

Notice of Measure Election

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Date of Notice 8/16/21	Name of City or Cities West Linn	Date of Election 11/2/21

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Willamette Falls Drive road improvements in West Bridge Park.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall the City impact portions of West Bridge Park to construct road improvements to Willamette Falls Drive and Highway 43?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

If approved, this measure would allow the frontage of West Bridge Park to be used for road improvements, including required grading to install sidewalks and separated bike lanes along Willamette Falls Drive/Highway 43/I-205 Interchange. Willamette Falls Drive/Highway 43/I-205 Interchange road improvements are proposed in this area to provide improved facilities that are safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

The 2016 West Linn Transportation System Plan (" TSP ") identified a need for bike and pedestrian routes that connect parks, schools, and retail. The City is putting this measure on the ballot because Section 46 of the City Charter requires West Linn voters to approve any use of City owned open space for a " non-authorized use, " including " construction of facilities that are not directly required for the use of the park or open space. " If this measure passes, the City can impact a portion of West Bridge Park along Willamette Falls Drive/Highway 43/I-205 Interchange to provide sidewalks, separated bike lanes, and road improvements.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:
→ any measure referred by the city governing body; or
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature Redacted

8.16.21

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – 500 words

About this Measure

If approved, this measure would allow a portion of West Bride Park (“Park”) located within the Willamette Falls Drive/Highway 43/I-205 Interchange area (“WFD/I205”) to be used to complete improvements such as sidewalks and separated bike lanes (cycle tracks). Pedestrian and bike access is proposed in this area to provide safer facilities for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The City is placing this measure on the ballot because the WFD 2021 Conceptual Design Plan (“WFD Concept Plan”) would modify the TSP and result in the construction of transportation improvements that impact this location and, to comply with the West Linn Charter, voter approval is needed.

This is not a Funding Measure

This is not a funding measure for road, sidewalk and bike improvements within the WFD/I205 area. Chapter XI, Section 46 of the West Linn Charter states that “[o]nly facilities directly necessary for the use of Park shall be considered authorized.” Therefore, to comply with the Charter there must be a public vote to determine if the Park should be used to construct transportation improvements. The WFD Concept Plan has been produced, but the final design is not complete; so, the exact location of the road improvements has not been determined.

Why this Measure is Proposed

The WFD/I205 interchange area is a primary travel corridor within the City. Currently, the area lacks complete bike and pedestrian facilities. The goal of the planned improvements is to better connect commercial areas to the rest of the community and provide safer transportation facilities for all users, while improving access to City parks and open space in accordance with the TSP.

To construct road, sidewalk and bike improvements along WFD/I205 would take additional limited city-owned park space. If this measure passes, the City will use a portion of the Park to grade and construct these improvements.

Research & Background

The 2016 West Linn TSP and WFD Concept Plan resulted in a conceptual design that provides pedestrian and bike access within the WFD/I205 area so residents can safely travel by foot, bike, or vehicle. The TSP found that there is limited pedestrian and bike connectivity with significant gaps in the sidewalk network that results in residential areas that are not consistently connected to commercial centers, bus routes, or other pedestrian destinations.

If This Measure is Approved

This measure is not a bond measure to fund road improvements. However, if this measure passes, road, sidewalk and bike facilities would be allowed along the frontage of West Bridge Park. More information on the WFD Concept Plan and the proposed locations of road, sidewalk and bike facilities are available online at: www.WestLinnOregon.gov/elections. (419 words)