

## **Westside Planning Project Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why is the City doing this project?**

The City of Forest Grove continues to experience sustained development activity. With this development activity the inventory of approved single family lots is being rapidly depleted. As absorption of single family lots continues there will be increased pressure for new subdivision activity especially within the urban growth boundary where little advance planning work has taken place. This project will assist the City with developing a conceptual transportation network to support development in the urban growth boundary. This project will also assist the City with assessing infrastructure needs to support future development. Finally, this project will result in adoption of land use designations for the area recently added to the urban growth boundary north of David Hill Road and west of Highway 47.

### **What areas are being looked at as part of this project?**

This project includes three distinct areas:

- Area north of Watercrest Road and west of Thatcher within the urban growth boundary.
- Area south of the Council Creek tributary north of David Hill Road west of Highway 47 and east of Thatcher Road. This area was added to the urban growth boundary in 2014.
- Area south of the BPA power line right-of-way, north of the Gales Creek Flood Plan near the terminus of Elm Street. This area was added to the urban growth boundary in 2014.

### **Will this project advance City goals and objectives for sustainable development practices?**

Yes, this project will advance sustainability goals including :

- Supporting a land efficient development pattern that minimizes infrastructure cost and environmental impact;
- Identifying opportunities to cluster development to increase development densities within the project area while minimizing environmental impacts of development;
- Promoting a transportation network that minimizes out of direction travel and vehicle miles traveled and enables multiple modes of travel;
- Providing opportunities so that residents are able to shop and work close to their place of residence if desired;
- Establish a land use pattern supportive of transit; and
- Encourage a transition from outer-neighborhood suburban residential to a more walkable environment.

### **How is this project funded?**

This project is funded through a Metro Construction Excise Tax Program planning grant. The Construction Excise Tax is funded through a fee assessed to each building permit issued within the Portland Metro boundary. The Construction Excise Tax Program funds regional and local planning needed to make land ready for development.

### **When will the project be completed?**

It is expected this project will be completed in late summer or fall of 2015.

### **Where can I get more information about the project?**

Additional information is available at the City's website at [www.forestgrove-or.gov](http://www.forestgrove-or.gov). Search for Westside Planning Project or Planning Division. Additional information is also available by calling the Forest Grove Community Development Department at (503) 992-3227.