



**CITY OF WASHOUGAL
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
Monday, November 9, 2020
5:00 PM**

MEETING INFORMATION

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82722850277>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Molly Coston called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Molly Coston and Councilmembers Brent Boger, Michelle Wagner, Paul Greenlee, Alex Yost, Julie Russell, Ernie Suggs and Student Representative Mariah Moran

Staff:

David Scott, City Manager

Trevor Evers, Director of Public Works

Jennifer Forsberg, City Clerk/Finance Director

Mitch Kneipp, Community Development Director

Wendi Steinbronn, Police Chief

Jeanette Cefalo, Human Resources Director

Michelle Wright, Interim Assistant Public Works Director

Rose Jewell, Assistant to the City Manager

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Works: Commercial/Industrial Sewer System Development Charges

Andy Baker, FCS Group Consultant, presented the following:

B. Administration: 2021 Legislative Agenda and Clark County Transportation Alliance Policy Statement

David Scott presented the following for discussion:

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CITY MANAGER

B. MAYOR

C. CITY COUNCIL

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at ?

Mayor

City Clerk



City of Washougal 2021 Legislative Agenda

Support economic development tools to encourage job creation and economic growth - Washington's cities need additional economic development tools that assist in maintaining, expanding, and modernizing local infrastructure to help spur local private sector investment. The Legislature can partner with cities and towns to advance our shared goals of building a robust and diverse economy for communities around the state.

Restore and maintain existing infrastructure funding programs – our infrastructure is aging, and cities can't keep up with increasing demands. New investments are necessary. To achieve this, we need the **Public Works Trust Fund, Transportation Improvement Board, Recreation and Conservation Office** and other infrastructure programs to remain intact, adequately funded, and stable, allowing for sustained investments in our local infrastructure.

Provide funding for transportation needs – Adopt a new transportation revenue package that emphasizes maintenance/ preservation funding and provides an equitable level of local funding as well as additional local revenue options for cities. Continued investments are needed, including projects in our region. We support the Clark County Transportation Alliance 2021 Policy Statement.

Local Government Funding and Local Authority – Preserve and enhance state shared revenues for cities, guard existing local option revenue authorities and expand local option revenue tools. Provide cities greater flexibility to use funds from existing revenue sources to help cities manage the impacts of the current economic downturn. This will allow cities to direct scarce resources where they are most needed when responding to pressing community conditions.

Simplify Process for Electing a Mayor for Cities Changing to Council-Manager Form – the current process is cumbersome, requiring two ballot propositions. A simpler, optional one-proposition process with flexibility for effective date will better serve our citizens.

Provide funding for specific Washougal capital and transportation projects: (see individual project sheets)

- Washougal Social Services Building Maintenance and Repair Project - \$700K: provide the aging building with much needed repairs and maintenance items to ensure its continued viability to serve low-income families, and, a new, ADA restroom for use by the homeless.
- Washougal Town Center Transportation Access Improvements - (\$80M): improve corridors connecting Washougal including 32nd Street Rail Underpass; TownCenter Connectors; 27th/Index Improvements for Port and SR-14 access (total \$80M in phases)
- SR-14 West Camas Slough Bridge - \$35M: develop parallel bridge structure for westbound traffic and added capacity (joint request with City of Camas and Port of Camas Washougal)

