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01 INTRODUCTION

Town Center is the heart of Wilsonville, a growing community with great jobs, housing and schools.

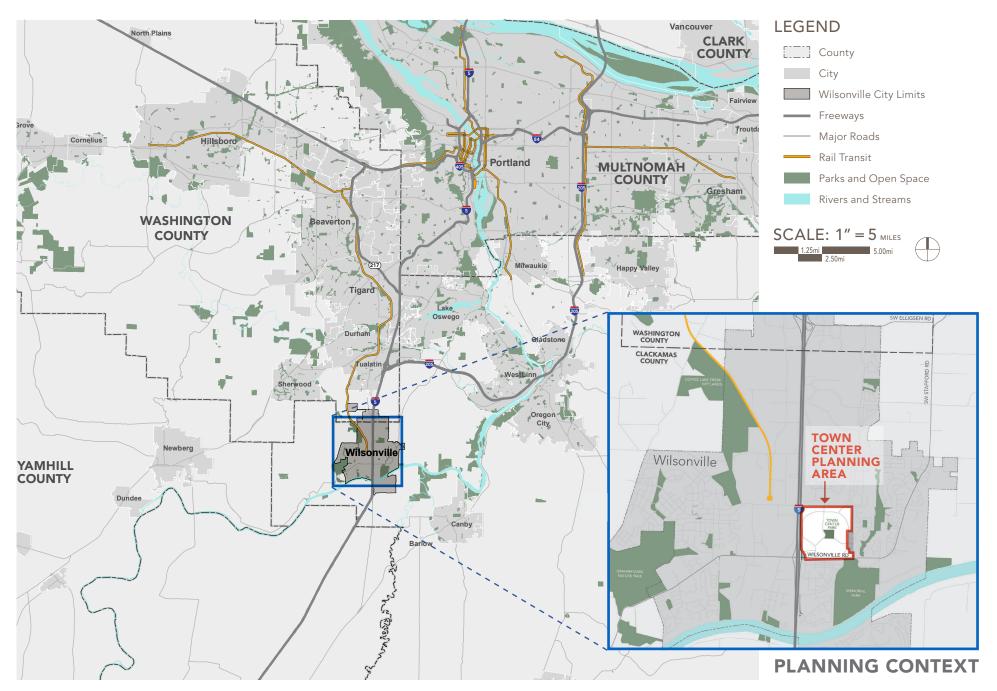
Through the Wilsonville Town Center Plan (the Plan) engagement process, community members created a strong vision for the Town Center. They expressed their desire for a dynamic, thriving community hub with walkable and engaging public spaces, great parks and destinations, places and spaces that connect people to one another and the environment, and year-around activities. Realizing the community's vision for Town Center is a long-term process, but improvements can start today.

AREA CONTEXT

For many people, Town Center is a regular stop for groceries, grabbing a quick bite to eat, or visiting the doctor. Centrally located between the Portland metropolitan area and the central Willamette Valley, it is close to natural and agricultural open spaces and a network of regional trails. Town Center is

poised to build on its foundation of a diverse mix of local and national retail, restaurants, educational institutions, community services, local government, residences, and offices to become a vibrant and walkable mixed-use district- a true Town Center for Wilsonville. City parks and open spaces preserve and honor the area's natural resources and agricultural legacy, attracting visitors from across Wilsonville and beyond. Town Center's proximity to I-5, commuter rail and local transit connections are all assets that attract many businesses and visitors to the area. Town Center is important to Wilsonville and the Portland Metro region at large. The Metro's 2040 Growth Concept specifies that Wilsonville Town Center should be a mixed-use, walkable, and transit-accessible district.

The most recent master plan for Town Center was developed in 1973. Much of Town Center's current road infrastructure, urban form, parks, and land uses



REGIONAL CONTEXT

FIGURE 1.1



IMAGE ABOVE:

1973 vision for Wilsonville Town Center originated in that plan. The original plan made way for many of the valuable community assets in Town Center, such as Town Center Park. However, the plan also allowed for an auto-oriented urban form and land uses. Large parking lots and disconnected streets, sidewalks, and bicycle facilities are barriers to Town Center becoming the vibrant community desired by residents and businesses. Transforming Town Center into to a more walkable, diverse, and active district will require investing in infrastructure and supporting the area's strong businesses and entrepreneurial spirit.

Wilsonville and the region have changed dramatically since the original vision was developed in 1973. How we work, live, get around, and shop are all rapidly evolving with changes in technology, demographics, and the economy. This updated plan provides design guidelines and Development Code revisions to ensure that as new buildings, businesses, streets, open spaces and architecture are developed over time, they support the community's vision for Town Center.

How can the City retain the Town Center qualities that are valued by community members while meeting the needs of a growing and evolving community? This Plan responds to the changing context with prioritized and achievable actions.

