

To: Planning Commission
From: Jay Higgins, Senior Transportation Planner

Memo Date: June 13, 2025

Meeting Date: June 23, 2025

Subject: Transportation System Plan Update - Discussion of Draft Chapters

Attachments:

1. Draft Chapter 1: Planning Context
2. Draft Chapter 2: Existing Conditions
3. Draft Chapter 3: Future Conditions
4. Draft Chapter 4: Policies and Actions
5. Draft Chapter 5: System Plans
6. Draft Chapter 6: Implementation

This work session provides an opportunity for staff and members of the Planning Commission to discuss the Transportation System Plan draft chapters. You do not need to read the chapters in entirety prior to the June 23rd meeting, though I hope you will review them to some degree. The staff presentation will provide an overview of the chapters and feedback can be given any time up to mid-July when public outreach concludes.

Background

The City of Gresham has been working on a Transportation System Plan (TSP) update for over a year. The main themes of the update are integrating equity, safety, climate, and new technology into the plan. This updates the plan with current best practices for safety approaches and new technology, and aligns the plan with City values around equity and climate.

Our level of effort is a minor update under State rules for Transportation System Plans. This means that we can make minor changes, but we are not doing major analysis or evaluation of large new transportation options. The update has given us a chance to more closely follow new State rules for the inclusion of equity and community engagement.

Community engagement has occurred over the past year through three phases and will conclude with a final phase in June and July of 2025. Last Summer we attended community events large and small to ask the community about their values for transportation. In the Fall the project held focus groups for policy discussions and met with community groups to discuss their priorities. Over the winter project prioritization was conducted which led to an online open house in the early Spring to share the revised project lists. Staff has also worked with the Transportation Subcommittee and a TSP Advisory Committee to discuss the new policies, actions, and projects of the TSP.

Draft Chapters

Draft chapters are completely replacing the existing TSP. The chapters have been updated with current information and completed projects from the past ten years have been removed. The

last TSP was very comprehensive in explaining how the transportation system functioned. This TSP seeks to be more reader friendly, simplifying text to what is needed and most interesting to the community.

Chapter 1 - Guiding Tenets and Planning Framework

- This chapter describes state and regional requirements and past community outreach. The current outreach has not been included. It will have a summary here and an appendix for more detailed comments.

Chapter 2 – Existing Conditions

- We've updated the most salient demographics.

Chapter 3 – Future Conditions

- Some data needs to be updated. This is highlighted in yellow.

Chapter 4 – Policies and Action Measures

- This chapter had a lot of work adjusting policies and the actions that flow from them.

Chapter 5 – System Plans

- This chapter shows the system we want to build in Gresham by implementing our policies.

Chapter 6 – Implementation

- This chapter has the project lists and expected revenues, which shows what we think we will build over the next 20 years.

Next Steps

A draft timeline for adoption of the Transportation System Plan is outlined below.

Schedule

July 15th, 2025 - City Council Work Session – Draft TSP Chapters

September, Planning Commission – Public Hearing

November, City Council - Public Hearing