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Thursday, November 3, 2022

6:45 PM – 8:30 PM

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## AGENDA

6:45 p.m.     **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome & Introductions**

*Chair Paul Savas & Mayor Brian Hodson, Co-Chairs*

**Housekeeping**

- Approval of September 01, 2022 C4 Minutes
- Field Trip Follow Up

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6:55 p.m.     **Housing Updates and Discussion**

*Presenting: Vahid Brown, Human Services Manager*

Topics:

- Supportive Housing Services Newsletter  
[Quarterly Report](#)
- Housing Bond Updates
- Built for Zero [video](#)

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8:00 p.m.     **TriMet Forward Together Comment Letter**

*Introducing: Trent Wilson, C4 | County Government Affairs*

- Draft Letter (**Action Item**)
- [Link](#) to C4 Metro Subcommittee discussion leading to letter

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8:15 p.m.     **Updates/Other Business**

- JPACT/MPAC Updates
- Climate Action Plan Task Force Update
- Other Business

8:30 p.m.     **Adjourn**

# General Information



## Current Voting Membership

		C4 Exec	C4 Metro	C4 Rural	JPACT	MPAC	R1ACT
<b>Clackamas County</b>	Commissioner Paul Savas	●	●	●	●		●
<b>Clackamas County</b>	Commissioner Mark Shull		●	●		●	
<b>Canby</b>	Mayor Brian Hodson	●		●			●
<b>CPOs</b>	Martin Meyers (Redland CPO)	●	●	●			
<b>Estacada</b>	Mayor Sean Drinkwine			●			
<b>Fire Districts</b>	Matthew Silva (Estacada Fire District)	●					
<b>Gladstone</b>	Mayor Tammy Stempel	●	●				
<b>Hamlets</b>	Kenny Sernach (Beavercreek Hamlet)			●			
<b>Happy Valley</b>	Council Brett Sherman		●			●	
<b>Johnson City</b>	Vacant						
<b>Lake Oswego</b>	Mayor Joe Buck		●			●	
<b>Milwaukie</b>	Councilor Kathy Hyzy		●		●	●	
<b>Molalla</b>	Mayor Scott Keyser			●			
<b>Oregon City</b>	Commissioner Adam Marl		●			●	
<b>Portland</b>	Vacant						
<b>Rivergrove</b>	Mayor Walt Williams		●				
<b>Sandy</b>	Mayor Stan Pulliam			●			
<b>Sanitary Districts</b>	Paul Gornick (Oak Lodge Water Services)	●					
<b>Tualatin</b>	Councilor Valerie Pratt		●				
<b>Water Districts</b>	Sherry French (Clackamas Water District)						
<b>West Linn</b>	Mayor Jules Walters		●				
<b>Wilsonville</b>	Mayor Julie Fitzgerald		●				

## Current Ex-Officio Membership

<b>MPAC Citizen Rep</b>	Ed Gronke
<b>Metro Council</b>	Councilor Christine Lewis
<b>Port of Portland</b>	Emerald Bogue
<b>Rural Transit</b>	Todd Wood (Canby Area Transit)
<b>Urban Transit</b>	Tom Markgraf (TriMet)

## Frequently Referenced Committees:

- CTAC:** Clackamas Transportation Advisory Committee (C4 Transportation TAC)
- JPACT:** Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (Metro)
- MPAC:** Metro Policy Advisory Committee (Metro)
- MTAC:** Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MPAC TAC)
- R1ACT:** Region 1 Advisory Committee on Transportation (ODOT)
- TPAC:** Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT TAC)

**Thursday, September 01, 2022**  
**Development Services Building**  
 Main Floor Auditorium, Room 115  
 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

**Attendance:**

**Members:**      **Canby:** Brian Hodson; **Clackamas County:** Paul Savas, Mark Shull; **CPOs:** Martin Meyers; **Hamlets:** Kenny Sernach, Rick Cook; **Happy Valley:** Brett Sherman; **Lake Oswego:** Joe Buck; **Metro:** Christine Lewis; **Milwaukie:** Kathy Hyzy; **MPAC Citizen:** Ed Gronke; **Oregon City:** Adam Marl; **Sewer District:** Paul Gornick; **Transit:** Todd Woods (Canby, Rural Transit); **Water District:** Sherry French (CRW); **Wilsonville:** Kristin Akervall

**Staff:**            Trent Wilson (PGA); Chris Lyons (PGA)

**Guests:**         Bob Van Brocklin (OTC); Mandy Putney; Linda Neace (Gladstone); Jamie Stasny (DTD); Mike Bezner (DTD); Karen Buehrig; Jaimie Lorenzini (Happy Valley); Scott Turnoy (ODOT); Mark Ottenad (Wilsonville); Randal Yamada (ODOT), Sarah Paulus (??); Bill Markt (??); Hal Gard (??)

