



Date: April 13, 2016
To: Department of Land Conservation and Development
From: George Clough (Interim City Planner), City of Pendleton
cc:
Re: Pendleton Transportation System Plan (TSP) Pedestrian,
Bicycle, and Transit Update – Policy Amendments

I. Draft Policy and Goal Amendments

As per the scope of the Pendleton Transportation System Plan (TSP) Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transit Update, we are updating our policies regarding transportation outlined within our Comprehensive Plan. With this being our third and final phase of periodic review, specifically focused on active transportation and transit, we are ensuring that the City of Pendleton’s policies align with the goals and visions that the Transportation System Plan update was based on and have been recommended through the process. The following goals and policies will be presented for review in a public work session and public hearing procedures.

Goals:

1. **Accessibility:** Develop bicycle, pedestrian, and transit systems in Pendleton that are accessible for all ages, skill levels, abilities, incomes, and interests. Develop and partner in developing efficient transit service that enhances access to local and regional destinations.
2. **Connectivity:** Provide multi-modal infrastructure that increases connections to all areas of the city and to regional systems and works to overcome topographical and other constraints.
3. **Health and Safety:** Enable people to safely walk, run, and ride throughout Pendleton.
4. **Livability:** Provide for a high quality of life in Pendleton by providing transportation options and integrating community values and interests into these transportation options.
5. **Financial Responsibility:** Invest in financially feasible infrastructure projects that will serve the city for years to come.
6. **Community:** Increase community support for and participation in walking, biking, ridesharing, and transit use for required and discretionary travel.
7. **Equity:** Provide environmentally and financially sustainable transportation options that are affordable and accessible to all people in Pendleton.
8. **Economy:** Create a transportation system that supports economic stability and growth by connecting people to jobs, education, recreation, and services.

Policies:

1. Increase opportunities for people to walk, bike, rideshare, and use transit in Pendleton and between Pendleton and other communities in the region through supportive programs and improvements in transportation infrastructure and services.
2. Increase connections between the north and south sides of I-84 by adding more bicycle and pedestrian facilities and transit service and improving access to these facilities and services.

3. Capitalize on opportunities to extend the River Parkway trail, such as using public land along levees and creek corridors and in public utility easements.
4. Develop a trail corridor on the north side of the Umatilla River to complement the River Parkway trail.
5. Provide clear direction to developers about pedestrian, bicycle, and transit improvements required as part of the development approval process through the standards in the Transportation System Plan, Unified Development Code, and other applicable adopted ordinances.
6. Allow flexibility in design standards for providing pedestrian and bicycle facilities on or adjacent to sites that have topographic, environmental, development, or legal agreement constraints or offer opportunities to provide the same or higher level of pedestrian and bicycle access, connectivity, and safety in facilities that differ from adopted design standards.
7. Establish pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of the transportation system and do not limit their definition to recreational facilities.
8. Improve the safety and security of walking and biking and create separation whenever possible to limit potential conflicts with motor vehicles.
9. Ensure adequate lighting along pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
10. Provide accessible, secure, and sufficient amounts of bicycle parking.
11. Increase enforcement of laws protecting pedestrians and cyclists.
12. Continue to develop a collaborative relationship with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to effectively coordinate transportation services and facilities, particularly transit.
13. Provide City-run transportation services that effectively meet community needs.
14. Use existing parking facilities for park-and-ride and “park-and-pool” sites to increase transportation options, reduce transportation costs, and make more efficient use of existing parking areas.
15. Coordinate with transit service providers and developers to provide access to transit stops and provide supportive facilities such as shelters, benches, and lighting.
16. Improve safety for transit riders through measures such as providing enhanced roadway crossings, restricting transit stops from being sited where there are existing driveways, and restricting driveways from being located around an existing or planned transit stop.
17. Work with private and public partners, including ODOT and CTUIR, to maintain and enhance Downtown Pendleton for all modes of transportation, consistent with the Pendleton Downtown Plan and Transportation System Plan.
18. Support higher density land use around transit stops to make transit service more feasible and effective.
19. Target park-and-ride facilities in lower-density areas that are less feasible to serve with fixed-route transit.