for slope stability and intrusions/encroachment into vegetated corridor

Transportation Framework

- Basalt Creek TRP
- Cities' TSPs
- Regional trails and transit
- Trip generation forecast

Infrastructure

- Basins generally flow toward Wilsonville



Next Steps

Next Planning Activities:

- Complete stakeholder outreach and summarize input
- Finalize constraints and existing conditions
- Develop themes then check in with individual Councils prior to developing alternatives

Joint Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 16

Time: 6 pm

Where: Tualatin Police Training Room

What: Guiding Principles, Existing Conditions, Live Polling Questions, Discussion

Questions?



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF TUALATIN

City Council Work Session

Meeting Date: 07/14/2014

Subject: Fox Hills Parking Permit Zone Discussion with presentation by Chief Kent Barker

Through: Sherilyn Lombos, Administration

PowerPoint



City of Tualatin

PARKING PERMIT ZONES
NW FOX HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD

Presented By: Chief Kent Barker

July 14, 2014

Option For Parking Zone NW Fox Hills Neighborhood



Proposed Signs

Estimated Cost for Signs and Installation is, \$1500



← These are the actual signs that are used south of the High School →



Application Forms & Permits



City of Tualatin

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Residential Permit Parking Application Fox Hills

New Resident Renewal/Update Replacement

Return the completed application to the
Tualatin Police Department at 8650 SW Tualatin Rd., Tualatin OR 97062.
Or by email to TualatinRecords@ci.tualatin.or.us. For questions call 503.691.4800.
The complete code and more information can be found online at www.TualatinOregon.gov.

ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE	DATE
NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	OWNER OR RENTER?

EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM RESIDENCE)	ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER

UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED TWO WINDOW CLINGS AND ONE GUEST REARVIEW MIRROR HANGER WILL BE ISSUED AND SENT BY MAIL.

Do you need additional permits? Yes/No _____ How many? Cling: _____ Hanger: _____

In order to receive my permit(s) I agree that the permit(s) remain the property of the City of Tualatin and are only valid in the Fox Hills permit parking area. The window clings will be conspicuously placed either in the front windshield or rear window on the driver side of the vehicle and remain visible through any window tinting. The hanger shall be placed on the rearview mirror facing outward. Permits are only required to be displayed if the vehicle is parked within the roadway. I understand that permit parking permits can be revoked if misused. I will immediately surrender all permits upon moving.

Name/Signature _____ Date _____

BUSINESS USE ONLY:		
ISSUED BY:	DATE:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mailed to Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Sent to Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/> Picked up in Person on _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Clings /1 Hanger <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cling /1 Hanger <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Hanger	Permit #(s) _____

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Estimated Cost for Static Cling permits and mirror hangers is, \$1,000



Questions to Ponder

- 1. Should there be limited hours or should it be 24/7?**
- 2. Should there be a nominal charge to cover some or all of the City costs?**
- 3. Other items to consider?**

Course of Action

Outreach

- Send Letter to Impacted Residents with Proposed Information
- Communicate DRAFT Plan through CIO group
- Schedule a Neighborhood Informational Meeting
- Present Information to Neighborhood and allow feedback

Council

- Bring Feedback along with Proposal of Amended Ordinance

Implement

- Parking Permit Application sent to Impacted Residents
- Permits and Return letter provided to resident applicants
- Renewal Permits provided upon request
- District Patrol Officer will monitor initially
- Future enforcement conducted as complaint-driven only

Questions & Discussion



MEMORANDUM

CITY OF TUALATIN

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos

FROM: Sara Singer, Deputy City Manager

DATE: 07/14/2014

SUBJECT: League of Oregon Cities 2015 Legislative Priorities

ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) has requested that all cities review their list of legislative issues for the 2015 legislative session and select Tualatin's top four priorities for the legislative agenda.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The LOC has eight policy committees which work to identify and propose specific actions to include in the League's legislative agenda each year. For 2015, these committees have identified 22 legislative objectives which span a variety of issues. The League has requested each city to review the objectives and identify their top four priorities. This input will be forwarded on to the LOC Board of Directors in preparation for adoption of the League's 2015 legislative agenda.

The list of legislative objectives has been attached to this staff report as Attachment A. As noted in the correspondence from the LOC staff, the Board of Directors has identified revenue and land use reform as top legislative priorities on an ongoing basis, so these do not appear on the list of objectives.

City staff has reviewed the the list and will present information about the objectives they have identified which could have significant impacts on Tualatin.