The C4 Meeting was recorded and the audio is available on the County's website at <http://www.clackamas.us/c4/meetings> . Minutes document action items approved at the meeting.

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
Approval of August 04, 2022 C4 Minutes	Approved
Visit with OTC Chair Bob Van Brocklin	Chair Van Brocklin attended at the request of the C4 members, discussing the status of the I-205 toll program and responding to questions about how to improve relationships and ensure local voices are heard at the OTC.  "This is not our last conversation together," Chair Van Brocklin."
Oregon Highway Plan Policy Amendment- Congestion Pricing	C4 members reviewed and approved a second comment letter on the OHP Goal 6 amendment, this one including more detailed recommendations about what was included in the summer-released draft.  Staff noted a new draft was to be published shortly that would go before the OTC in November. While that draft was not public, transportation staff had seen early iterations and affirmed C4's expanded comments were still applicable.

<p><b>October 14, Field Trip</b></p>	<p>Staff had confirmed enough C4 members and guests were willing to attend, will begin firming up details to secure travel and agenda.</p>
<p><b>Updates/Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>JPACT/MPAC Updates</b></li> <li>• <b>Climate Action Plan Task Force Update</b></li> <li>• <b>Other Business</b></li> </ul>	<p>JPACT/MPAC: JPACT covered RFFA recommendations and provided comments on the Oregon Highway Plan Amendment; MPAC discussed the status of the Housing Bond</p> <p>Climate Action Plan Task Force Update – None.</p> <p>Other business – None.</p>

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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## Supportive Housing Services

Newsletter | September 2022

### 170 People Housed in the First Year of Clackamas County SHS Program

Clackamas County has taken great strides in the first year of implementing the [supportive housing services \(SHS\) program](#), hiring staff and building new infrastructure that will allow us to accomplish the goal of ending chronic homelessness. During the fourth quarter of the 2021-22 FY, the SHS program conducted six new procurements to significantly expand services. These upcoming services mark the largest investment in housing and homeless services in the history of Clackamas County. **Committed expenditures and contracts in the first year of the program totaled \$11.36 million.**

[Read More Q4 Highlights](#)

### Motel Program to Address Homelessness Finds Success in Clackamas County



Clackamas County has a new tool to address homelessness, and it's been working successfully for almost two years. That tool is using hotel and motel rooms for transitional housing with support services, a creative solution that's proven to be a big benefit to communities, businesses and residents alike. Since December 2020, **261 adults and children have been served** in our county through this program, which also supports small motel businesses that were threatened by the pandemic.

[Read More](#)

## Journey Home: Angela's Story



Angela (name changed) is one resident who transformed her life as she went through the motel program. After trauma, moving into a county-funded motel room with supportive services allowed her to gain peace, privacy and the ability to focus on her next steps. **Today, Angela has a stable job that provides her a living wage. She now rents her own market-rate apartment.**

[Read More](#)

## Provider Corner: Northwest Family Services and Casa Esperanza

Northwest Family Services (NWFS) has contracted with the SHS program to provide housing navigation and placement, supportive housing case management services, and short-term rental assistance. NWFS supports family stability, child well-being, and victims of crime by focusing on the social determinants of health. Casa Esperanza, a shelter program of NWFS, is a respite for Latina victims of domestic violence and their minor children. This group home provides free temporary housing, case coordination, and advocacy for women affected by domestic violence.

[Read about NWFS on their website.](#)

## Announcements

- **Wait lists are open for Fuller Station!** Applications can be completed at <https://www.fullerstation.com/>. Fuller Station will include 100 affordable apartment homes adjacent to the MAX Green Line at Clackamas Town Center. The six-story building is dedicated to serving low-income families and individuals with a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments.
- **Seeking Landlords:** We are seeking property owners to partner with the Regional Long-Term Rent Assistance Program to help end homelessness. [Benefits for landlords, details and contact info can be found here.](#)

## Highlights

- New residents are enjoying the community at **Tukwila Springs in Gladstone!** Tukwila Springs provides 48 permanent supportive apartment homes for older adults. [Please watch and share the grand opening video here.](#)
- County commissioners visited the **Veterans Village** on its fourth anniversary. Commissioner Paul Savas stated, "A number of our veterans here are employed. So this is a good start to transition to permanent housing ... this is a success all the way around." [Watch the whole video here.](#)

- The regional affordable housing **bond funding**, passed in 2018, is accomplishing incredible work! [Check out the recent photo story here](#), which highlights the Tukwila Springs and Fuller Road Station developments in Clackamas County, while telling the stories of people who have moved into their new affordable homes.

