



Transportation: The Next Chapter

Here's the next chapter in Milwaukie's Transportation System Plan story. When we left off, back in May, citizen groups had identified their priorities of various ways of getting around Milwaukie.

Using these priorities, population growth projections, pavement surveys and computer modeling, our transportation planners have come up with a list of Milwaukie's transportation needs in the next 20 years. A few of the major findings are listed below.

- Approximately \$4 million beyond the existing street maintenance budget will be needed to take care of pavement problems in the next 10 years.
- Pedestrian improvements are needed near elementary schools and other high-use walking areas. Gaps in the sidewalk network need to be filled.
- Bicycle improvements are needed along corridors leading to schools, parks, commuter routes, trails and transit locations. Gaps in the bike network need to be filled.
- Public transit should serve all neighborhoods and popular destinations, and provide service to special needs populations.
- By the year 2015, Hwy. 224 and McLoughlin Blvd. will be operating over-capacity through Milwaukie. This will create problems on 17th and 32nd Avenues and Johnson Creek Blvd. It will cause travel delays for freight trucks.
- An improved connection from Hwy. 224 to McLoughlin Blvd. is needed in the Oatfield Road area.

The final chapter, a plan for addressing these needs, will come later this summer. You'll have a chance to comment on the whole plan in public meetings this Fall. Stay tuned!

A New Look for the *PILOT*

The Pilot has a new masthead. It has been designed to bridge Milwaukie's historic beginnings as a waterfront community to our common goal of expanding riverfront access. It focuses on our future, saying Milwaukie treasures the opportunities that being a river city provides. The city will soon begin a waterfront planning process. Keep reading The Pilot to learn more about this effort.

The change in masthead accompanies a change in the city logo. The previous logo has been used since the 1970's. While it served us well for over twenty years, we thought it time to bring a fresh new look to the city. Both the old and the new feature the dogwood flower. We hope you like the changes.



Mailing List Update

The Pilot is automatically sent with your water bill. Additionally, some people have requested to be added to a supplemental mailing list. We are trying to assure that people who get The Pilot want it, and the people who want The Pilot get it.

If you receive more than one copy, or if you no longer want The Pilot mailed to you, please contact Linda Mullen at 786-7545.

Light Rail Progresses

Milwaukie's light rail working group, a citizen committee, has made its recommendations on potential light rail alignments through Milwaukie.

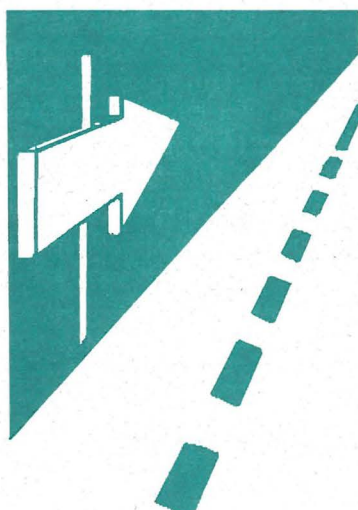
The working group favors the route from McLoughlin to 21st to Monroe St. This was chosen to serve the city in its downtown core. From Monroe, it supports the line along Railroad Avenue to connect with Clackamas Town Center and beyond.

This recommendation is advisory. Metro makes the final decision, but the

City Council will have input into the process. This is expected to occur in the next few months. Once an alignment is selected, work will begin on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. For more specific information on the schedule, call Nancy Waddell in Community Development at 786-7658.

The decision-making meeting was the last one for this citizen working group. We thank them for countless hours of valuable work to this process!

Help Keep Right-of-Way Clear



Most homes in Milwaukie have some city-owned right-of-way immediately adjacent to the street. This is the area where the city can put in traffic control signs, street lights, etc. Our street crews and public safety staff would like to remind Milwaukie citizens that it is illegal to put personal signs in this area. This includes Garage Sale or Real Estate signs. The reason is to maintain sight lines and visibility for drivers. If you put a sign in this area, and an accident occurs, you may be held liable. If it is necessary to put a sign in the right-of-way, you can obtain a permit from the city. Call 786-7600 for more information. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Plastic Bottles Recyclable at Curb!