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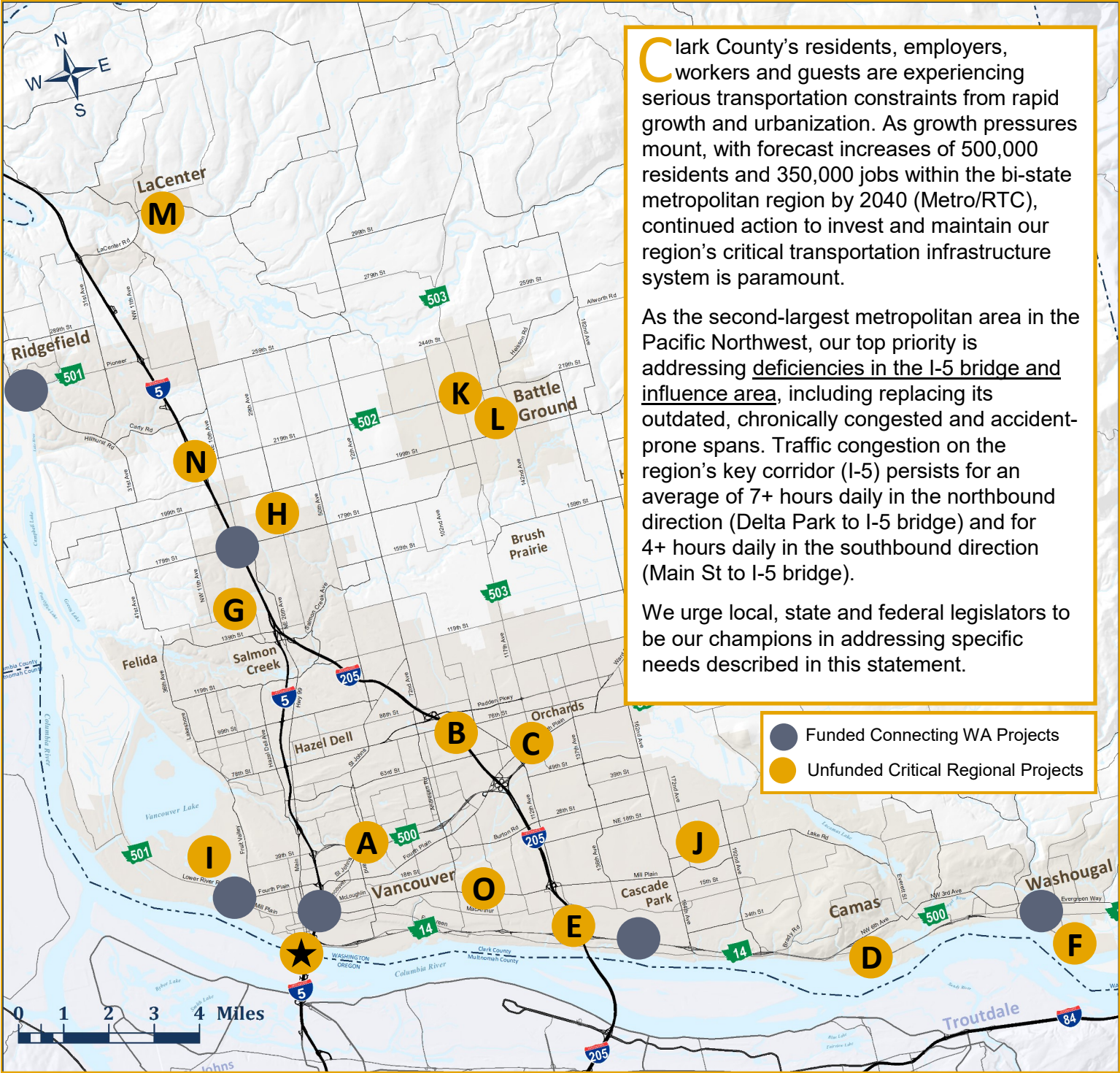
2021 Policy Statement

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A CALL TO FURTHER ACTION

I-5 Bridge Replacement and Influence Area Improvements



Action #1

Continue Support for I-5 Bridge Replacement Program Office:

continue to develop bi-state legislative consensus, prepare critical permitting pathway, develop funding plan, begin permitting work.

Complete Supplemental EIS Process: re-evaluate prior scope and EIS, restart permitting work, submit and achieve approvals, develop funding plan, secure funding commitments, develop procurement documents and construction packages (\$50-100M depending on scope, inclusive of prior WA and OR commitments).

Initiate Construction Funding Commitments: work with lawmakers, agency staff and community leaders to identify and secure federal, state and local funding.

We fully support replacement of the I-5 bridges and related corridor improvements. The I-5 spans are functionally obsolete and over time will require substantial maintenance investments to remain operational. A bi-state approach focused on finding significant, practical solutions through this primary freight, commerce and commuter corridor is imperative, in keeping with the I-5 Corridor Strategic Plan (2002). Broad support is demonstrated through SSB 5806 (WA 2017), the 2019 Washington State transportation budget (ESHB 1160, \$35M), Oregon Transportation Commission funds (\$15M), and bi-state legislative engagement.

We endorse efforts by the Oregon legislature to fund projects that address I-5 corridor deficiencies, especially the I-5/I-84 interchange (a.k.a. "The Rose Quarter") in downtown Portland. We also place high priority on long-range transportation corridor planning given steadily rising population and commerce forecasts.