*This newsletter, distributed by Clackamas County and the Housing Authority of Clackamas County, is meant to inform partners, service providers, members of the public and other interested parties about recent actions taken by our Supportive Housing Services (SHS) program team. **Sign up to receive this newsletter by visiting our SHS webpage and providing your info.***

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***HOUSING  
AUTHORITY OF  
CLACKAMAS  
COUNTY***





# *WHAT DOES THE HOUSING AUTHORITY DO?*

- PUBLIC HOUSING
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
- RESIDENT SERVICES
- ASSET MANAGEMENT
- HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
- METRO HOUSING BOND ADMINISTRATION
- SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES (SHS) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION



# *METRO AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND*

- IN NOVEMBER 2018, VOTERS APPROVED A \$652.8 MILLION REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND
- BOND REVENUES DEDICATED TO CLACKAMAS COUNTY ARE ~ \$117.9 MILLION



# CLACKAMAS COUNTY HOUSING BOND PRODUCTION GOALS

Create housing for over

**2,500**



county  
residents.

Develop approximately

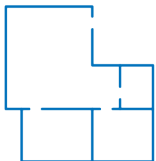
**812**



new affordable  
housing units.

Meet the needs of  
families by making at  
least

**406**



units two  
bedroom  
or larger.

Develop at least

**40%**



of new affordable units to extremely  
low-income families earning 30% or less of AMI

Create affordable homes for low-income  
families earning between



**61-80%**

of AMI by using up to 10%  
of the funding.

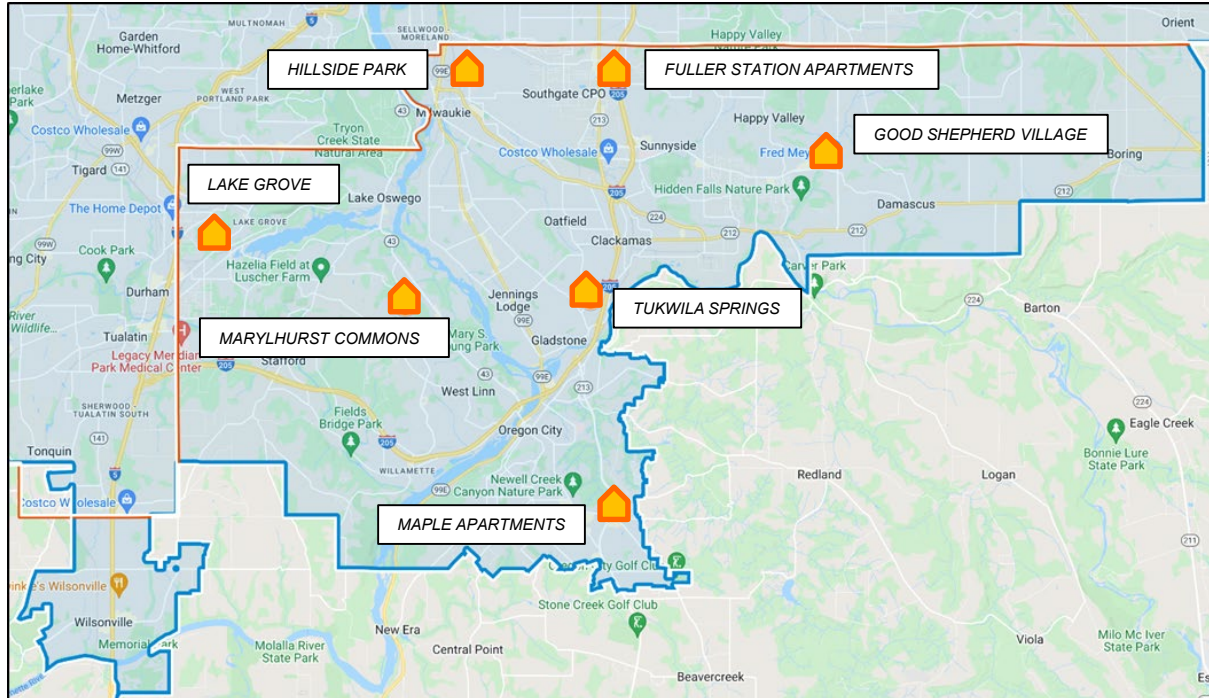
# CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOND PRIORITIES