TOWN CENTER PLAN TIMELINE

PLAN PURPOSE

The Portland Metro region and Wilsonville are flourishing. Town Center's desirable location and foundation of existing businesses provide a strategic advantage for achieving the community's vision of creating a true hub for Wilsonville. The Plan positions Town Center for sustained success that is durable and resilient. The Plan focuses on attracting and retaining local businesses, employment opportunities, housing choices, and cultural and educational institutions. The Plan puts people first with walkable streetscapes and places to gather, shop, work, eat and recreate.

New development in Town Center will not happen immediately or all at once. Instead, when a land owner wants to redevelop, the Town Center Plan will guide how the City, developers, land owners, and businesses can support the community's vision for Town Center. The Plan provides regulatory recommendations, prioritized projects, and potential funding sources that will support the implementation of the community's vision.





OUTREACH EVENTS





PLAN PROCESS

The Town Center planning process began in late 2016 and concluded in early 2019. It was communitydriven with active involvement from the Project Task Force, Town Center property and business owners, employees and residents, seniors, youth, service providers, regional and state agency partners, City officials and staff.

Wilsonville community members have led this process through their in-person and online input. Staff had lunch on a monthly basis with seniors, facilitated classroom projects with youth of all ages, and participated in school events with spanish-speaking families. Other events included community meetings, special events, open houses, workshops, and industry leader presentations, online and paper surveys, stakeholder meetings and focus groups. This resulted in thousands of touchpoints with the community.

Community members are passionate about the future of Town Center and clearly voiced a vision for Town Center's evolution.

- Community Design Workshop
- Town Center Kickoff



Q2 A COMMUNITY VISION FOR TOWN CENTER

The Wilsonville community is the heart of the Town Center Plan. Thousands of community members contributed their ideas and feedback about the future of Town Center. The Plan reflects the community's priorities, preferences and values.

This chapter describes the community members' central role in the creation of this plan and the Vision and Goals that articulate their desired future for Town Center.

The process was guided by a Task Force that included representation from Wilsonville's residents, youth, community advocates, small and large businesses, land owners, and neighborhood groups. The Planning Commission and City Council were also involved at key points throughout the planning process.

The Project Team conducted a variety of outreach activities at large and also met with land owners, business owners and managers, and residents in and adjacent to Town Center. Postcards, posters,

articles, ads, and social media informed community members about opportunities to participate in the planning process. Community event promotions and project materials were translated into Spanish. Opportunities to participate included online surveys and polls, workshops and meetings, community events, idea centers, and focus groups. Community events ranged from summer block parties to workshops in school classrooms. A multitude of input from a diverse group of community members shaped a plan that reflects the community's shared hopes and desires for Town Center. The comprehensive public engagement process was organized into three distinct phases highlighted on the following page.

PHASES OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PHASE 1: VISION

- Established the community's vision and goals for the future of Town Center
- Identified existing issues and priority needs and opportunities

PHASE 2: DESIGN CONCEPTS

- Used visual preference surveys to inform urban design and development concepts
- Defined community preferences for:
 - Land use
 - Open spaces and parks
 - Multimodal network
- Created a Draft Community Design Concept

PHASE 3: THE COMMUNITY'S PLAN

- Identified community recommendations and priorities for implementation strategies
- Adoption of Plan by Planning Commission and City Council

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

The public engagement process encouraged community members to identify their priorities for Town Center. Several prominent themes emerged from the community kickoff, stakeholder meetings, and online outreach, including:

Town Center should...

- Be a focal point of the community
- Offer year-round community gathering spaces
- Support local businesses
- Offer vibrant entertainment and dining opportunities
- Include consolidated and accessible parking
- Include a mix of uses
- Provide safe pedestrian and bicycle connectivity

Using these priorities as foundational elements, the Wilsonville community, Town Center Task Force, Planning Commission and City Council developed the Town Center Vision, Goals and Measures of Success to guide future development concepts for Town Center and the implementation strategies in the Plan.

VISION

Established the foundation for creating a unified vision

Synthesized the community's values and priorities for the desired future Town Center

Established specific direction for major elements



Town Center is a vibrant, walkable destination that inspires people to come together and socialize, shop, live, and work. Town Center is the heart of Wilsonville. It is home to active parks, civic spaces, and amenities that provide year-round, compelling experiences. Wilsonville residents and visitors come to Town Center for shopping, dining, culture, and entertainment.

- 1 Environmental Stewardship
- 2 Harmonious Design
- 3 Mixed-Uses
- 4 Safe Access and Connectivity
- 5 Community Gathering Places
- 6 Economic Prosperity

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

Provide guidance for implementation

GOALS reflect the community's priorities and will guide future decisions to ensure consistent implementation of the Plan. The Measures of Success for each goal drive many of the strategies included in Chapter 5 and several measures of success have already been achieved with adoption of the Plan.

GOAL 1



Environmental Stewardship.

Integrate nature into the design and function of infrastructure and development in Town Center to protect Wilsonville's natural resources.

Measures of Success:

- Identify appropriate landscaping that provides visual interest, minimizes City maintenance requirements, and is appropriate for walkable, mixed-use areas.
- Design and implement stormwater management and treatment facilities to provide both functional and aesthetic value.
- Incorporate natural features such as rain gardens, eco-roofs, and community gardening areas into Town Center.