Regional Maintenance and Operations Needs

Action #2

Pursue Funding to Advance State of Good Repair and Operations: carefully evaluate recommendations of the Joint Transportation Committee's Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment, and consider transitions to sustainable funding models (e.g. road-usage charge).

Fund Critical Area Operations: dedicate additional maintenance, planning and traffic operations funds for critical urban areas (SR-14, SR-500, I-5, I-205) to optimize safety and mobility on our existing system.

Catalytic Economic Development Investments

Action #3

Fund Job- and Employer-Enabling Improvements:

support funding new catalytic investments and acceleration of projects in the Connecting Washington package, which serve the objective of accelerating shovel-ready land for job-related industry expansion consistent with growth management plans. Several areas need tools to facilitate job development, including the Discovery Corridor (I-5/179th interchange vicinity), Section 30 (SE 1st St), Washougal Town Center/Port (32nd St) and Port of Vancouver Industrial Corridor (NW 32nd Ave). Funding tools to be evaluated include tax increment financing, design-build, public/private partnerships (P3), and continue to fund the Public Works Trust Fund, CERB, FMSIB, TIB and FRAP.

Critical Regional Projects and Needs

Action #4

Fund Regionally Critical Projects to Address

Immediate Needs: secure funding either through single-project awards or as part of the next statewide transportation funding package for priorities that serve the growth needs of communities, reduce congestion hotspots, improve safety and provide multi-modal enhancements. Each project has been vetted through the regional planning process.

Following are critical regional projects (*lead agency*):

A) SR-500 Intersections at 42nd Ave and 54th Ave (\$6M): implement cost effective safety improvements from 2018 practical solutions study; additional investments including overpasses may be warranted (*WSDOT*)

B) I-205/SR-500 to Padden Exwy (\$36M): add auxiliary lanes to address congestion hotspot (*WSDOT*)

C) SR-500/Fourth Plain/SR-503 (\$15M): following recent planning study, provide funds for initial intersection improvement to address congestion hot spot (*WSDOT*)

D) West Camas Slough Bridge Widening (\$45M): develop parallel bridge structure for westbound SR-14 traffic and added capacity (*WSDOT*)

E) SR-14/I-205 Interchange (\$TBD): provide funds for interchange congestion relief; project study underway (*WSDOT*)

F) Washougal Town Center Transportation Access Improvement (\$80M): improve corridors connecting Washougal including 32nd Street Rail Underpass; Town Center Connectors; 27th/Index Improvements for Port and SR-14 access (*City of Washougal*)

G) NE 10th Ave from 149th to 154th St/Whipple Creek (\$12.7M): complete new north-south corridor for I-5 (*Clark County*)

H) NE 15th Ave from 179th St to NE 10th Ave/NE 189th St vicinity (\$15M): add arterial connection to increase capacity in conjunction with 179th/I-5 interchange upgrade (*Clark County*)

I) NW 32nd Ave Industrial Corridor (\$10M): planning, engineering, environmental review for new north-south freight arterial (*City of Vancouver*)

J) SE 1st St at 164th to 192nd Ave (\$7M): arterial widening and multi-modal upgrade; leverages significant private sector investments (*City of Vancouver*)

K) SR-502/SR-503 Congestion Relief (\$2.2M): complete community roadway and circulation enhancements to provide improved access and safety (*City of Battle Ground*)

L) SE Grace Ave at SE Rasmussen Blvd to E Main St (\$6.6M): arterial street realignment and new signal for upgraded capacity (*City of Battle Ground*)

M) E 4th St Widening/Breeze Creek Culvert (\$10.5M): complete street makeover with fish bearing culvert replacement for improved environmental outcomes (*City of La Center*)

N) NW 219th St Extension/I-5 to Hillhurst Rd (\$5M): add western ramp access at I-5 and arterial street extension to Hillhurst Rd (*City of Ridgefield*)

O) Public Transit (\$5M): help fund construction of C-TRAN's second Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project along Mill Plain Blvd from downtown Vancouver to 192nd Ave (*C-TRAN*)