- Create opportunity throughout the region
- Create new affordable housing in high opportunity locations
- Create opportunity for those in need
- Addressing homelessness in the community
- Advancing racial equity and inclusion
- Create housing access and opportunities for:
  - Communities of color
  - Families
  - Seniors
  - Veterans
  - People living with disabilities
  - Individuals exiting the foster care system
  - Households experiencing homelessness



# HOUSING BOND PROJECTS IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY



# COUNTY PROGRESS

**886 UNITS COMMITTED**

**~\$91MM ALLOCATED**

**109%** OF TOTAL PRODUCTION GOAL IN DEVELOPMENT

**78%** OF TOTAL BOND ALLOCATION COMMITTED

<i>AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND PRODUCTION</i>	Units	30% AMI or below	Family Size
<b>Clackamas County Production Goals</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>403</b>
Tukwila Springs - HACC	48	48	0
Fuller Station Apartments – GS&A	99	30	83
Good Shepard Village – Caritas & CCO	143	58	80
Maple Apartments – CDP & Hacienda	171	70	129
Marylhurst Commons – Mercy Housing NW	100	40	83
Lake Grove (fka Boones Ferry)	50	20	25
Hillside Park Phase I – Related NW & HACC	275	100	110
<b>Total Unit Production</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>510</b>
<b>Percent of Total Production Goals</b>	<b>109%</b>	<b>110%</b>	<b>127%</b>

<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND PRODUCTION</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>30% AMI or below</b>	<b>Family Size (2BR+)</b>
<b>Clackamas County Production Goals</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>403</b>
Tukwila Springs - HACC - <b>COMPLETE</b>	48	48	0
Fuller Station Apartments – GS&A - <b>COMPLETE</b>	99	30	83
Good Shepard Village – Caritas & CCO - <b>IN CONSTRUCTION</b>	143	58	80
Maple Apartments – CDP & Hacienda - <b>IN CONSTRUCTION</b>	171	70	129
Marylhurst Commons – Mercy Housing NW - <b>IN CONSTRUCTION</b>	100	40	83
Lake Grove (fka Boones Ferry) - <b>CLOSING ~2nd HALF 2024</b>	50	20	25
Hillside Park Phase I – Related NW & HACC - <b>CLOSING ~Q1 2024</b>	275	100	110
<b>Total Unit Production</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>510</b>
<b>Percent of Total Production Goals</b>	<b>109%</b>	<b>110%</b>	<b>127%</b>

<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND PIPELINE</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>30% AMI or below</b>	<b>Family Size (2BR+)</b>
Hillside Park Phase II	100-125	40-50	50-75
Scattered Sites	40	0	40
Round 2 Housing Bond Solicitation	121-138	48-50	61-100
<b>Proposed Pipeline Unit Production</b>	<b>261-303</b>	<b>98-100</b>	<b>161-215</b>
<b>Estimated Total Projected Housing Bond Production</b>	<b>1147-1189</b>	<b>454-466</b>	<b>661-725</b>

<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND ALLOCATION</b>	<b>Metro Bond</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
<b>Total Clackamas County Metro Bond Allocation</b>	<b>\$117,854,094</b>	<b>100%</b>
Tukwila Springs - HACC	\$5,639,209	5%
Fuller Station Apartments – Geller Silvis & Associates, Inc. & Guardian	\$8,570,000	7%
Good Shepard Village – Caritas Housing Corp & Catholic Charities	\$18,330,000	16%
Maple Apartments – Community Development Partners & Hacienda CDC	\$15,903,000	13%
Marylhurst Commons – Mercy Housing NW	\$3,000,000	3%
Lake Grove (fka Boones Ferry) – Sponsor TBD	\$12,909,788	SAP
Hillside Park Phase I – Related NW & HACC	\$40,000,000	34%
<b>Percent of Total Allocation Utilized</b>	<b>\$91,442,209</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>Balance Remaining &amp; Pipeline Projects</b>	<b>\$26,411,885</b>	<b>22%</b>
Hillside Repositioning - Phase 2	\$14,411,885	12%
Scattered Site Repositioning	\$4,000,000	3%
Round 2 Housing Bond Solicitation	\$8,000,000	7%

Estimated rental housing needs, based on Median Family Income (MFI) forecasted for the next twenty years (2019-2039) within the Metro boundary of incorporated cities of Clackamas County.

