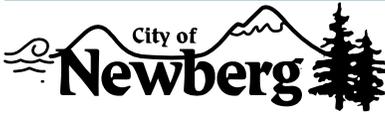


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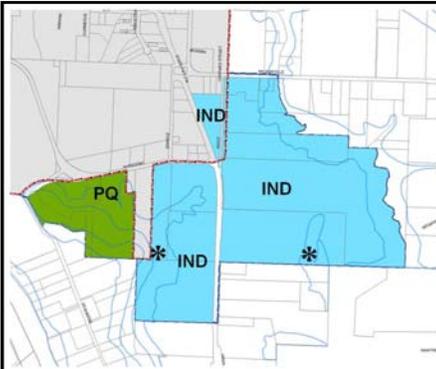


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City Council to hear South Industrial UGB Amendment and Comprehensive Plan Amendments on March 19, 2012



The Newberg City Council will hold a public hearing on March 19, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Newberg Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR, to evaluate a proposed urban growth boundary and comprehensive plan amendment. You are invited to take part in the City's review of this project by sending in your written comments or by testifying before the City Council. For more details about giving comments, please see below.

The proposal includes the following elements:

- Inclusion of approximately 132 gross buildable acres (260 total acres) into the Newberg UGB. 129 acres would be

designated Industrial (IND) and approximately 3 acres would be designated Public/Quasi Public (PQ).

- Redesignation of 7 acres of land in the Newberg UGB from Medium Density Residential (MDR) to Industrial (IND).
- Amendment to the Transportation System Plan to include the future transportation plan for the south industrial area.
- Adoption of the revised Newberg Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA).
- Adoption of Comprehensive Plan amendments related to updates from the revised EOA and updated population projections.

The proposed area for inclusion in the UGB is located south of Wyooski Rd and Wilsonville Rd, on either side of Highway 219 (see map).

We invite you to participate in the land use hearing scheduled before the City Council. If you wish to participate in the hearing, you may do so in person or be represented by someone else. Oral testimony is normally limited to five minutes per speaker. Please mail comments to:

*Written Comments: File No. UGB-09-001
City of Newberg
Planning & Building Department
PO Box 970
Newberg, OR 97132*

Note: The City Council asks written testimony be submitted to the City Recorder before 5:00 p.m. on the preceding Thursday (by March 15, 2012). Written testimony submitted after that will be brought before the Council on the night of the meeting for consideration and a vote to accept or not accept it into the record.

You can look over all the information about this project or drop comments off at Newberg City Hall, 414 E. First Street. Copies are available for a cost of 25 cents a page. A staff report relating to the proposal will be available for inspection at no cost seven days prior to the public hearing. You can contact the Newberg Planning Division at 503-537-1240 with questions about the project.

The applicable criteria used to make a decision on this application for a UGB amendment is found in Newberg Development Code Section 15.302.030, Newberg Urban Area Growth Management Agreement, Yamhill County Zoning Ordinance, OAR 660-021-0060, OAR 660-024, OAR 660-009, ORS 197.298, ORS 197.638, ORS 197.712, ORS 195.036, and the Statewide Planning Goals.

For more information, visit our website: [http://www.newbergoregon.gov/planning/Current Projects](http://www.newbergoregon.gov/planning/Current%20Projects)

Special Points of Interest:

* Check out the City's new bicycle program! Details on page 2.

* The safety of kids walking and biking to Joan Austin Elementary will get a closer look this spring (page 3).

* The 6th grade Design Star program just completed its 5th year! See an example of a design on page 4.

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The City will host a kick-off party for the new bike route on June 9, 2012. Stay tuned for more information about this fun event!

Did you know? There are certain laws that bicyclists must follow:

- * All bicyclists under age 16 must wear a helmet.
- * You must have a white front light and a red rear light on your bike when riding at night.
- * Riding on the sidewalk in downtown Newberg is prohibited. You must yield to pedestrians when riding on the sidewalks in any other area of town.

Newberg's New Bicycle Program

In August 2011, the Newberg City Council adopted [Resolution 2011-2695](#) directing staff to establish a bicycle program that would implement the city's [ADA/Pedestrian/Bike Route Improvement Plan](#).

The bicycle program will include the following elements:

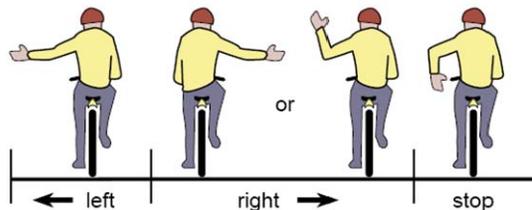
- An initial designated bicycle route that would include the placement of shared lane markings ("sharrows") on the roadway and directional wayfinding signs along the route. The initial route will go from the Haworth Ave./Springbrook Rd. intersection across town to Ewing Young Park (the skate park).
- A printed bicycle map.
- A bicycle rack cost sharing program for downtown Newberg.

Sharrows are often used on streets where bike lanes are desirable but are not placed due to factors such as retention of on-street parking, width of the roadway, and other constraints. Sharrows are placed in the travel lane to alert motorists of bicycle traffic, to show bicyclists where they should be riding, and to keep bicyclists out of the "door zone" of adjacent parked cars. While driving and riding on a street with sharrows:

- Motorists may still drive and park on the street.
- Motorists should be alert for bicyclists and should pass bicyclists slowly and carefully.
- Bicyclists should ride over the center of the sharrow to avoid the "door zone" of parked cars.



