

To: Planning Commission  
From: Jay Higgins, Senior Transportation Planner  
CC: Terra Wilcoxson, Comprehensive Planning Manager  
Memo Date: 10/7/24  
Meeting Date: 10/14/24  
Re: Transportation System Plan Update Project

This meeting provides an opportunity for Staff to update members of the Planning Commission on the Transportation System Plan Update Project. The Transportation System Plan (TSP) is a blueprint for how people get around Gresham, whether by biking, walking, driving or taking public transit. The plan impacts which transportation projects the City can focus on over the next 10 years. The TSP Update project started in April 2024 and is planned for adoption in late 2025.

The project started with assessing Gresham’s policies with the attached memo Updated Policies. Policies have been discussed with the Transportation Subcommittee and the TSP Advisory Committee at joint meetings and at small group policy discussions open to the public. The project team has conducted outreach this summer, attending community events and asking people about the plan goals to assure that the policies are in line with community goals. Safety for all travel modes and users ranked very highly among respondents.

A new area of policy for the Transportation System Plan is Emerging Technology. The potential of emerging technologies is that they can enhance efficiency, safety, and sustainability of the transportation system. One technology that has changed since its US introduction in 2017 is shared electric scooters. Shared scooters for rental are not allowed in Gresham and shared bicycle systems are not currently available. Both shared systems could help the city provide more transportation options for the community to connect to transit and local destinations, which can reduce emissions and meet its climate goals.

The project is now working to assess which construction projects to include in the updated plan and whether more projects should be identified. Construction projects that are being considered include all projects amended into the Transportation System Plan, including the Pleasant Valley TSP Refinements, and the Active Transportation Plan. The attached memo Project Lists and Prioritization covers the proposed project changes.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Does the Planning Commission have any comments on the policies as proposed?
- Does the Planning Commission have any comments about shared scooter and shared bike systems?

- Does the Planning Commission have any comments on the project lists?

**NEXT STEPS**

When the project lists are finalized the projects will undergo a prioritization process. Prioritization criteria are not fully developed at this stage but will be developed by the consultant team and vetted with the Transportation Subcommittee and the TSP Advisory Committee.

Public outreach on projects will continue through October and includes focus groups, farmer’s market events, and online maps. Current project resources and engagement opportunities are available at: <https://engagegresham.org/tsp-project>.

A check-in with Council is scheduled for November 19, 2024.