City*	Extremely Low Income (<30% MFI Need)	Very Low Income (30-50% MFI Need)	Low Income (50-80% MFI Need)	Total affordable rental housing need between 0-80% MFI
Gladstone	62	72	51	185
Happy Valley	473	548	1,025	2,046
Lake Oswego	198	167	198	563
Milwaukie	256	167	274	697
Oregon City	441	353	599	1,393
West Linn	98	164	102	364
Wilsonville	333	592	347	1,272

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 ACS Table 19001. The table above was included in Clackamas County's Metro Bond Local Implementation Strategy.

Jurisdiction	Project	Units	30% AMI	2BR+
Mixed	Scattered Sites	40	0	40
Gladstone	Tukwila Springs	48	48	0
Happy Valley	Good Shepherd Village	143	58	80
Lake Oswego	Marylhurst & Lake Grove	150	65	108
Milwaukie	Hillside Park Redevelopment	375	100	110
Oregon City	Maple Apartments	171	70	129
West Linn				
Wilsonville				
Unincorporated	Fuller Road Station	99	30	83
		<b>1026</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>550</b>
	<b>Clackamas County Metro Bond Production Goal</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>403</b>

# HOUSING AUTHORITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIPELINE

	UNIT PROGRESS			
	PRE-DEVELOPMENT	ALLOCATED	IN CONSTRUCTION	COMPLETE
Rosewood Station, Unincorporated				212
Clayton Mohr Commons, Oregon City				24
Hillside Manor, Milwaukie				100
Webster Road, Gladstone				48
Fuller Station Apartments, Unincorporated				100
Good Shepard Village, Happy Valley			143	
Maple Apartments, Oregon City			171	
Molalla Apartments, Mollala			60	
Marylhurst Commons, Lake Oswego			100	
Lake Grove, Lake Oswego		50		
Hillside Park Redevelopment Phase 1, Milwaukie		275		
Hillside Park Redevelopment Phase 2, Milwaukie	225			
Regional Housing Bond Solicitation - Round 2, TBD	100-200			
<b>TOTAL AFFORDABLE UNITS IN PIPELINE: ~1700</b>	<b>~425</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>484</b>

*\*Blue highlighted projects are/will be funded with Metro Housing Bonds*



# TUKWILA SPRINGS

- 48 studio units of supportive housing in Gladstone dedicated to individuals earning 30% AMI or below ( $\leq \$22,380/\text{yr}$ )
- 12 units are prioritized for residents requesting culturally-specific supportive housing services for Native Americans
- All units include full bathrooms, kitchenettes, and air conditioning
- Supportive Services funded by Metro's Supportive Housing Services program and Oregon's PSH program

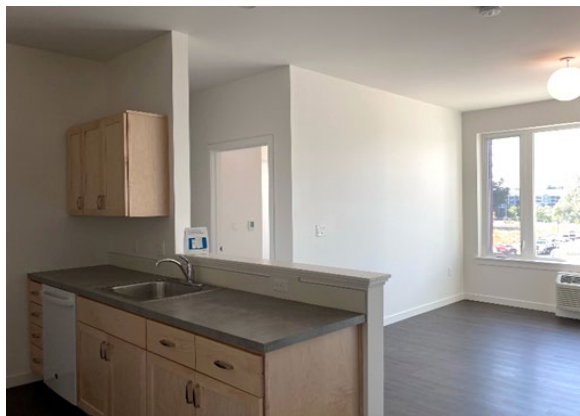
Common area amenities include:

- community kitchen & dining hall
- community living room
- fitness room
- telehealth & exam room
- laundry room
- supportive services spaces
- resident garden beds
- landscaped courtyard
- outdoor seating & dining areas

**48 UNITS - OPENED JULY 2022**

# FULLER STATION APTS

- 100 units of transit-oriented housing located adjacent to the Fuller MAX station, serving families and individuals with incomes between 30-60% of AMI
- 25 units will be dedicated to households experiencing homelessness
- All units include full bathrooms, kitchens, and air conditioning
- The unit mix includes 17 one-bdrm units, 54 two-bdrm units, and 20 three-bdrm units



Common area amenities include:

- community rooms
- open-air nature playgrounds
- resident gardens
- on-site parking
- secure bike storage
- management & services offices
- landscaped courtyard
- outdoor seating areas

