

HELP! Working Groups Are Working!



TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN



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Weather and traffic – two things everyone likes to complain about. Partly because there's not really anything we can do about either of them, right?

Wrong! Right now, everyone in Tualatin has a chance to actually **do something** about improving traffic in our town!

Our City is in the middle of studying our transportation system, and the welcome mat is out for you to join the effort and help figure out what is good and what is bad about traffic in Tualatin, and to figure out what to do about it. To top it off, these discussions will result in something **actually getting done** to improve our traffic situation, and to make a high-quality transportation system for the future.

We're not talking about just cars and trucks, either, but also light rail, WES (commuter rail), buses, bikes, walking and hiking, and anything else involved in moving people

and things around in our town – now and for the next twenty years or more.

Cars, trains, buses, bikes, feet? That's a **lot** to take on all at once. So this problem has been divided into several **working groups**:

These groups are small, hands-on opportunities for every citizen to help influence the planning and design of Tualatin's transportation systems right away and for years to come. We're looking for your help and participation in one or more of the various Working Groups which are forming (don't be put off by the word "working" in the groups' names ... it's actually a lot of fun!)

Major Corridors and Intersections ("Corridors" is a planner's way of saying "streets")

Neighborhood Livability (While everyone else is worrying about "corridors" to get cars and trucks and so-on from here to there, this group will think about what it's like living in one of the neighborhoods they pass by, and what transportation on a neighborhood scale works, and how to keep it nice where we live.)

Transit (Buses, light rail, streetcars, WES, shuttles ... anything to ride that has a schedule and a fare.)

Bicycles and Pedestrians (What to do when you're not **in** a car or a train or a bus, yet you need to move around. And where to do it!)



Industrial and Freight

(Trucks, mostly, which are the lifeblood of our City's economy. And freight trains, too, probably.)

Downtown

(... and how to keep it from becoming just one big mixing bowl for all the trains, trucks, cars, buses, skateboards, unicycles, and pedestrians the other groups are talking about. How to keep the heart of Tualatin a great place to go and to enjoy.)

So, next time you're sitting still on Tualatin-Sherwood Road, waiting for a traffic light, **think positively**:

"I positively need to get involved in one of those Transportation Working Groups!"

The best way to follow this process is to visit www.tualatintsp.org ... or ...

Contact Kaaren Hoffman, City Engineer (503-691-3034), or Cindy Hahn, City Planner (503-691-3029) for dates, times and meeting locations for the Working Groups you're interested in.