GOAL 2



Harmonious Design. Ensure buildings and streets are pedestrian-oriented and there are a variety of quality building types and land uses.

Measures of Success:

- A cohesive design palette of aesthetic qualities, derived from communityidentified features, both new and existing for the Town Center.
- Provide for a variety of building types and uses within Town Center.
- Development standards that bring buildings together, frame the street, and increase pedestrian comfort and visibility.

GOAL 3



Mixed-Uses. Encourage development that provides interconnected land uses that incorporate play and recreation, with a range of retail, services, dining and entertainment

options, and increased opportunities for residential and employment uses.

Measures of Success

- Create an urban design plan that removes physical barriers and promotes walking and biking as easy and safe ways to travel between different buildings and areas of recreation, residential and commercial/ retail uses.
- Identify locations where increased building heights, mixed-use buildings, and new housing opportunities are appropriate and complementary with surrounding residential neighborhoods.
- Organize and manage parking to minimize visual impacts, support surrounding land uses, and improve pedestrian safety.

GOAL 4



Safe Access and Connectivity.

Provide transportation infrastructure designed to create a safe, accessible environment for all modes of travel in Town Center,

foster multimodal access between buildings and land uses in Town Center, connect to surrounding neighborhoods, and provide local and regional accessibility.

Measures of Success

- Create multimodal connections in and through Town Center that provide multiple, safe routes for residents, businesses and visitors.
- Identify priority locations to connect to adjacent neighborhoods and land uses.
- Integrate the multimodal transportation system with urban design and development standards developed for Town Center.
- Incorporate wayfinding elements into Town Center's multimodal transportation system.

GOAL 5



Community Gathering Places.

Provide vibrant, diverse and inclusive spaces that bring people together with activities and events for year-round fun, culture and socializing.

Measures of Success

- Identify locations, and necessary improvements, where year-round activities and events can be held in Town Center.
- Increase programming at public facilities and park spaces to provide year-round interest and gathering opportunities.
- Provide flexible public gathering spaces that provide opportunities for unprogrammed seasonal activities and pop-up events.

GOAL 6



Economic Prosperity. Create opportunities to support and grow existing businesses and attract new businesses that provide a diverse range of local and regional retail,

entertainment, and commercial activities.

Measures of Success

- Programs and policies that support the development of a variety of small, medium, and large businesses that provide local and regional needs and increase tourism.
- Identify ways to organize and support businesses in Town Center to retain existing businesses, attract additional business and retail diversity, and increase economic development opportunities.
- Attract development that supports the use of existing transit and non-motorized travel options.
- Identify strategies to fund public improvements through a combination of public and private sources.

TOWN CENTER BUILDING BLOCKS

The community's priorities helped shape the "building blocks" of Town Center. The building blocks are the vital elements of a place and consist of green spaces, connectivity, and land use. Three different approaches for each building block were created to prompt community discussion about potential approaches to parks and open spaces, transportation and circulation, and land use and development in Town Center. Community input provided direction for a preferred approach to each building block. These preferred approaches were compiled to create a comprehensive community design concept for Town Center.

Open Spaces

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

The community prioritized parks, green spaces, and public gathering spaces as important elements of the future Town Center. The existing Town Center Park is valued by many community members and is a regional destination during the summer. Additionally, Memorial Park is an important open space and recreational destination directly adjacent to Town Center. These two parks are cornerstones of the existing Town Center's open space network. However, there is a lack of connectivity between these spaces. The community is also interested in additional green spaces and integrating more nature into the design of Town Center.

RESULT

Create an "Emerald Chain" of parks, small plazas, green streets, and trails that connect the future I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge to the Town Center Park, Memorial Park and Murase Plaza (see page 15 for Conceptual Open Space Layout).









PHOTOS:

- 1. Plazas and multi-use paths are important additions to Town Center.
- 2. Pop-up summer event: Fun in the
- Outdoor seating provides additional spaces to gather.
- Dedicated spaces and textures within a multi-use path helps delineate spaces.

Transportation and Circulation COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

The community had extensive discussions about Town Center's existing auto-oriented transportation system defined by the Town Center Loop and extensive surface parking which provides much of the internal circulation. While Town Center includes segments of bicycle, pedestrian infrastructure and transit service, there is limited connectivity for these travel modes. Vehicle travel is relatively smooth, but there is peak-hour congestion on Wilsonville Road that is a concern for many community members.

RESULT

Create a more walkable street grid that better manages parking, helps address congestion, and incorporates transit service, on-street improvements for bicycles and pedestrians, and connections to off-street trails. Develop a future network that maintains business access, increases connections to and within Town Center for all travel modes. and reduces pass-by traffic through Town Center, particularly at the Town Center Loop W/Wilsonville Road intersection, making it safer for all users (see page 15 for Conceptual Street Hierarchy).