**100 UNITS – OPENED SEPTEMBER 2022**



# ***GOOD SHEPHERD VILLAGE***

- 143 units of affordable housing located in Happy Valley, serving families and individuals with incomes between 30-60% of AMI
- 35 units will be dedicated to households experiencing homelessness, including 15 units prioritized for veterans experiencing homelessness
- All units include full bathrooms, kitchens, and A/C
- The unit mix includes 13 studios, 50 one-bdrm units, 60 two-bdrm units, and 20 three-bdrm units

Common area amenities include:

- community rooms
- supportive services spaces
- outdoor kitchen/cooking area
- outdoor gathering and play areas
- resident garden beds
- laundry facilities
- secure bike storage
- on-site parking



**143 UNITS - OPENING FALL 2023**

# MAPLE APARTMENTS

- 171 units of affordable housing located in Oregon City, serving families and individuals with incomes between 30-60% of AMI
- 12 units will be dedicated to agricultural workers and their families and 31 units will be prioritized for field laborers
- 9 units will be dedicated to households experiencing homelessness
- All units include full bathrooms, kitchens, and A/C
- The unit mix includes 42 one-bdrm units, 54 two-bdrm units, 66 three-bdrm units and 9 four-bdrm units

Common area amenities include:

- community room
- book share library
- computer stations
- community kitchen
- outdoor gathering and play areas
- resident garden beds
- picnic and BBQ areas
- on-site parking

**171 UNITS - OPENING WINTER 2023**



# MARYLHURST COMMONS

- 100 units of affordable housing located in Lake Oswego on the former Marylhurst University Campus, serving families and individuals with incomes between 30-60% of AMI
- 40 units will serve families at or below 30% AMI who have experienced homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless
- All units include full bathrooms, kitchens, and centralized HVAC system provides conditioned air to each room
- The unit mix includes 17 one-bdrm units, 61 two-bdrm units, and 22 three-bdrm units



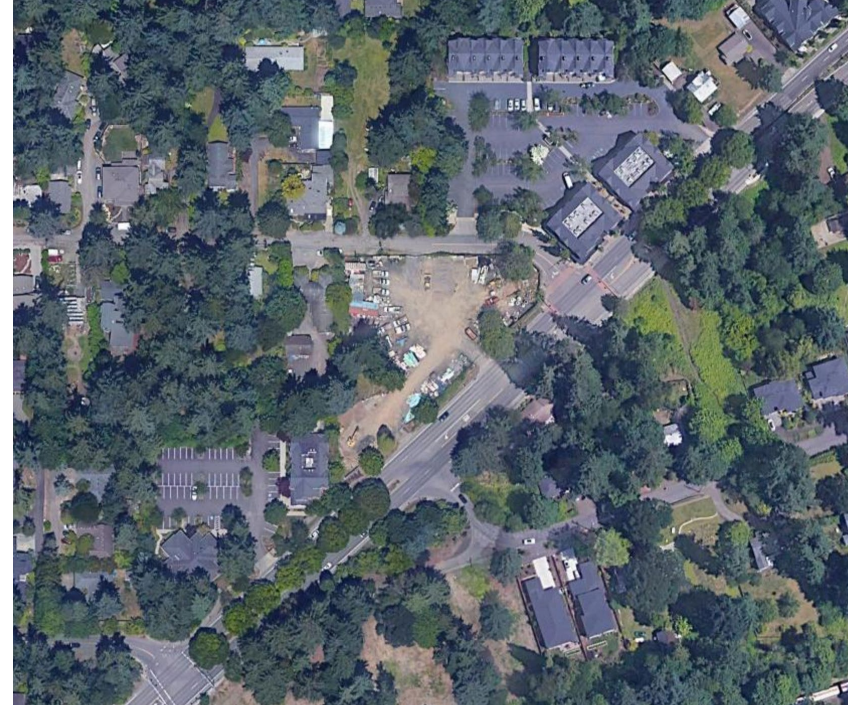
## Common area amenities include:

- community rooms
- community kitchen
- outdoor playground
- technology center
- bike storage
- resident garden beds
- secure bike parking
- on-site parking

**100 UNITS - OPENING WINTER 2024**

# LAKE GROVE

- HACC, Metro, and the City of Lake Oswego are collaborating to facilitate the development of ~50 units of affordable housing located in the Lake Grove neighborhood of Lake Oswego
- The units will serve families and individuals with incomes between 30-80% of AMI
- In June, Metro entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the City of Lake Oswego to secure the site for the development
- HACC, Metro, and the City of Lake Oswego entered into a tri-party IGA that outlines roles and responsibilities related to Developer Solicitation and Selection
- The developer solicitation will likely be released in late winter/early spring 2023
- The 1st Lake Grove Community Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for August 23