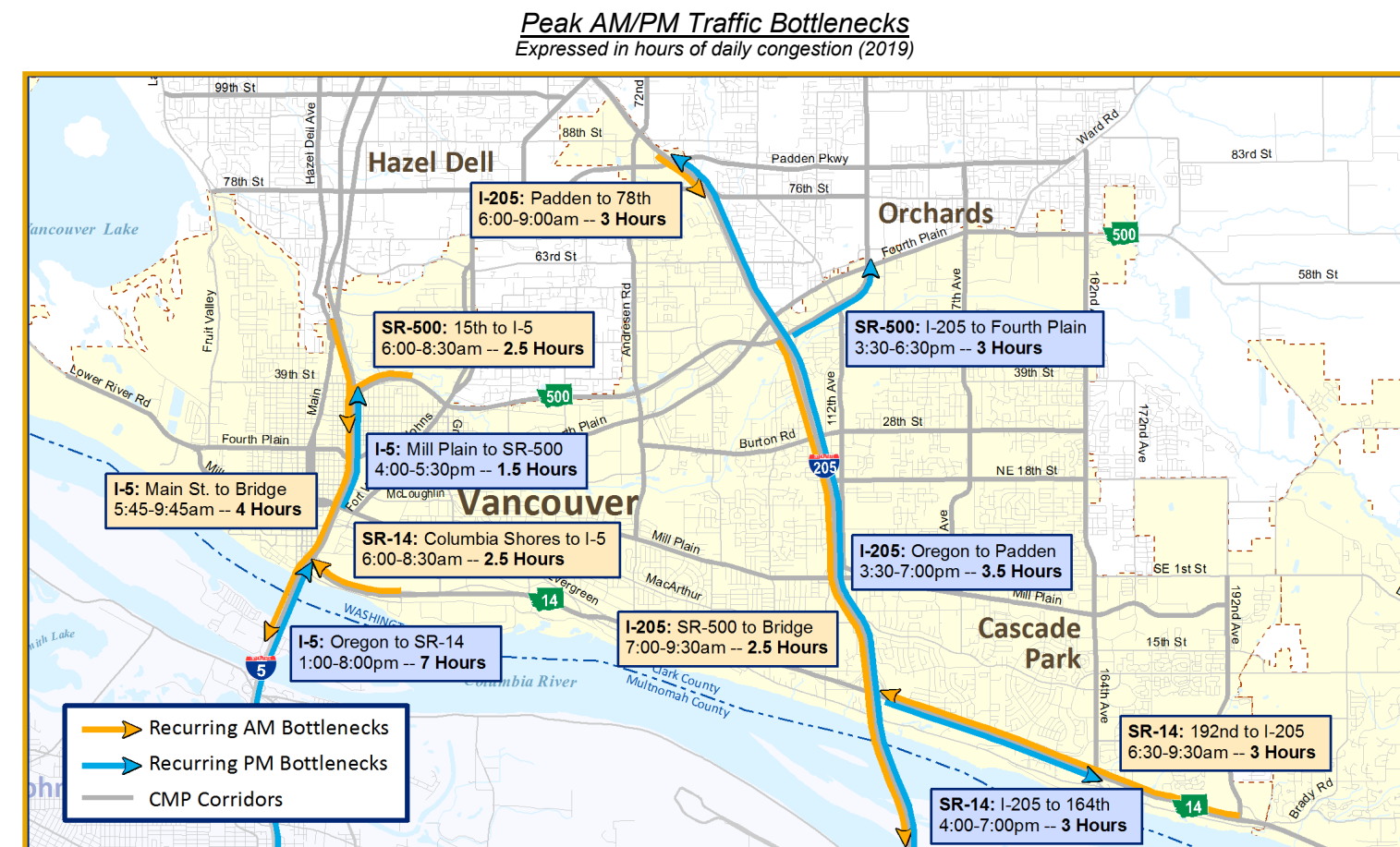


104-year old I-5 Bridge

Facilitating Transportation Mobility and Economic Growth

We urge legislators to embrace the following priorities where possible:

- Support broadband infrastructure to disperse economic opportunity, foster telecommuting and better compete in the evolving digital economy
- Fund regionally significant improvements for marine access within the Columbia River, and rail access improvements and track upgrades for ports and the county-owned Chelatchie Prairie Railroad
- Support the Port of Vancouver USA's Terminal 1 Waterfront development project for safety, commerce and tourism
- Enhance or expand funding programs to improve Complete Streets by promoting safety and accessibility for everyone, including increased funding for safe bike and pedestrian pathways, sidewalks and street crossings
- Actively embrace smart technologies to ease pressures on the transportation grid and improve safety for all users



Courtesy SW Regional Transportation Council