Land Uses and Activity Centers **COMMUNITY DISCUSSION**

Today, Town Center includes primarily one and two-story buildings with an abundance of surface parking. There is a mix of uses that include health services, civic, educational, entertainment,

residential, retail and other commercial uses. Throughout the planning process, community members expressed a strong interest in Town Center becoming a compelling destination with a distinct identity and sense of place. People are interested in mixed-use buildings that include a variety of retail options, especially dining, and comfortable and inviting pedestrian spaces with wide sidewalks, and seating areas. Community members also want year-round opportunities for recreation, activities, and social gatherings.

RESULT

Encourage a diversity of land uses throughout Town Center that make it a lively, fun place to visit year-round. Extend Parkway Avenue to Wilsonville Road to create a walkable, vibrant mixed-use main street. Activate streetscapes with pedestrian amenities, covered spaces, outdoor dining, places to gather, and ground-level retail where possible (see page 15 for Conceptual Land Uses).

THE COMMUNITY'S DESIGN **CONCEPT FOR TOWN CENTER**

Being a community-driven project, in-person and online events and surveys provided the community an opportunity to review the design concept (Figure 2.1, page 15) and provide further input. The strong support of the community design concept provided the foundation for the Town Center Plan.











PHOTOS:

- 1. People of all ages took part in the visioning and design process.
- 2. The meetings identified land uses and building design preferences.3. Meeting participants talked about the
- Meeting participants talked about the results.
- 4. There were many options discussed about parks and trails.
- Followup meetings encouraged participants to reflect on what was developed.

Opposite page: The outcomes of the public design process resulted in conceptual open space locations, land uses and street layouts.

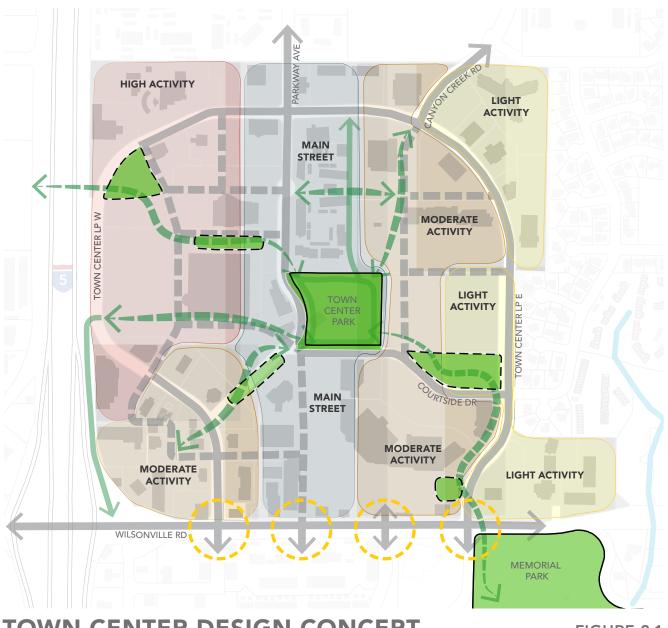


CONCEPTUAL LAND USE



CONCEPTUAL STREET HIERARCHY





TOWN CENTER DESIGN CONCEPT

FIGURE 2.1



03 DEFINING TOWN CENTER

A vibrant main street, plazas, covered sidewalks, active storefronts, sidewalk seating, and bicycle and pedestrian paths will be defining features of the future Town Center. This bold vision will be realized through new approaches to land use, streetscape design, and open spaces to create a place that is accessible, connected, and thriving.

The Wilsonville community developed a vision for Town Center as a walkable and vibrant hub of activity that serves as the heart of Wilsonville. The approaches described in this chapter build upon Town Center's existing foundation of community services, diverse businesses, and streets to transform Town Center into a more walkable and engaging place. Chapter 5 describes the policies and projects that will implement these approaches.

NEW LAND USES AND DISTRICTS

The Town Center Plan creates new land use districts, (see Figure 3.1, page 20), which establish the urban form and desired land uses to implement the Town Center Vision. Public discussions about building scale, land use, adjacency to existing

development, and the desire to create a main street environment are the foundation for the district approach. Community members expressed that Town Center should be a place where many types of land uses are permitted, albeit not necessarily in every location. Within each district, a different combination of land uses and building scales are allowed. Parcels along district boundaries (identified as hatched areas on Figure 3.1) are locations where both underlying zones are permitted to provide flexibility in building design in those transitional areas. All districts are designed to be walkable and accessible for all modes of travel and encourage development that adds vibrancy through a mix of uses, density, and harmonious design. Attractive buildings that provide protection from the











weather, places to gather, and engaging facades will help create a more walkable Town Center.

Amendments to Wilsonville's Comprehensive
Plan and Development Code will guide the implementation of this new approach to land use and design in Town Center (see Appendix A for the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code elements).