Source: Oregon Bicyclist Manual, ODOT, 2010



Bicyclist hand signals

Source: Oregon Bicyclist Manual, ODOT, 2010

Bicyclists should follow all rules of the road, including the use of hand signals to show intent while riding. The wayfinding signs along the route will point to designations along the way such as downtown, the skate park, and the library, and will include distance to each destination.

You can find a copy of the city's bicycle map at Newberg City Hall, the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Newberg Downtown Coalition office, and other locations around town, or on our website at: <http://www.newbergoregon.gov/engineering/newberg-bike-map>. The map is a double-sided 11"x17" pdf that you can print and use to ride around town. The map designates the neighborhood bikeway that will include the sharrows and wayfinding signs (coming in spring 2012). The map also designates recommended connections between the neighborhood bikeway and streets with existing bike lanes or wide shoulders, and shows difficult connections to warn riders of those roads with poor road conditions or high traffic.

For more information about the bicycle program, contact:

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Safe Routes to School at Joan Austin Elementary

The Alliance for Community Traffic Safety recently awarded the City a grant to create a Safe Routes to School Action Plan for Joan Austin Elementary. Staff will be working closely with the school principal and staff, parents, and students to gather information and write the plan. An action plan identifies solutions to existing issues impeding children from walking and biking to school, and creates the basis for future funding for identified projects. Five main components are addressed in the action plan—the “Five E’s”:

- * Engineering—Creating operational and physical improvements to the infrastructure surrounding schools, such as crosswalks and sidewalks.
- * Education—Can include teaching children biking and walking safety skills and behaviors.
- * Encouragement—Creating events and programs designed to promote walking and biking.
- * Enforcement—Partnering with the Police Department to ensure traffic safety laws are obeyed in the vicinity of the schools, and working on community enforcement programs.
- * Evaluation—Monitoring how well the identified Safe Routes to School programs and projects are working.

Find out more information about Safe Routes to School in Oregon on the web at:

www.oregonsaferoutes.org/



May Walk and Bike Challenge

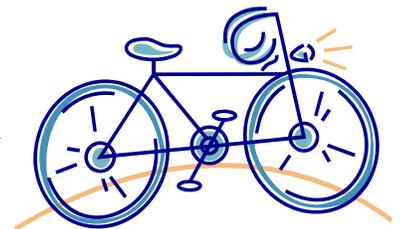
Part of the Safe Routes to School Action Plan process includes participating in the May Walk and Bike Challenge month hosted by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) with support from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and other partners. During the challenge we will be tracking the number of students walking, biking, or skating to school during the month of May.

We have decided that since we would be working on this for one school, we should have a community-wide May Walk and Bike Challenge! We will work to promote this event throughout schools, businesses, and churches in our community. We will create a simple tracking poster that can easily be used in the schools, businesses, and churches, and then we will tally the winners at the end of May. Look for more information about the upcoming May Walk and Bike Challenge throughout the months of March and April. Hope for good weather in May!

The City will announce winners from the May Walk and Bike Challenge events at our June 9 bike route kick-off party. We envision having winners from the school challenges, business commuting challenges, and “Walk and Bike Sundays” challenge winners for the churches.

More details on the June 9 kick-off party will be coming soon, but mark your calendars for this fun event!

For more information about the Safe Routes to School program or the May Walk and Bike Challenge, please contact Jessica Nunley at 503-554-7744 or via email at jessica.nunley@newbergoregon.gov.



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Upcoming Public Meetings:

- * March 5—City Council
- * March 8—Planning Commission
- * March 12—Traffic Safety
- * March 19—City Council

See more on our website at:

www.newbergoregon.gov/calendar

“Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.”

~Alan Lakein

5th Year of the 6th Grade Design Star Project!

In November 2011, Jessica Nunley (Planning) and Jan Wolf (GIS Analyst), worked with Newberg 6th graders on the 5th annual Design Star project. Design Star is a learning collaboration between the City and local schools that includes almost every 6th grader in Newberg (Mountainview Middle School, Chehalem Valley Middle School, and CS Lewis Academy). The program begins with Jessica and Jan going into the schools and giving a presentation about the city. Jan uses GIS to show information about the city such as bare earth, utilities, addresses, parcels and even population data. Jessica uses the comprehensive plan layer to illustrate how the city is organized and discusses why cities are organized in the way they are. They then conduct a discussion with the kids about the things that a city "needs" versus "wants," possible impacts of popular ideas for "wants" (i.e. amusement parks), their favorite parts about Newberg now, and what things Newberg might be missing to make it a great place to live. After the presentation, they introduce the kids to their assignment - to be developers and come up with a development proposal for one of two vacant sites in town. The two sites chosen for the Design Star project are the vacant site across from City Hall and the vacant site south of the Allison Hotel.

The 6th grade teachers have really integrated the Design Star program into their lessons and the kids work on the project in groups in their classrooms for two weeks. At the conclusion of the project, the kids present their ideas to their classes, to us, and in some cases, even to the City Council at a work session. The projects were then hung at the Newberg City Hall through December and January. The Design Star program works well because it teaches the kids about how the city works while also encouraging and empowering them to be creative in finding ways to be involved and improve their own surroundings. The kids do a great job on this project and really come up with comprehensive and creative ideas for both design sites. If you have a 6th grader at home, ask them what they know about planning in our community!



We'd like to give a special thank you to Mr. Willing, Ms. Bryant, Mr. Alpert, and Ms. Buck at Mountainview Middle School, Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Halstead at Chehalem Valley Middle School, and Mr. Dehaven at CS Lewis Academy for collaborating so closely on this project with us.