Attachments: Attachment A: LOC Legislative Priority Survey



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June 2, 2014

Dear Chief Administrative Official:

For the past three months, eight policy committees have worked very diligently to identify and propose specific actions as part of the League's effort to develop a pro-active legislative agenda for the 2015 session. They have identified 22 legislative objectives as set forth in the enclosed ballot and legislative recommendation materials. These objectives span a variety of issues and differ in the potential resources required to seek their achievement. Therefore, it is desirable to prioritize them in order to ensure that efforts are focused where they are most needed.

The LOC Board of Directors has made long term commitments to two issues critical to cities: revenue and land use reform. **As a result of their designation as top legislative priorities on an ongoing basis neither of these issues appear on the enclosed ballot.**

The League will continue to advocate for a constitutional amendment that gives local voters the opportunity to pass local option levies outside of compression. Currently, statewide property tax limitations can prevent local voters from supporting the services they demand via local option levy. This amendment would enable voters to determine the level of services they desire and the associated level of taxation. The League will also advocate for a constitutional amendment that will improve the fairness of the property tax system by recalibrating taxes at the time a property is sold. Oregon's property tax system created a new assessed, or taxable, value based on 1995-96 real market values and capped annual growth. As property values have grown at different rates since that time, huge disparities in tax bills have emerged. The League will also continue to engage in legislative efforts to reform land use processes to reduce the burden on cities as they make local decisions about urban growth. Land use requirements have become increasingly difficult for cities to implement – with increased costs, time, and frequency of appeals – and the League will build on recent efforts to reform the urban growth boundary process to ensure that reforms streamline the land use process.

Each city is being asked to review the recommendations of the policy committees and provide input to the LOC Board of Directors as it prepares to adopt the League's 2015 legislative agenda. After your city council has had the opportunity to review the 22 proposals and discuss them with your staff, please return the enclosed ballot indicating the top four issues that your city council would like to see the League focus on in the 2015 session. **The deadline for response is July 25, 2014.** The board of directors will then review the results of this survey of member cities, along with the recommendations of the policy committees, and determine the League's 2015 legislative agenda.

Your city's participation and input will assist the board in creating a focused set of specific legislative targets that reflect the issues of greatest importance for cities. Thank you for your involvement, and thanks to those among you who gave many hours of time and expertise in developing these proposals.

Do not hesitate to contact me or Craig Honeyman, Legislative Director, with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. McCauley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal tail.

Michael J. McCauley
Executive Director

cc: Oregon Mayors

LOC Policy Committees' Legislative Recommendations

Priority	Description
Community Development	
A. Provide tools for brownfield remediation including \$10 million in recapitalization of the redevelopment fund, new incentives such as tax credits, or regulatory modifications.	Supports finding funding sources and cost reductions for cleaning up brownfields to support economic development. The Brownfield Redevelopment Fund Program provides gap financing to clean-up industrial sites but has not been recapitalized to address the increasing need for clean-up of brownfield sites. However, the fund is not large enough to address this need on a statewide basis, so further support for efforts to determine alternative means to incentivize brownfield redevelopment will increase available industrial sites and help drive economic development. Overall, increasing tools to redevelop brownfields provides more options to cities looking to redevelop current brownfields into a better use.
B. Support capitalization of the industrial site readiness loan program at \$10 million and the industrial site readiness assessment program at \$200,000.	Provides funding for two programs created in 2013 for addressing lands that are zoned industrial but are not being used for industrial purposes: the industrial site readiness program and the industrial site readiness assessment program. The first provides forgivable loans to local governments that bring industrial sites to shovel ready status, such as by placing infrastructure or cleaning up a brownfield. The second allows regions to determine what is preventing land designated for industrial use from being built for industrial use. However, no money was provided to fund either program in the 2013-2015 budget.
C. Prioritize grants providing assistance for natural disaster planning and updating comprehensive plans to address likely natural disasters in a community, and increase the grant funds available to cities through the DLCDC's general grant funds to \$2 million.	In the last two biennia, the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development general fund grant program has seen a significant drop in the money allocated to it with increasing need from local governments to address technical planning issues and update pursuant to periodic review. In addition, the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission, has released a report related to ongoing need for upgrading resilience in response to a major earthquake and recent natural disasters have raised awareness relating to land use planning. Raising the general fund grant program back to the 2009-2011 budget levels will help more cities address their planning needs and seek technical assistance. This would also alter the uses for these funds to include planning that increases resilience to natural disasters and meet their Goal 7 requirements.
D. Reform the Post Acknowledgment Plan Amendment process to require appellants to raise issues before the local government before raising the issue on appeal.	Changing the appeals requirements for post-acknowledgement plan amendments (PAPAs) will keep decision making for land use policy at the local level first, allowing city official to determine the scope of legislative changes they make to their plans without trying to fight a new issue on appeal. This "raise it or waive it" standard currently exists for quasi-judicial decisions at the local level and insures that local decisions are not attacked on appeal on an issue that a city could have resolved in finalizing its decision. Modifying the PAPA appeal insures more land use decisions start with addressing all issues at the local level first.
Energy	
E. Modify the existing "1.5% green energy technology for public buildings" requirement to allow for offsite solar investments.	<p>Oregon statute currently requires public contracting agencies to invest 1.5% of the total contract price for new construction or major renovation of certain public buildings on solar or geothermal technology. The requirement allows for offsite technology, but only if the energy is directly transmitted back to the public building site and is more cost-effective than onsite installation.</p> <p>Removing the requirement that an offsite project be directly connected to the public building project could result in increased flexibility for local governments to invest in solar projects that are more cost-effective and that could provide for increased solar energy production.</p>

