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Staff Report

To: Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda Date: 6/15/2021

From: Planner Kelly Reid

SUBJECT:

Downtown Pedestrian and Bicycle Needs Inventory and Action Plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No action required; please provide input on the Action Plan as desired

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City adopted a Downtown Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan in 2018 (Resolution 18-04) to guide future transportation and parking decisions and investments downtown. The goal of the plan is to efficiently manage parking and transportation downtown, and to expand the universe of trips by supporting travel options, in order to address and prepare for future increases in downtown tourism and activity due to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

The TDM Plan calls for a <u>Downtown Pedestrian and Bicycle Needs Inventory and Action Plan.</u> Through the TDM Working Group, the City has engaged downtown stakeholders and community volunteers for the last 6 months to conduct a Needs Inventory of downtown and the bluff area. The final Action Plan will include a prioritized list of projects and will identify who is responsible for implementing each project. It is expected that projects can begin to be implemented later this year.

BACKGROUND:

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Staff will present a brief update about the <u>Downtown Pedestrian and Bicycle Needs</u> <u>Inventory and Action Plan</u>. Through the TDM Working Group, the City has engaged

downtown stakeholders and community volunteers for the last 6 months to conduct a Needs Inventory of downtown and the bluff area. The results are currently <u>posted online</u> to seek community input to help prioritize the Action Plan.

To identify the problems facing pedestrians and cyclists in our project area, the Need Inventory/Action Plan (NIAP) team first gathered existing relevant data, including:

- Dangerous intersections (based on crash and speed data)
- Failed/missing ADA curb ramps
- Missing sidewalks
- Dark areas at night
- Existing bike parking, lanes, and Family Friendly Routes
- Transit stations
- Community services (Churches, food banks, etc.)
- Traffic volumes, speeds, and lanes

After gathering the relevant background data, the NIAP team asked volunteers to tour downtown and input their observations of the problems pedestrians have to deal with into a data collection app. At the same time, the NIAP team interviewed TDM Working Group members, community members, City staff, and the volunteers for ideas on what areas need to be improved and how.

With the all the relevant data from the field and interviews collected and analyzed, the NIAP team created a draft list of projects that will help Oregon City meet its TDM goals. The final Action Plan will include a prioritized list of projects and will identify who is responsible for implementing each project. It is expected that projects can begin to be implemented later this year.

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