Milwaukie garbage customers can now recycle most plastic bottles at the curb. Haulers will now collect plastic bottles (with necks smaller than the base) along with your other recyclables. The reason we can only collect plastic bottles is because those are the only plastics for which there is a long term and steady market.

All customers should have received a flyer with more specific information

about the program. If you have questions, please call JoAnn Herrigel, the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator, at 768-7508.

If you're wondering, plastic tubs, bags and some other packages can still be recycled through the local depot programs listed to the right of this article. Each accepts different types of materials, so check with them before you bring in your plastics.



ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

at Clackamas Community College
19600 S. Molalla Ave., Oregon City,
657-6958

RECYCLE WORKS
2400 SE Gladstone, Portland
238-1640

THRIFTWAY STORES
Last Saturday of the Month



Compost Workshops Offered

Fall is approaching and that means leaves. Learn how to compost them at one of Metro's special workshops.

September 9	Leach
September 23	Clackamas
October 7	Leach
October 14	Leach
October 21	Clackamas

There are other trainings in the Metro area. To register or for more information, call:
Metro Recycling Information
234-3000

Master Recycling Training

Learn to be a Master Recycler. To apply for this comprehensive training program, call 731-4104. Deadline for applications is September 8th.

Two free workshops are scheduled on each of the Saturdays listed below. Choose either 9:30 to 10:45 am or 11:00 am to 12:15 pm. The compost workshop sites are located at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City and Leach Botanical Garden in southeast Portland.

City Offers Land Use Training

In July, the city offered the first in a series of trainings for neighborhood land use committees and officers. Twelve neighborhood representatives from Ardenwald, Island Station, Linwood and Lewelling neighborhoods attended the workshop.

Community Development Director Maggie Collins led a session on "The Planning Circle," which included information about the city's Comprehensive Plan, the different types of land use application

processes Milwaukie uses, and opportunities for neighborhood involvement.

During the session, neighbors asked several questions which will guide the content of future trainings. The next training will be held at 7 pm on Monday, August 28, at the Community Room of the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison. The agenda will include:

- minor land partitions and subdivisions
- current requirements for notification and;
- intergovernmental relationships.

New Library Program

*Lions and tigers
and bears, oh my!*

Join the Ledding Library for its new evening preschool storytime. Activities include stories, games and crafts. The fun happens every Tuesday at 6:30, from October 3 through December 19. Bring your children and your teddy bear for a special treat.

Don't miss our new Saturday crafts program for children ages 6 +. It begins in October. You can pick up a complete schedule of activities at the children's library. Call 786-7580 for details. Ask for Jana, Sheila, Pat or Cynthia.

Kudos...

Congratulations to former Milwaukie Mayor Bill Hupp. He was recently honored by the Annie Ross House for over 10 years of volunteer work. Bill collects bread and dairy products near expiration from Safeway and distributes it to several charities, including the Annie Ross House shelter.

Neighborhood Association Meetings

ARDENWALD

Tuesday, September 12 • 7:30 pm,
Ardenwald Elementary School
Contact Michelle Greeley Roberts,
653-2823

LINWOOD

Thursday, September 21 • 7:00 pm
Call the city office of
Neighborhoods for location

LAKE ROAD

Contact Chuck Kersey, 654-9913

LEWELLING

Next meeting is in October
Contact Paul Allen, 653-0133

ISLAND STATION

Contact Mary Jo Morris, 653-2146



Co-Pilot Takes Off

The City of Milwaukie has launched a new neighborhood newsletter, the Co-Pilot. It was mailed in August to people active in their neighborhood associations. The purpose of the Co-Pilot is to keep Milwaukie neighbors informed of the activities of the neighborhood associations and of city programs and services affecting neighborhoods. If you would like to have your name added to the Co-Pilot mailing list, please call Linda Mullen, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, at 786-7545.

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