Main Street

Town Center's future main street is a place people come to meet friends for lunch and end up spending the afternoon, strolling, shopping, drinking coffee and running into neighbors. A new Main Street District is a central element of the future Town Center. The Plan identifies Parkway/Park Place as the Town Center's future main street. Extending Park Place to Wilsonville Road, redesigning the streetscape, and applying new land use and design standards will create a highly walkable mixed-use spine through Town Center. Mixed-use buildings, apartments and local retail and restaurants in three-to four-story buildings will transform Park Place into a walkable destination. The Park Place/ Courtside Drive intersection, in particular, becomes a hub of activity, building on the energy of the adjacent Town Center Park.

Commercial Mixed-Use

The west side of Town Center is poised to become a diverse, commercial mixed-use district with

PHOTOS (LEFT):

- 1. "My future Town Center is..." exercise at the Town Center Plan Public Kickoff.
- 2. Community Design Workshop (June 2017).

PHOTOS (RIGHT):

- 3. A pedestrian oriented main street district was favored by many community members.
- 4. Mixed-use development with open and inviting street frontage provides a more interesting pedestrian environment.
- 5. Highly visible pedestrian crossings demarcate pedestrian spaces and provide placemaking opportunities.
- 6. Wide sidewalks, lighting, and on-street parking are important elements of a main street.
- 7. Corner businesses do not have to be large, but need to be interesting to pedestrians.
- Stormwater should be treated onsite to minimize the need for off-site detention and treatment.

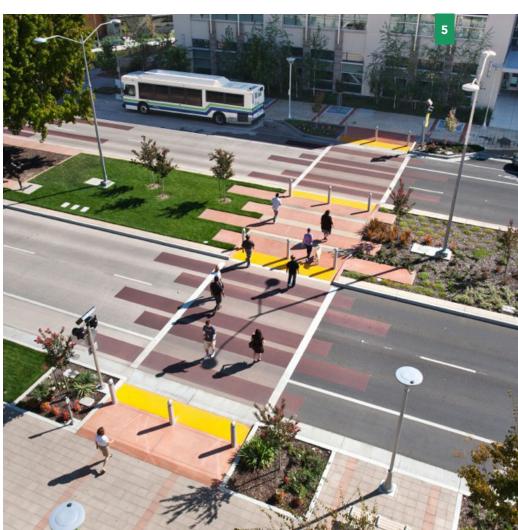


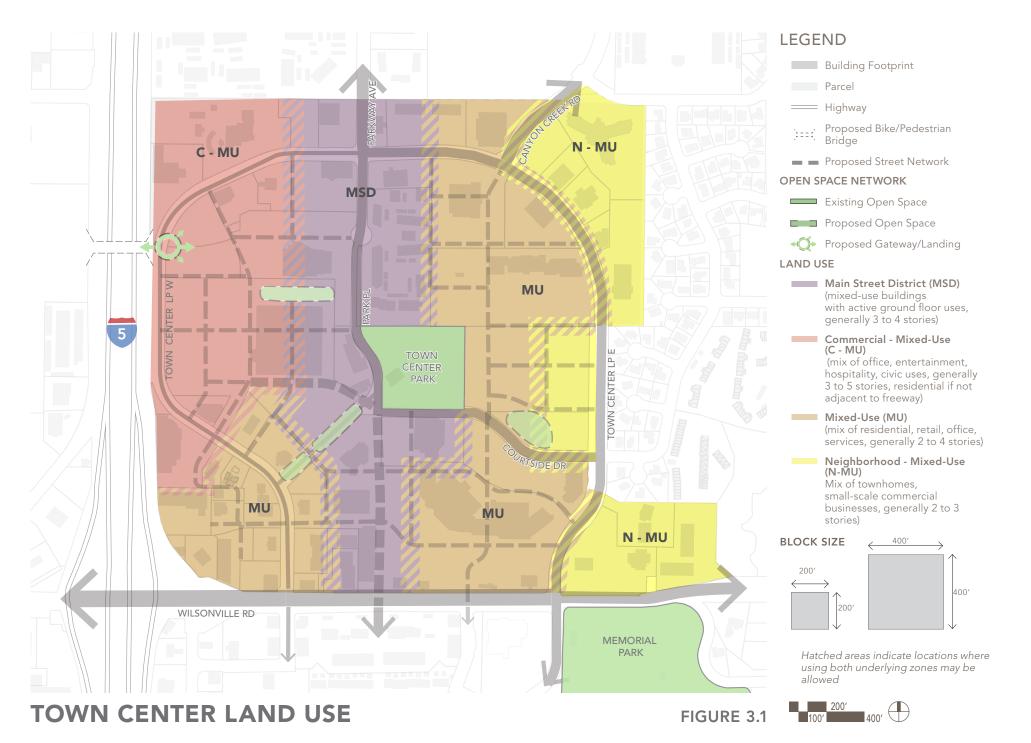












high visibility because of its adjacency to I-5, the region's major highway corridor. Zoning in the Commercial Mixed-Use District will encourage the tallest buildings in Town Center to be located here, ranging from three to five stories. The area is envisioned as an active area for entertainment. employment, and commercial land uses. While not permitted immediately adjacent to I-5, residential land uses located in the interior of this district add residents to the area who would support new and existing Town Center businesses, including a strong retail and entertainment presence imagined for the district. This district is also a unique location in Town Center because the future I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge landing will be located here, positioning this area as a gateway to Town Center. The community's input was clear that the bridge landing should be designed as a gateway and include a plaza or focused community gathering space. The future design should define the gateway and lead visitors into the heart of Town Center. Buildings should be oriented to the plaza as much as possible, depending on the final touchdown location and existing surrounding development. This district is envisioned as a place where someone comes to work, drops their child at daycare, runs errands at lunch and meets friends for dinner. They may walk or ride over the bike/pedestrian bridge to get to where they need to be.