LOC Policy Committees' Legislative Recommendations

<p>F. Support efforts to eliminate the sunset on the Low Carbon Fuel Standard program.</p>	<p>Oregon's low carbon fuel standard, also known as the Clean Fuels Program, was initially adopted by the 2009 legislature. The standard would require fuel producers and importers to cut the carbon intensity of gasoline and diesel fuels by ten percent over a 10-year period in order to reduce greenhouse house gas emissions, reduce dependence on imported oil, and expand upon Oregon's renewable fuel industry. Fuel producers and importers can meet the standard through providing additional biofuels, natural gas or electricity, or by purchasing clean fuel credits. The program includes several consumer protection mechanisms to help ensure an adequate fuel supply and competitive fuel pricing.</p> <p>The program, as initially adopted is scheduled to expire, or sunset, on December 31, 2015. The League will work to support efforts to eliminate the sunset on the program.</p>
Finance & Taxation	
<p>G. Phase out the 3% discount for the early payment of property taxes.</p>	<p>Oregon law offers a 3% discount for property owners who pay the full amount due by November 15th. A 2% discount is offered for those that pay two-thirds of the amount due by November 15th.</p> <p>The League will phase out the discount over a period of time and adopt a penalty for failing to pay by November 15th to mitigate any cash flow issues for local governments.</p>
<p>H. Improve the fairness of how new and improved property is added to the tax roll.</p>	<p>New and improved property is brought on the tax rolls by applying an annual county-wide ratio of assessed values (AV) to real market values (RMV) to the new or added value of a property, in an attempt to replicate the property tax discount given to properties via Measure 50.</p> <p>However, significant variation between AV and RMV exist within a county, resulting in the discount often being inequitable compared to neighboring properties, as well as being out of line with the discount originally offered to properties when Measure 50 passed in 1997.</p> <p>As a result, similarly situated and valued properties can have significantly different property tax liabilities.</p> <p>The League will work to modify the property tax system to improve the fairness of how new property is added to the tax roll.</p>
<p>I. Improve clarity and certainty around transient lodging tax statute.</p>	<p>State law limits how transient lodging taxes increased or adopted after July 2003 can be spent, with statute requiring that 70 percent of increased or new transient lodging tax revenues be expended on tourism promotion or tourism-related facilities. There is uncertainty, however, as to what qualifies as a tourism-related facility and the timeline in which such expenditures can be legally challenged.</p> <p>The League will seek to improve the certainty around what qualifies as a tourism-related facility and reasonably limit the timeframe in which such expenditures can be legally challenged.</p>
General Government	
<p>J. Reform Oregon's recall procedures to encourage a greater participation of the electorate and ensure that it is used for reasons involving misconduct.</p>	<p>Under Oregon law, an elected official may be recalled by an initiative petition for any reason after the first six months of their term. Limiting recalls to cases where there has been demonstrated wrong doing by a court or regulatory body (such as the Oregon Government Ethics Commission) would prevent the misuse of recalls without limiting the power of the electorate to reverse a decision. Recalls should be limited to acts of malfeasance or offenses involving moral turpitude.</p>

