



## Notice of Land Use Public Hearings for Community Planning Organizations, Hamlets, and Other Interested Parties

**Subject:** Ordinance ZDO-292, Comprehensive Plan Amendments to Adopt the *Walk Bike Clackamas (WBC) Plan*, an update to the county's Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan

**Notice Date:** March 6, 2025

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The *Walk Bike Clackamas (WBC) Plan* is the first full update to the County's Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan since they were first adopted in 1996. WBC is a two-and-a-half year long planning project resulting in the county's first combined bicycle and pedestrian plan. The project goal is to provide a comprehensive, long-term vision for improving walking and biking opportunities in Clackamas County for transportation and recreation. WBC provides guidance on capital investment priorities and policy to create a balanced, connected and safe transportation system. WBC will serve as the bicycle and pedestrian modes of the TSP. Key project elements include:

- **Priority Projects:** WBC includes 236 key projects: 96.7 miles of new sidewalk; 322.3 miles of new bikeways and 106.8 of new multiuse trails. Projects are organized within five planning areas. Within each area there are three tiers of priorities: Tier 1 are the highest priority projects; Tier 2 are medium priority and Tier 3 are low priority. The plan also includes key spot improvement projects such as crosswalks and bicycle signals.
- **Shared Streets:** Shared Streets are potentially high-use streets for people walking and bicycling in Clackamas County with speeds reduced to 20 mph to enhance public health and safety. Reducing motor vehicle speeds is one of the best ways to increase safety. Shared Street would apply only to local streets that provide important connections within and between neighborhoods, shopping areas, and parks, among other destinations. They would be part of the ped bike network along with bike lanes, sidewalks and trails.
- **Supportive Programs:** While infrastructure improvements are an important part of making walking and biking safer, supportive programs help build awareness surrounding safety and rights and responsibilities of everyone using the transportation system. The County already has some programming (Safe Routes to School, for example) that support walking and bicycling, but seven new programs could help address community desires and complement other investments. The seven potential WBC programs are categorized into event, campaign and mode shift groupings. The seven programs included in the draft plan are: Open Streets, School Zone Safety, Bicycle Friendly Driver, No Parking in Bike Lane, Micromobility, Bicycle and Pedestrian County and Street Painting Program.

**Ordinance ZDO-292** includes proposed amendments that would adopt the *WBC Plan* into the county's Comprehensive Plan. Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners (BCC) have scheduled hearings to receive testimony from the public and other interested parties on these proposed amendments. Because the amendments may affect your community or area of interest, we are giving you and your organization advance notice of the opportunity to review and comment on them before or at the public hearings.

The full text of the *Walk Bike Clackamas Plan* and the proposed amendments are available online at [www.clackamas.us/planning/zdo292](http://www.clackamas.us/planning/zdo292) or by contacting Scott Hoelscher directly at the number or email listed above.

Additional background information about the *Walk Bike Clackamas Plan*, including technical memos and summaries of public engagement can be found on the project webpage: [www.clackamas.us/engineering/bikewalk](http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/bikewalk)

## Public Hearings and Testimony

Interested parties are welcome to provide testimony in advance of or at the hearings listed below. Planning Commission public hearings are held virtually using the Zoom platform. Board of County Commissioners public hearings are held both virtually using the Zoom platform and in person. One week before the hearing dates, a Zoom link to the public hearing and details on how to observe and testify will be posted at the hearing web address.

### **Public Hearing Dates and Times:**

Planning Commission: **Monday, April 14, 2025**, hearing will begin no earlier than 6:30 p.m.  
[www.clackamas.us/planning/planning-commission](http://www.clackamas.us/planning/planning-commission)

Board of County Commissioners: **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, hearing will begin no earlier than 11:00 a.m.

Public Services Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Hearing Room, 2051 Kaen Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045  
[www.clackamas.us/meetings/bcc/landuse](http://www.clackamas.us/meetings/bcc/landuse)

**Written testimony** may be submitted before the hearings to Scott Hoelscher at [scotthoe@clackamas.us](mailto:scotthoe@clackamas.us) or 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045.

- Written testimony received by 4 p.m., Thursday, April 3, 2025, will be included in the information packet provided to the Planning Commission one week before its scheduled hearing; written testimony received after that time and before 8 a.m., Monday, April 14, 2025, will be emailed to the Planning Commission before the hearing.
- Written testimony received by 4 p.m., Thursday, May 1, 2025, will be included in the information packet provided to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) one week before its scheduled hearing; written testimony received after that time and before 4 p.m., Monday, May 12, 2025, will be emailed to the BCC before the hearing.

Interested parties who want to present **verbal testimony** at either hearing will be asked to sign up and/or indicate their interest in testifying at the beginning of the hearing.

## Proposed Amendments

**Ordinance ZDO-292** proposes amendments to adopt the *Walk Bike Clackamas Plan* by doing the following.

1. **Appendix A of Comprehensive Plan:** Adopts *Walk Bike Clackamas Plan* by reference in Appendix A of the Comprehensive Plan.
2. **Appendix B of Comprehensive Plan:** Adopts *Walk Bike Clackamas Plan* appendices A through T into Appendix B of the Comprehensive Plan. The *WBC Plan* appendices include existing conditions data, background information and other analyses used to develop the plan.
3. **Comprehensive Plan: Chapter 5:** Amends the Active Transportation policies in Chapter 5: Transportation System Plan (TSP) to ensure consistency between the TSP and *Walk Bike Clackamas Plan*.

## Additional Information and Staff Report

For Walk Bike Clackamas Plan documents and information:

[www.clackamas.us/engineering/bikewalk](http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/bikewalk)

For additional information about ZDO-292 and its public hearings (and for a copy of the staff report available Monday, April 7, 2025):

[www.clackamas.us/planning/zdo292](http://www.clackamas.us/planning/zdo292)

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