



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026		Subject: Proposed SMART Service Extension	
		Staff Member: Diana Kotler, Transit Operations Manager	
		Department: Transit	
Action Required		Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation	
☐ Motion ☐ Public Hearing Date: ☐ Ordinance 1 st Reading Date: ☐ Ordinance 2 nd Reading Date: ☐ Resolution ☒ Information or Direction ☐ Information Only ☐ Council Direction ☐ Consent Agenda		☐ Approval ☐ Denial ☐ None Forwarded ☒ Not Applicable Comments: N/A	
Staff Recommendation: N/A			
Recommended Language for Motion: N/A			
Project / Issue Relates To:			
☐ Council Goals/Priorities:	☒ Adopted Master Plan(s): Transit Master Plan (2023)	☐ Not Applicable	

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Staff is seeking guidance on two items:

1. In response to TriMet's impending service reductions, shall SMART offer its services to and from the affordable housing residential community of Plambeck Gardens located in the City of Tualatin; and in doing so
2. Shall SMART provide public transit services southbound and northbound between Plambeck Garden and the City of Wilsonville to connect residents to essential services and regional transit connections available through Wilsonville Transit Center?

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In early 2026, in anticipation of upcoming fiscal challenges and planned service changes, representatives from TriMet contacted the City of Wilsonville South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) to explore transit service options for the Plambeck Gardens, an affordable housing residential community.

Plambeck Gardens is located at 23655 SW Plambeck Terrace, off Boones Ferry Road in the City of Tualatin, approximately half mile from Wilsonville city limits.

SMART Route 6 – Argyle Square could be extended to serve Plambeck Gardens Monday through Friday, on a 30-minute headway schedule. The proposed service would provide Plambeck Gardens residents with connections to employment opportunities and businesses throughout Wilsonville, as well as regional transit services available at the Wilsonville Transit Center.

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, the City of Wilsonville adopted an update to its Transit Master Plan. This long-range planning document identified opportunities for SMART to enhance transit services, expand its service area, and increase ridership to better serve our community.

SMART has taken a thoughtful and phased approach to implementing the Transit Master Plan, beginning with improvements to our regional service. As part of this effort, SMART introduced enhanced express services, including Route 12X to Woodburn and Route 10X to Clackamas Town Center, in concert with the opening of the Wilsonville Welcome Center at Wilsonville Transit Center.

The next phase of service enhancements focuses on SMART in-town services and is part of our regular quarterly service review process. SMART aligned its regular service review process with service changes planned by regional transit providers in an effort to provide seamless transportation options for Wilsonville, surrounding communities, and local Wilsonville business establishments. Planned service modifications include:

1. Streamline of Route 4 along Wilsonville Road;
2. Consolidation of Route 7 and Villebois Shopper Shuttle to provide Monday through Saturday 30-minute service frequency and service extension to Argyle Square; and
3. Extension of Route 6 to connect Plambeck Gardens residents to Wilsonville businesses located in Town Center and Argyle Square, local civic services, and regional transit networks.

Later this fall, a final review of the proposed in-town service recommendations will be presented to the City Council. This future discussion will focus on recommendations for Dial-a-Ride complementary paratransit service.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

With City Council affirmation of the proposed service extension along Route 6 – Argyle Square to Plambeck Gardens, next steps for SMART staff will consist of communication with the:

- City of Tualatin to coordinate installation of the bus stop adjacent to Plambeck Gardens
- Traveling public to inform of the upcoming transit service changes, availability of SMART service with access to regional connections at Wilsonville Welcome Transit Center to destinations such as Salem, Woodburn, Canby, Clackamas Town Center (and beyond)

With support of Wilsonville City Council, the proposed service extension would be implemented as part of August 24, 2026, service change.

TIMELINE:

The proposed changes would be consistent with TriMet service reductions planned for August 23, 2026, and would be effective Monday, August 24, 2026.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:

No budget impacts.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

This project is included in SMART Transit Master Plan.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

Transit services are about people – people who rely on transportation for connections to employment, recreation, education, civic services, just to name a few.

SMART's mission is to meet the needs of residents, employees, and visitors of all ages, ethnicities, and income levels through the provision of convenient, safe, and reliable transportation services. This service extension will provide vital mobility options to vulnerable populations through our transit network to Wilsonville business establishments, civic services with access to regional transportation connections.

ALTERNATIVES:

The city could decline to serve residents of Plambeck Gardens, returning the problem to TriMet for a solution.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A