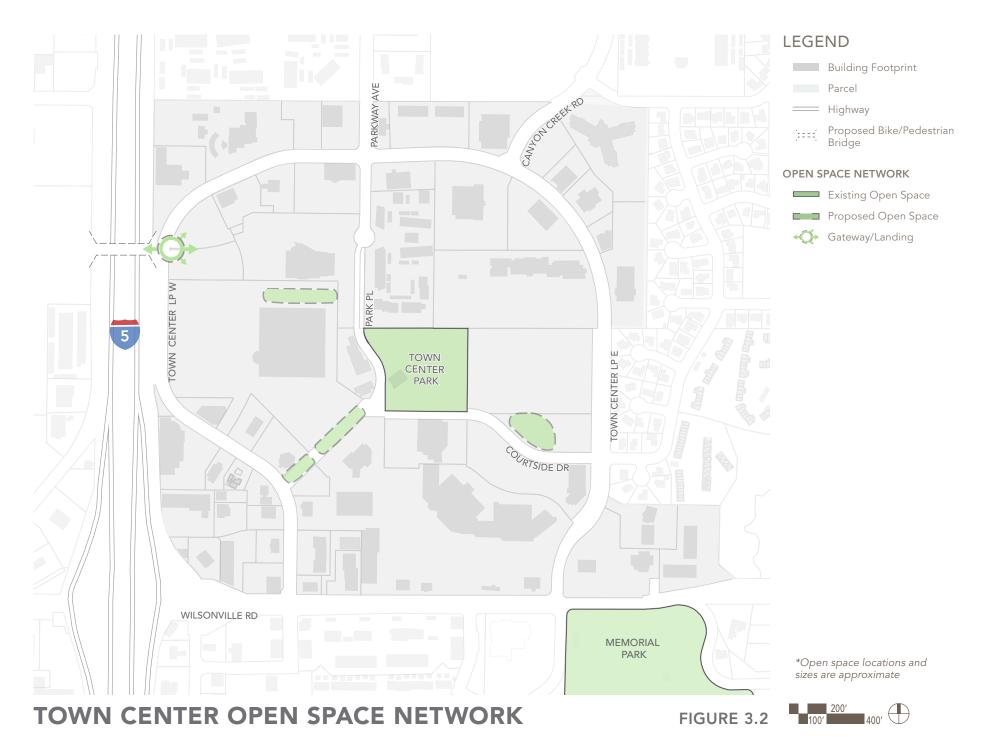
Within this district, there is a potential opportunity to reconfigure or vacate Town Center Loop W to increase developable land immediately adjacent to I-5 after the complete street network is constructed, including the Park Place extension and Wilsonville Road intersection modifications (see Chapter 5 for a summary of those projects). If this option remains viable (requiring a future traffic analysis), this district and implementing zoning and site design standards would also apply to the vacated right-of-way.

Mixed-Use

The Mixed-Use District is the largest area of any district in Town Center. Focused on providing two- to four-story mixed-use development, the Mixed-Use District provides for a variety of land uses. Many parcels in this district are smaller parcels. Flexibility in building scale, land use, and site design increases redevelopment options. This district designation is also strategically located between other land use districts, as it offers the flexibility needed for complementary transitions between them. The Mixed-Use district designation is applied to the eastern boundary of Town Center Park where residential and smaller development could activate the park year-round.

Neighborhood Mixed-Use

Town Center is next to existing single-family residential neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Mixed-Use district provides a transition between



quieter residential neighborhoods and the lively Main Street District. A mix of housing types, such as townhomes, apartments, and small-scale office and retail will cater to residents as well as Clackamas Community College students. East of Town Center Park, a mix of light activity uses such as townhomes and small-scale retail or cafes, will bring people to the park and provide a transition from the activity on main street to the residential neighborhoods adjacent to Town Center. Many of these types of uses already exist in nearby areas and would not result in a major shift from what is permitted today.

PLACES TO GATHER

The Wilsonville community prioritized parks, green spaces, and public gathering spaces as important elements of the future Town Center (Figure 3.2). The green spaces proposed for Town Center include a series of linear parks, trails, green streets, urban community gardens, small plazas and parklets that support year-round outdoor gathering, socializing and recreation.