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K. Allow for price comparison when procuring architects and engineers.	In 2011 the Oregon Legislature required cities to use a qualifications based selection (QBS) process that prohibits the consideration of price until an initial selection has been made when hiring architects, engineers and photogrammetrists. This requirement prevents local governments from comparing pricing and effectively eliminates price competition when procuring these services.
L. Clarify and enhance medical marijuana dispensary regulations.	Existing restrictions on the placement of medical marijuana dispensaries (MMD) are inconsistent with land use regulations and should be clarified. Additionally, background checks are not required on people who work in MMD and there is no regulation on the manufacture of oils and other liquid marijuana products that use flammable/explosive substances in their processing.
M. Enhance mental health services.	Oregon's police departments have marked an increase in interactions with the mentally ill in recent years. Crisis intervention teams (CIT) have proven effective and deescalating interactions with the mentally ill, but this service model is not available in all parts of the state. Additionally, there is a demonstrated need for "drop-in" mental health services that allow for treatment before a person enters a state of crisis. There should be statewide access of CITs, and emergency access to mental health services to promote patient and community safety. Additionally, mental health services should be examined holistically to ensure that Oregon is providing the best possible care to the mentally ill.
Human Resources	
N. Ensure that arbitrator awards are in compliance with state, as well as local policies.	Currently, an arbitrator's award overturning an employer's disciplinary decision must comply with state policies on issues including, but not limited to: use of force, sexual harassment, or misconduct. Precedent has established that only state policies apply to the enforceability to an arbitrator's award.
O. Ensure that collective bargaining agreements trump state mandates on police investigations.	"The Police Officer's Bill of Rights" was intended to offer protections for officers who were under investigation if there was no collective bargaining contract or the contract was silent on how investigations were to be conducted. Changes made in 2009 have resulted in confusion and manipulation of the bargaining process. The statute needs to be amended to bring it back to the original intent of the bill.
P. Require earlier submission of last best offer.	Under current law, last best offers (LBOs) must be submitted 14 days prior to opening of arbitration in the event parties have declared an impasse, and binding arbitration is being used to settle the contract. Most arbitrators use a 30-day cancellation policy that requires payment even if parties settle prior to the commencement of arbitration. Requiring LBOs to be submitted 35 days prior to the opening of arbitration would provide an opportunity to settle without paying unnecessary fees.
Telecommunications	
<p>Q. Support the reintroduction of legislation that repeals ORS 221.515 (HB 2455 -7 in 2013) removing the franchise fee rate and revenue restrictions which currently apply to incumbent local exchange carriers, or other legislation that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not preempt local authority to manage the public ROW and be compensated for its use; • Maintains or increases the opportunity for revenue growth; and • Is technology neutral. 	<p>Protection of local authority to manage public rights of way (ROW) and receive compensation for any use of those facilities continues to be at the forefront of the League's telecommunications agenda. The League's "Oregon Municipal Policy" generally asserts local government Home Rule authority and specifically refers to the telecom management and compensation authority of Oregon cities.</p> <p>Since 1989 state statute has caused a disparity between certain types of telecommunications providers with regard to how franchise fees are collected. The League's preference is equity between all providers using the ROW, but with continued local ability to negotiate individual franchise agreements with individual service providers.</p> <p>During the 2013 legislative session the League supported efforts by Comcast to enact legislation doing away with the disparity. HB 2455 would have repealed ORS 221.515, thus allowing cities to charge all telecommunications in the same manner. The proposal received a hearing but was not approved in committee.</p> <p>The committee chair may be interested in re-introducing the proposal in 2015. However the telecom industry, this time including Comcast, is likely to introduce legislation dealing with the disparity in a manner that cities may find objectionable, including rate</p>

