

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

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8/16/21	West Linn	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 Fields Bridge Park.

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

Shall the City use a portion of Fields Bridge Park to construct road improvements to Willamette Falls Drive?

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

If approved, this measure would allow the frontage of Fields Bridge Park to be used for road improvements, including required grading to install sidewalks and separated bike lanes along Willamette Falls Drive. Willamette Falls Drive 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 TSP includes bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Willamette Falls Drive as high priorities. 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 Fields Bridge Park along Willamette Falls Drive 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

Signature Redacted

Signature

8.16.21
Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – 500 words

About this Measure

If approved, this measure would allow a portion of Fields Bride Park (“Park”) along Willamette Falls Drive (“WFD”) to be used to complete improvements to WFD, 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 along WFD. 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 along WFD. 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 along WFD. 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

WFD is a road running through West Linn, connecting Highway 43 and West Linn City limits near the Tualatin River. Currently, there are sidewalks and bike lanes along parts of WFD, but many areas lack these facilities. Crossing opportunities are also limited. The goal of the WFD project is to add improvements along WFD in accordance with the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and concept plans 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.

To construct road, sidewalk and bike improvements along WFD 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 along WFD 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. The TSP identifies sidewalks and bike lanes along WFD as a high priority.

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 Fields 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. (460 words)