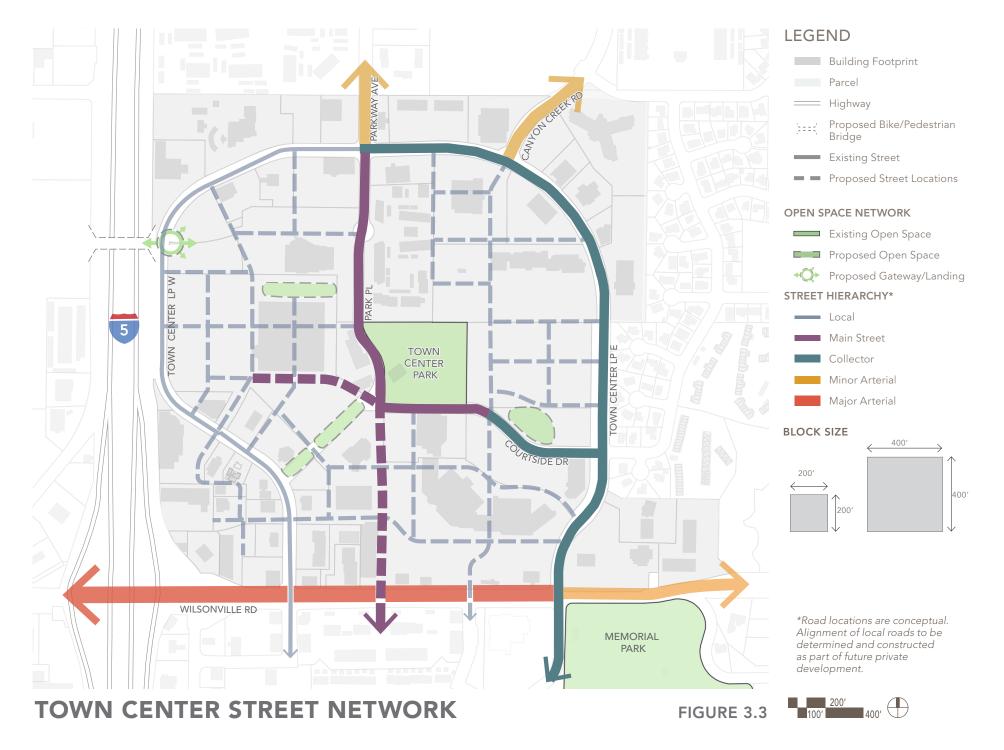
Trees are an essential element of Town Center. While much of the existing tree canopy that is outside of Town Center Park is within parking lots, future development and streets will include a tree canopy that provides both shade and habitat.

- 1. Temporary, covered seating can activate underutilized parking lots or other areas.
- 2. Bocce ball is a social outdoor activity that can help activate public spaces.
- Interactive art elements provide opportunities for play and gathering.









Town Center Park and Memorial Park are the cornerstones of Town Center's existing green space network. Linking Town Center Park, Memorial Park, future parks, and the future bike/ pedestrian bridge over I-5, with trails, cycle tracks, small plazas and green spaces will create an emerald chain that connects people to one another and to nature. The emerald chain connects to the City's parks, trails, and natural features, including the Willamette River, south of Memorial Park and the Boeckman Creek corridor to the east of Town Center. Each major element of the chain should be linked together with wayfinding signage to identify it as a connected system.

Natural elements will also be integrated into the streetscape through vegetated stormwater management facilities, landscaping with native plants, and street trees. Separated paths, covered sidewalks designed for seating, parklets and small plazas will provide places to socialize and rest.

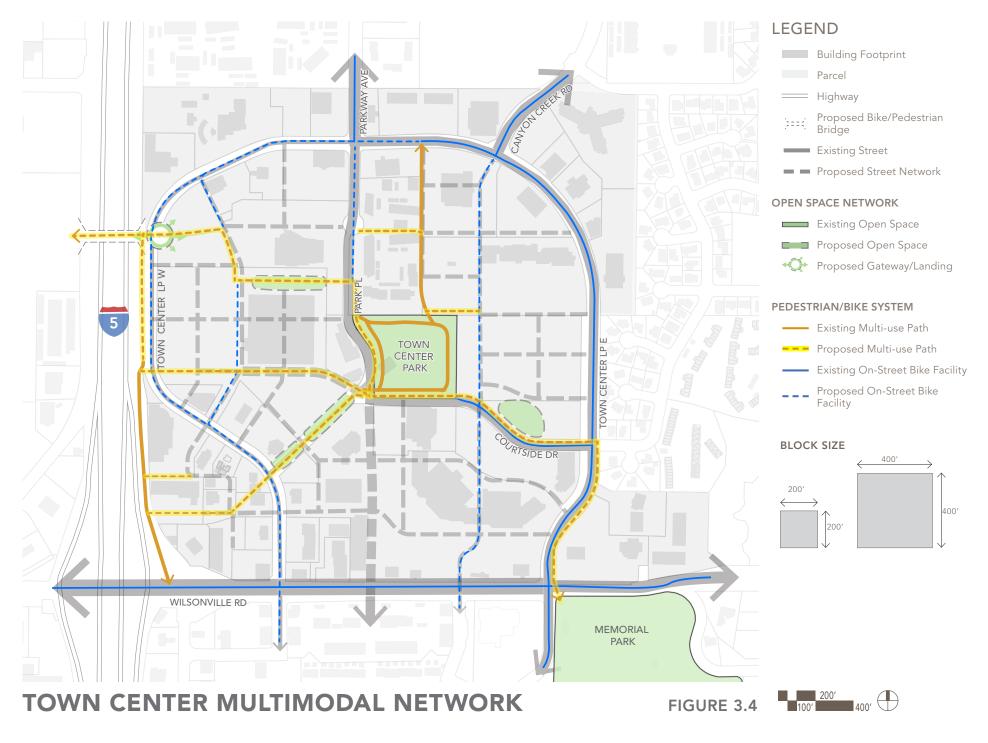
Future development will include small-scale plazas in front of buildings with active ground floor uses that encourage people to gather. Park Place, the existing diagonal roadway connection between Town Center Loop W and Courtside Drive, will transform to a gathering space, tying development in the southwest corner of Town Center to Town Center Park. It should be a programmable space