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	caps on an overly narrow revenue base and other policies that could infringe upon both management and compensation authority and negatively impact city revenues.
<p>R. Oppose legislation preempting the ability of cities to manage and receive compensation for the use of a public ROW including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a “one-size-fits all,” state-wide franchise fee policy and collection system. • Prohibition of a city’s authority to levy franchise fees on other local government entities. 	<i>Same as above.</i>
Transportation	
<p>S. Pass a comprehensive transportation funding and policy package containing the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gas tax increase of up to 5 cents/gallon. • Index the gas tax either to the consumer price index or some other accepted and relevant economic index. • Continued development and expansion of the state’s commitment to a transportation user fee based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT). • License plate fee increases to include lightweight trailers. • No change in the constitutional dedication of State Highway Trust Fund dollars to highway, road and street projects (Article 9, Section 3a, Oregon Constitution). • New revenues coming to the State Highway Trust Fund should continue to be split between the state, counties and cities 50%-30%-20% respectively. • Increase in the statutory (ORS 366.805) “Small City Allotment” fund from \$1 million to \$5 million annually, split evenly between the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the cities’ share of the trust fund. 	<p>The League of Oregon Cities agrees that the state’s transportation system and the policy and funding programs that support it must be multimodal in scope. The League will therefore support and work to achieve passage of legislation in 2015 that seeks to address funding and policy initiatives relating to all modes (streets, bike/ped, transit, rail, aviation and marine) and in so doing addresses such issues as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity • Safety • Jobs and economic development • Transportation impact on climate change • Active transportation and public health <p>Given the fact that maintenance and preservation needs have outpaced the resources available for streets, roads and highways, and given the threat that represents to investments already made in the transportation system, the League will insist on a transportation package that increases and makes more sustainable the ability of all government jurisdictions to preserve and maintain these assets.</p> <p>Note: The Small City Allotment has not been increased since its inception in the early 1990’s. The additional revenue to cities from the 2009 Jobs and Transportation Act did not increase road funding for small cities.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No restriction, moratorium or preemption of local government ability to generate their own revenues for transportation funding. • Adequate funding for the maintenance and preservation of “orphan highways” in Oregon as part of a more robust jurisdictional transfer program. 	
T. Continued or enhanced funding for <i>ConnectOregon</i>	<i>ConnectOregon</i> is the state’s premier multi-modal funding program, and is funded out of lottery revenues.
Water/Wastewater	
U. Support efforts and program funding to address Oregon’s long term water supply needs including recapitalization of the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant Program and implementation of a place-based pilot program for local water resources planning	<p>According to the Oregon Water Resources Department, 2013 marked the fourth driest year on record for Oregon, with some areas experiencing their driest year on record yet. Oregon experienced below average precipitation in 2013 and continuing into 2014. As of May 2014, snow measurement sites in many part of Oregon show record lows for snowpack levels. As a result, summer streamflows are expected to be below average and water shortages are likely for many part of Oregon.</p> <p>The League will work in conjunction with the Oregon Water Resources Department to fund programs to address water supply shortages. These efforts will include support for ongoing funding of the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Grant program which provides grant funding for water supply project feasibility studies. The League will also support efforts for the Oregon Water Resources Department to establish a place-based planning pilot program to facilitate local collaboration among interested stakeholders and the creation of a blueprint for long-term integrated water resources planning and implementation.</p>
V. Support efforts to establish a program that would provide low-interest loan opportunities to address failing residential onsite septic systems. The new loan program would support repair and replacement of failing systems or conversion to a municipal wastewater system, if the conversion is at the request of the impacted municipality.	<p>According to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, over 30 percent of Oregonians rely on septic systems to treat wastewater from their homes and businesses. Many of these systems are within the boundaries of a municipal wastewater system, and a number of these systems are in need of repair or replacement. Failing septic systems, especially those within proximity to groundwater resources, create a significant human health hazard. However, significant costs to address failing septic systems often create a burden for homeowners who are unable to pay for costs associated with repair, replacement or conversion over to a public sewer system.</p> <p>The League will work with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to establish a revolving loan program that private residents can access in order to address failing septic systems. The League will further advocate that the program include mechanisms to encourage participants to convert over to a municipal wastewater system if conversion is at the request of the impacted municipality.</p>

City: _____

ATTACHMENT A
Please mark 4 boxes with an X that reflects the top 4 issues that your city recommends be added to the priorities for the League's 2015 legislative agenda.

Community Development

- A. Provide tools for brownfield remediation including \$10 million in recapitalization of the redevelopment fund, new incentives such as tax credits, or regulatory modifications.
- B. Support capitalization of the industrial site readiness loan program at \$10 million and the industrial site readiness assessment program at \$200,000.
- C. Prioritize grants providing assistance for natural disaster planning and updating comprehensive plans to address likely natural disasters in a community, and increase the grant funds available to cities through the DLCDC's general grant funds to \$2 million.
- D. Reform the Post Acknowledgment Plan Amendment process to require appellants to raise issues before the local government before raising the issue on appeal.

Energy

- E. Modify the existing "1.5% green energy technology for public buildings" requirement to allow for offsite solar investments.
- F. Support efforts to eliminate the sunset on the Low Carbon Fuel Standard program.

Finance & Taxation

- G. Phase out the 3% discount for the early payment of property taxes.
- H. Improve the fairness of how new and improved property is added to the tax roll.
- I. Improve clarity and certainty around transient lodging tax statute.

General Government

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- S. Pass a comprehensive transportation funding and policy package.
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- V. Support efforts to establish a program that would provide low-interest loan opportunities to address failing residential onsite septic systems. The new loan program would support repair and replacement of failing systems or conversion to a municipal wastewater system, if the conversion is at the request of the impacted municipality.

Note: As indicated, property tax and land use reform will remain as priority efforts.