

City of Lake Oswego Transportation System Plan Update

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR UPDATING TRANSPORTATION GOALS

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To: Project Management Team

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Project: City of Lake Oswego Transportation System Plan Update

Subject: Building Blocks for Updating Transportation Goals

PURPOSE

As part of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update, the project team, which consists of the Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee (TSPAC), City staff and consultant team, needs to review and, as necessary, edit the transportation related goals from the current Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this exercise is to prepare goals that are consistent with and will help the community progress towards the 2035 Vision for a Connected Community. This vision was developed during recent Comprehensive Plan update activities.

At the first TSPAC meeting on March 14th, the TSPAC will brainstorm and help develop draft goals to support the 2035 Vision for a Connected Community. Presented below is the following reference and background information for TSPAC members:

- 2035 Vision for A Connected Community – Updated goals should help progress towards realizing this vision.
- Transportation Goals from the 1994 Comprehensive Plan – These are the current goals the project team needs to review and update.

After the March 14th TSPAC Meeting, City staff and the consultant team will prepare a set of updated goals. City staff will discuss the updated goals with the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan as well as solicit input on them from the general public. City staff and the consultant team will also prepare draft objectives and evaluation criteria for each goal; the TSPAC will discuss the draft objectives and evaluation criteria at TSPAC Meeting on April 11th. The objectives and evaluation criteria establish how the project team identifies project needs and opportunities to improve the transportation system.

2035 VISION – A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

We have safe, efficient and convenient transportation choices. There are frequent and reliable public transportation options that make it easy to move around our city and the region. Pathways, sidewalks, roadways and bike routes encourage residents of all neighborhoods to walk and bike safely.

TRANSPORTATION GOALS FROM 1994 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Lake Oswego shall develop a major street system consisting of major and minor arterials and major collectors, which will have minimal impact on the City's air quality, address the mobility needs of residents for all modes of travel and promote energy conservation.
- Lake Oswego's transportation system shall be planned, developed, and operated in a coordinated manner with other state, regional, and local transportation providers.
- Lake Oswego shall develop a system of neighborhood collectors and local residential streets which preserves the quiet, privacy, and safety of neighborhood living and which has adequate but not excessive capacity, necessary to accommodate planned land uses.
- Amendments to land use designations, densities, and design standards within the Lake Oswego Comprehensive Plan shall be reviewed to ensure that traffic generation does not exceed the present design capacity and function of the planned transportation system.
- Lake Oswego shall develop strategies and implement programs that reduce the number of automobiles traveling in Lake Oswego, especially during peak morning and evening traffic hours.
- The City shall provide a continuous citywide network of safe and convenient walkways that promotes walking as a mode of travel for short trips.
- The City shall provide a network of safe and convenient bikeways integrated with other transportation modes to increase modal share of bicycle transportation for all trip purposes.
- The City shall encourage transit ridership by working with Metro, Tri-Met, and ODOT to develop a transit system which is fast, comfortable, accessible, and economical through development of land use patterns, development design standards, and street and pedestrian/bikeway improvements which support transit.
- Lake Oswego shall work with commercial rail and water transportation providers and associated regulatory agencies to ensure their activities are safe and compatible with the City's transportation system.
- Lake Oswego shall ensure that opportunities are provided for citizen involvement in decisions affecting the City's transportation system.
- Adequate on-site parking and loading facilities shall be provided for all land uses.