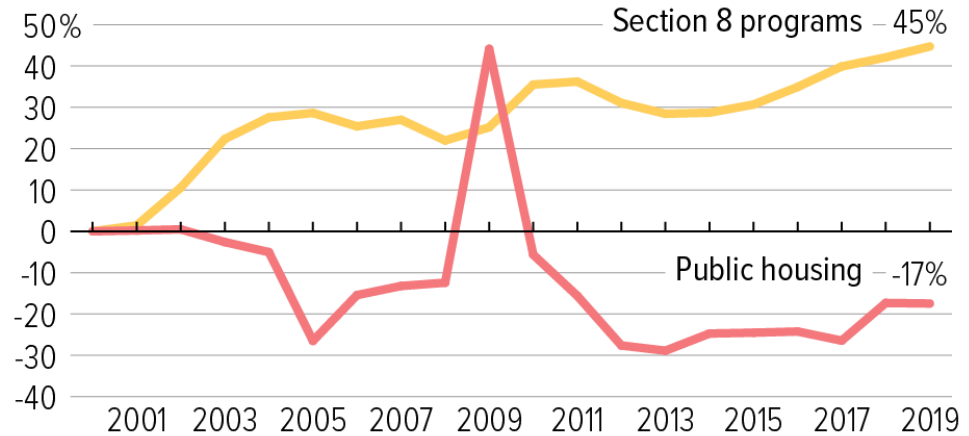


# ***PUBLIC HOUSING REPOSITIONING***

# INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING VS. SECTION 8 RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

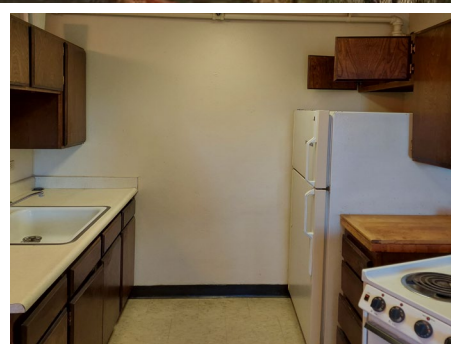
## Public Housing Funding Has Dropped While Section 8 Funding Has Responded to Cover Rising Needs

Percent change in funding since 2000, adjusted for inflation



Note: "Public Housing" includes capital and operating funds. "Section 8 programs" includes outlays for the Housing Choice Voucher and Project-Based Rental Assistance programs. The graph reflects annual budget authority for public housing and (to avoid distortions from one-time rescissions of funds and other factors) annual outlays for Section 8. Public housing funding for 2009 includes supplemental capital funds provided in economic recovery legislation.

Source: Office of Management and Budget Public Use Database, Department of Treasury expenditure data, and annual appropriations legislation



**HILLSIDE MANOR - 100 UNITS – R.A.D. RENOVATION COMPLETED SEPTEMBER 2021**



# HILLSIDE PARK PUBLIC HOUSING



**100 UNITS – COMPLETED 1942**

# HILLSIDE PARK REDEVELOPMENT



**500 UNITS – PHASE I COMMENCES JAN 2024**



# CLACKAMAS HEIGHTS PUBLIC HOUSING MASTER-PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT



**100 UNITS – COMPLETED 1942**



**MORE HOUSING, NEW STREETS & PARKS**

# OREGON CITY VIEW MANOR PUBLIC HOUSING



**100 UNITS – COMPLETED 1962**

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RENOVATE?

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REDEVELOP?

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REPURPOSE?

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**COMMUNITY INPUT NEEDED**



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## \$500 Bonus

For each unit leased to a participating household

## Additional funds

For repairs, vacancy payments, and unpaid rent beyond the cost of the security deposit

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Of applicants already approved for rent assistance

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November 04, 2022

TriMet Board of Directors  
Delivered via email

Dear President Simmons and Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on TriMet’s service plan concept: Forward Together. We know that providing transit service to Oregon’s largest metropolitan area is no small task, is complex, and includes novel challenges as travel behavior continues to adapt because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) is an amalgamation of elected officials and regional representatives throughout Clackamas County, and is tasked with guiding policies related to transportation and land use topics, which very much includes public transit. Six providers serve the county, and our collective public depends on their good operation and coordination to support effective public transit service. TriMet is the largest provider, and as such carries the expectation by us to ensure our residents and businesses are connected to the region and with all relevant providers that serve the county. With that in mind, C4 has established four principles to guide transit policy discussions, which make up the outline of the rest of our letter and comments. While we appreciate that much of what is in Forward Together intends to accomplish these principles at large for the region, and applaud TriMet for that, our comments will speak more to whether and how they accomplish those principles throughout Clackamas County.

