

# City of Talent

Community Development Department - Planning



## STAFF REPORT and **PROPOSED FINAL ORDER**

Type-4 Land Use Application — Legislative Review — Planning Commission

Meeting date: June 25, 2015  
File no: CPA 2015-001  
Prepared by: Zac Moody, Community Development Director  
Item: Adoptions of 2015 Transportation System Plan (Element D).

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

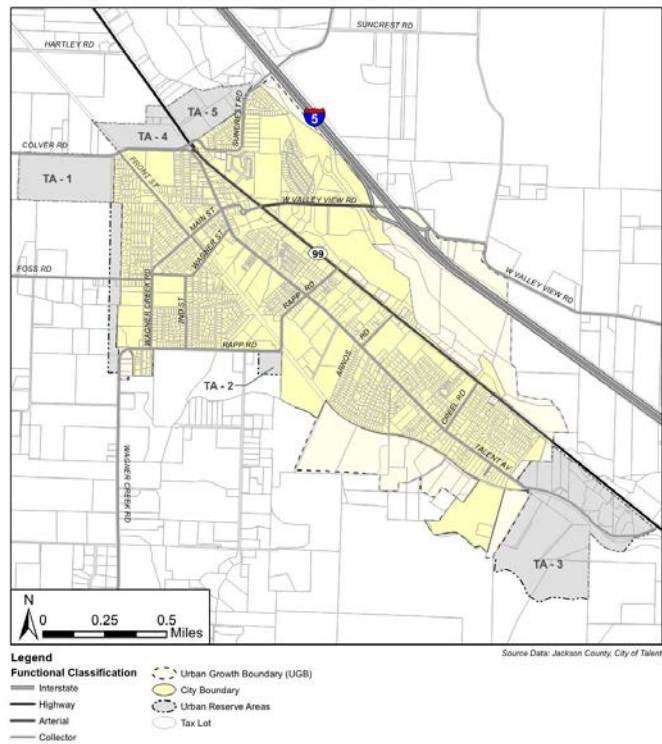
Petitioner ..... City of Talent

Requested Action ..... Amendments to the City of Talent’s Comprehensive Plan, Element D, Transportation.

Amended Codes ..... Element D, Transportation System

### **PROPOSAL**

The purpose of this TSP update is to update the City’s documentation of existing transportation conditions and future transportation needs, achieve consistency with the recently-adopted 2013-2038 Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization’s 2013-2038 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and in doing so, continue to fulfill requirements in Oregon Administrative Rule 660-012, which is also known as the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR). Figure 1 below illustrates the study area for the TSP Update, including the City Limits, Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), and Urban Reserve Areas (URAs).



**FIGURE 1**  
Planning Area

## AGENCY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Statewide Planning Goal 1 requires federal, state, regional and special district agencies to coordinate their planning efforts with the City of Talent and in addition, make use of existing local established citizen involvement programs.

During the course of the TSP update, the City and Consultant used a variety of widespread citizen involvement processes. The goal was to provide an effective two-way communication with citizens and offer an opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process.

The City and Consultant provided multiple forums for citizens to comment on the proposed information and made many user-friendly technical memoranda available for review. The project included a TAC which met four (4) times during the course of the update and a CAC which met on two (2) occasions. The general public was invited to participate in two open houses and given the opportunity to select preferred alternatives for various sections of the TSP.

In addition to these opportunities, the public will have had the opportunity to participate in at least two (2) public hearings; Planning Commission and City Council.

## BACKGROUND

### Definitions and Background

Tech Memo #1 presents proposed amendments to the existing goals and objectives of the Talent TSP. The amendments proposed are necessary to achieve consistency and compliance with either the TPR or the 2013-2038 RTP, or both. Circumstances that may warrant revising

local policies include instances where the section openly contradicts or otherwise fails to acknowledge guidelines mandated by regional and statewide planning documents. The revised goals and objectives and supporting policies are included in Appendix A of Tech Memo #1.

### **Relevant Plans and Policy Review**

As part of the TSP Update, relevant plans and policies were reviewed to ensure the necessary compatibility, consistency, and compliance required by state law and ODOT policy. A summary description of the reviewed plans and policies is included in Appendix A of Tech Memo #1.

### **Proposed Analysis Methodology**

The TSP Update also includes collection and evaluation of new traffic data as well as long-range forecasting for consistency with the 2013-2038 RTP. Appendix B summarizes the approach for collection and evaluation of information that the Transportation System Plan (TSP) will use for traffic analysis.

### **Existing System Inventory**

Tech Memo #2 updates the existing transportation system inventory provided in the City of Talent's current 2007 TSP. It also provides additional data regarding land uses and environmental resources that will be used in the evaluation of future transportation system improvements.

Tech Memo #2 is broken down by the following topics:

- Inventory Review
- Street System
- Street Inventory Tables
- Street Jurisdiction
- Functional Classification
- Pavement Conditions
- Roadway Design Deficiencies
- Bicycle System along City Streets
- Multi-use Paths
- Transit

### **Transportation System Operations**

Tech Memo #3 presents an evaluation of how the City of Talent transportation system operates under existing conditions and how it will continue to operate in the future as the City of Talent and other communities in the Rogue Valley grow over the next 25 years.

### **Alternatives Evaluation**

Tech Memo #4 (available online) presents the alternatives analysis of projects for consideration in the Talent Transportation System Plan (TSP) update. The memorandum is divided into three sections:

1. A review of the projects in existing plans (Section 4.1). This includes the 2007 TSP

Update as well as other local and regional plans. The review includes recommendations for 2014 TSP Update project lists such as which projects should be included and which should be deleted because of significant barriers to implementation.

2. An analysis of improvements that could be considered as additions to the plan (Section 4.2. These may be alternatives to existing recommendations or new projects that address concerns not previously addressed. These potential projects are listed by mode.
3. Two evaluation matrices. The first matrix presents goals and a qualitative evaluation scale. The second matrix each project and states the criterion applied.

This evaluation was used to determine the final list of projects to be included in the TSP and are detailed in Tech Memo #5, Preferred System Plan. The TAC and CAC as well as the public participated in this evaluation and provided feedback to City staff and the Consultant.

### **Preferred System Plan**

Tech Memo #5 summarizes the recommendations for the prioritization of improvements that would constitute the preferred system plan for the City of Talent Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update. These recommendations are based on feedback from the Technical and Citizen Advisory Committees (TAC and CAC), comments received at the Public Open Houses, other community review, and input from other agency staff.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings for the amendments outlined in the Proposed Final Order, staff recommends approval of the amendments.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

The following information was submitted regarding this application:

- Draft TSP – Exhibit A
- Volume 2 (Tech Memos #1-#4) – Exhibit B
- Proposed Final Orders – Exhibit C



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June 19, 2015

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Staff has recommended these amendments for approval, but it will require at least one public hearing before the Planning Commission and one public hearing before the City Council for a decision. The Talent Zoning Code establishes procedures for legislative hearings in Section 8-3M.160.

**A public hearing on the proposed action is scheduled before the Planning Commission on June 25, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.**

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