



Transportation: Long Term Needs Identified

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. These priorities, considered with other criteria, were then evaluated to determine Milwaukie's transportation needs during the next 20 years. A few of the major findings are 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. For more information, contact Nancy Waddell in Community Development at 786-7658.

City Handbook: Easy Reference Guide

Ever wonder who to call about a pot hole? Do you know when the city was founded? Have you thought about joining a citizen board, but didn't know how? The City of Milwaukie has just published a new Citizen's Handbook designed to serve as an easy reference guide for these and other questions you have about your local government.

Pick one up at your next neighborhood association meeting, or at any city facility, the Milwaukie Center, and the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce. You can have one mailed to your home by calling 786-7545.



New Services at the Ledding Library!

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.

Library Extends Hours

Thanks to the passage of recent tax levies, Ledding Library is now open 10 more hours per week. The new schedule is:

Monday - Thursday	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday - Saturday	11:00 am - 5:30 pm
Sundays	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Library staff encourages folks to come by during the new hours. They also send their thanks to the community for its on-going support.

High Tech Reference Materials

The Ledding Library has added a new CD-ROM workstation, and new software to go with it. One program, called Street Atlas USA is a comprehensive street map for the entire country. It provides instant access to over 12 million streets and over 1 million lakes, ponds, rivers, parks, rail roads and other geographical features.

The other new program is Phone Disc. It is a collection of US phone books. You can use it to locate long lost friends and relatives, plan trips to other cities, or do comparison shopping by phone.

The last of the newest software is the Health Reference Center. It provides coverage of health, fitness, medicine and nutrition. Updated monthly, it contains three years of medical information from periodicals, reference books and other publications.

For more information, call the reference librarian at 786-7546.

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 on this process!

Cleaning Up the Leaves...

Fall is approaching, and before you know it, leaves will be falling everywhere. As you prepare for winter, please keep the following things in mind when raking your leaves.

—Please do not rake your leaves or yard debris into the street. This causes flooding by clogging storm drains. Since many of our storm sewers dump directly into Johnson or Kellogg Creek, leaves and yard debris can result in excess pollution to the streams.

—If you are a weekly garbage customer, you may place up to 32 gallons of yard debris at the curb each week for collection by your hauler. 60 gallon roller carts may also be available from your hauler. For larger quantities of leaves, call McFarlane's Bark (659-4240) or Scott's Hyponex (557-1028).

—Learn to compost leaves and yard debris in your own back yard. See the article below for more information.

—Unfortunately, the city's street sweeping program does not collect yard debris and cannot handle large amounts of leaves in the street.

—If you are really motivated, you can help us and your neighbors by keeping leaves away from the storm drain nearest your house. Locate the drain grate. When leaves begin piling up, rake them away. It only takes a few minutes, and your work will be appreciated by many when the rain begins.

Compost Workshops

Leaves, leaves, leaves. Learn how to compost them at one of Metro's special workshops. 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.

October	7	Leach
October	14	Leach
October	21	Clackamas

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

Master Recycler Training

Learn to be a Master Recycler. To apply for this comprehensive training or for information, call 731-4104.

OOPS!

You can't get information on plastic recycling using the number we gave you last month. We apologize for the mistake. The correct number to reach JoAnn Herrigel, the City's Recycling Coordinator, is 786-7508.



City Offers Land Use Training

The city has completed the first two in a series of trainings for neighborhood land use committees and officers. Sixteen neighborhood representatives from Ardenwald, Island Station, Lake Road, Linwood and Lewelling neighborhoods have attended the workshops.

Community Development Director Maggie Collins has led most of the sessions. The first training centered 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. The second training included information about the types of applications processed, the differences between minor land partitions and subdivisions, and began reviewing intergovernmental relationships.

On both evenings, neighbors have asked questions that will guide the content of future trainings. They are held the last Monday of the month, from 7:00-9:00pm in the Community Room, of the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison.



Neighborhood Association Meetings

ARDENWALD

Tuesday, October 10th, 7:30pm
Ardenwald Elementary School
Contact Michelle Greeley Roberts, 653-2823

Lake Road

Thursday, October 19th, 7:00 pm
Milwaukie Lutheran Church
Contact Chuck Kersey, 654-9913

Lewelling

Tuesday, October 10th, 7:00 pm
Lewelling School
Contact Paul Allen, 653-0133

Linwood

Will be officially recognized by
City Council on
Tuesday, October 3rd
Call the Office of Neighborhoods
for next meeting date and location

Island Station

Early December
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.

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.

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