**Create an Efficient System**

Efficiency can appear in many forms, and comments here are related to both the efficiency of the TriMet service enhancements and the efficiency of our collective partnerships.

We applaud TriMet for identifying corridors for improved frequency and length of service throughout the day, including weekend trips and accommodating for evening workforces.

Yet we also see recommended route improvements in areas where current or proposed shuttle programs operate – in some cases directly overlapping existing shuttle programs. While all transit enhancement is valuable, it is essential to have close coordination with the shuttle providers to create the best transit system for the riders. Shuttle programs created with State Transportation Investment Funds (STIF) are not easy to move or reprogram, and it should not be expected that those shuttle services be easily redesigned or moved to another area. TriMet’s service should support the shuttle programs, who collaborate to provide transit access to areas best served by a last mile program.

**Complete the System**

As noted earlier, six transit agencies exist throughout Clackamas County and it is imperative they work together, coordinate on service enhancements, and streamline the user experience. It is our vision that

a rider need not be concerned with the agency title on the bus, but simply that the network of busses will have their best interest in mind and connect them easily and efficiently when transfers are necessary. It is our understanding STIF programming was created by the state legislature in 2017 to make this possible, and so it is our expectation that it be made possible through collaborative planning efforts with regional and local transit providers. TriMet should engage in active collaborative planning with the other regional public transit providers, including Canby Area Transit, Sandy Area Metro, South Clackamas Transportation District, Clackamas County, Yamhill County Transit, Columbia County Rider, and South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART); all service providers with direct-service connections to TriMet. Coordinated transit planning by TriMet with the other regional transit operators can leverage opportunities for increased ridership that benefits all of our constituents.

Further, we cannot help but notice that while services enhancements do occur in the Forward Together proposal, some transit lines are also removed. We recognize that our geography is complicated, that our transit infrastructure is incomplete, and that ridership in some communities can be low compared to other parts of the region. However, reducing lines in Clackamas County creates several problems: it creates the burden of losing transit service and fighting to renew it, it adds to the already troublesome burden of increasing services where none exists today, and it widens the service gaps enjoyed by the rest of the region while Clackamas remains at a deficit. Said another way, reducing lines moves away from our desire to complete the system. When lines are proposed for reduction, we hope those reductions are discussed, understood, and supported by the affected jurisdictions and communities.

#### **Enhance Last Mile Services**

As mentioned before, Clackamas enjoys a scenic geography complicated by rivers and hills. TriMet's services, in general, exist on primary transportation corridors, leaving behind those last mile connectors that reach into neighborhoods using smaller arterials. These examples are especially notable in West Linn and Happy Valley, and along the Sunrise Corridor. Last mile services could likewise be enhanced in the urban-unincorporated areas of Clackamas between Gladstone and Milwaukie.

We want to encourage TriMet to think creatively in Clackamas County, to adapt to service needs that are different from the traditional grid-like transportation infrastructure that is common in Multnomah and Washington Counties. We invite further discussion on how best to partner to ensure the most effective services are provided in Clackamas County.

#### **Enhance Awareness of Services**

Expanding awareness of these proposals is a primary source of feedback from our body. We are expressly concerned by the short comment window, and the discrepancy between what first appeared as a study of service impacts caused by the pandemic to a proposed service program looking out five to six years – seemingly without much notice or discussion about the change. It is additionally concerning the proposal will not have a formal discussion or adoption process with the TriMet Board where more public testimony can be provided or public awareness can be made of changes to lines and services. While we recognize the TriMet budget process will create a potential avenue for awareness of the plan, we are concerned the nuance of the changes will be lost amidst the details of budget discussions.

It is our recommendation the Forward Together proposal merits a distinct discussion with the TriMet Board of Directors and that public testimony be made available in that venue.

We also request an extension of the public comment period by 30 days to allow for more comprehensive community engagement to occur.

We hope this feedback arrives in a constructive manner, invites discussion and partnerships to connect people to places, and supports our desire to improve transit as a viable transportation alternative for our residents throughout Clackamas County.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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