



**Agenda Report**

Date: January 23, 2019

Meeting Date: February 4, 2019

To: Russ Axelrod, Mayor  
Members, West Linn City Council

From: John Morgan, Community Development

Through: John Williams, Deputy City Manager/Community Development Director *JRW*

Subject: West Linn’s Waterfront Project Update

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**Purpose**

Provide Council with an update on the project, specifically learning about the research and findings by Portland General Electric, and about the preferred transportation option for the Highway 43/Willamette Falls Drive intersection area

**Question(s) for Council:**

What direction does the Council have for future public involvement opportunities with PGE?  
Does the Council concur with the recommended transportation option and wish to direct staff to move forward?

**Public Hearing Required:**

None required.

**Background & Discussion:**

At the request of Portland General Electric, the major land owner in the Waterfront planning area, City planning efforts for future land uses of the Waterfront area were put on hold as of June 2018. This was to allow PGE time to research its land holdings in the project area to better understand the scope of its holdings, including realistic options for future redevelopment of the site. Representatives of PGE will be at the work session to present a preliminary overview of their findings.

In the interim, Staff has continued to work to create a workable plan for street improvements in the area around the intersection of Highway 43 and Willamette Falls Drive. The intent of this work is to minimize congestion in the area and create capacity for future redevelopment of the Waterfront. After both technical study, significant public engagement, and previous discussions with Council, staff has developed a preferred option for Council discussion and direction. With Council approval, work can begin to finalize preliminary design, developed associated water, sewer, and storm drainage plans, create cost estimates, initiate an amendment of the Transportation System Plan, and begin exploring funding options. Also, with the Council’s concurrence, the plans will be presented to ODOT for comment and approval.

**Budget Impact:**

No immediate impact; longer-term, the transportation improvements will likely require West Linn resources as part of an overall funding package that needs to be developed.

**Council Options/Staff Recommendation:**

The PGE presentation is an update and Council discussion will allow staff to work with PGE on public engagement activities. Regarding the transportation plan, Council discussion and direction will allow staff to finalize the conceptual layout and move forward towards implementation.

**Potential Motion:**

“I move that the City Council support (as modified if necessary) the conceptual Arch Bridge/205 area transportation plan and direct staff to move forward with next steps towards implementation.”

**Attachments:**

1. Conceptual transportation plan for Arch Bridge/205 area.