



## Staff Report – Public Hearing for Ordinance

April 1, 2024 Council Regular Meeting

Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 24-005 Complete Streets Policy

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Time Estimate: 10 minutes

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**BACKGROUND:** RCW 47.04.320 directed the Washington State Transportation Board (TIB) to establish a Complete Streets Grant program to encourage local jurisdictions to adopt urban arterial retrofit street ordinances designed to provide safe access to all users including bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. TIB has implemented this grant program and local agencies with adopted Complete Streets ordinances are eligible to apply for grant funds. This program funds retrofit projects that promote non-motorized mobility and safety on local urban arterial streets.

**SUMMARY:** Staff consulted with PBS for assistance with compiling the attached proposed Complete Streets ordinance. This draft was sent to TIB staff for their review of the content for ample requirements to meet grant eligibility. TIB staff has verified that this proposed ordinance meets the intent of the Complete Streets program. If adopted by Council, the City would be eligible to apply for the upcoming round of Complete Streets grant funding later this year.

Staff presented this ordinance draft at the March 4 Council Workshop. This public hearing has been posted in the Camas-Washougal Post Record, on the City website and at city hall.

**BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY:** All roadway users will benefit from Complete Streets projects that would be funded through the TIB grant program. Potential projects may include sidewalk gap and curb ramp installations, enhanced crosswalk installation, added bicycle lanes and shared use paths.

This ordinance supports Comprehensive Plan Goal T-2: The needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and accessibility (ADA-compliant) will be considered in all street improvements and will be integrated in all collector and arterial roadway projects, including regular safe street crossings; and Policy T-2.4: Recognize and support Complete Street implementation in all new and retrofit development to better the health of the community.

**POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:** While the Complete Streets grant is a competitive program, successful local agencies may receive up to \$500,000 per grant round. TIB typically has a call for grant applications every two years.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Complete Streets Policy tracking will require minimal staff time. Successful grant projects would be included in future City budgets. Project grant funding may cover 80% to 100% of the project budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends Council hold the public hearing and take public testimony. If there are no revisions to be made, staff recommends Council adopt Ordinance No. 24-005 and it be published accordingly to law.