- 1. Temporary placement of *buffered bike lanes allows the* City and community to test design options.
- 2. Prominent intersections and short crosswalks create a safe and comfortable place for pedestrians.
- 3. SMART buses provide efficient and environmentally sound travel options.









that can support temporary events such as farmers markets and festivals. It is also a prime location for adjacent development to orient, providing open space for residents and businesses. Other spaces for gathering include a future linear park located north of the existing Fry's building that would be a more intimate space used primarily by residents and businesses adjacent to the park and those traveling along the cycle track to and from the proposed I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge. This public space could include a plaza and open space with integrated stormwater features, wide sidewalks and seating areas.

The community also expressed an interest in recognizing and celebrating diversity in the future public spaces in Town Center, particularly, highlighting multicultural businesses and diversity in the broader Wilsonville community. Future gathering spaces such as the Park Place Promenade or the I-5 Bicycle / Pedestrian Bridge Gateway Plaza have the opportunity to integrate an international square or multi-cultural public art or education project that underscores the inclusivity of the space and the City.

A NETWORK OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The foundation of the Town Center Plan is the community's desire for a walkable and engaging

- 1. Signage can provide placemaking as well as directions.
- 2. A two-way cycle track provides physical separation between bicycles and cars.
- 3. Tree-lined streets and interesting signage provide visual interest for pedestrians.







pedestrian experience. Wilsonville residents want options to move around safely, whether they are parking and walking to a store, riding a bike, or walking to the bus. The Plan outlines a multimodal network designed for all ages and abilities and where cars are only one of the many transportation choices (Figure 3.3). The proposed street network and connections for non-motorized modes (Figure 3.4) will meet Town Center's current and projected transportation needs (see Appendix B for traffic analysis results). The Plan's multimodal network applies a variety of streetscape designs for new and proposed streets in Town Center, ranging from festival streets with curbless sidewalks near Town Center Park, local streets with wide sidewalks, and a main street with on-street parking and active storefronts.

The expanded transportation network addresses several existing issues as well as managing future traffic needs, as it:

- Increases the number of route options that also distribute traffic more effectively than today's system; and
- Provides safer pedestrian crossings and connections throughout Town Center with the new street grid, bicycle and pedestrian path system, and improvements for pedestrians and cyclists at busy intersections on Wilsonville Road.

Safe, inviting pedestrian-oriented streetscapes for all ages and abilities, multi-use paths and on-street bikeways are essential to get to, through, and around Town Center without needing a car. This





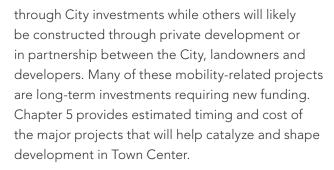
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- 1. Festival streets allow *slow-moving traffic or can* be closed to create space for outdoor activities, pedestrians and cyclists.
- 2. Buffered one-way bike lanes provide space for larger bicycles and families
- 3. A parklet repurposes parking spaces for outdoor seating and dinina.
- Townhomes with stoops, balconies and large windows put eyes on the street to increase awareness and pedestrian safety.

plan envisions new and reconfigured streets and pathways that will create new connections within Town Center and between Town Center and the wider city and region. This enhanced transportation system will support pedestrian-oriented development that activates streets, elevates business visibility and brings community members together. Incorporating already planned projects, such as the future I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge, will further bolster Town Center's connectivity and visibility by creating a direct connection to the west side of Wilsonville and SMART Central at Wilsonville Station.

The transformation to the community's vision for a walkable Town Center will take time. Some of these multimodal projects will be accomplished





A New Main Street

The central spine of Town Center and most important catalytic project identified by the Wilsonville community is the creation of a modern main street. This will require extending Park Place south from Courtside Drive to Wilsonville Road, including a new intersection at Wilsonville Road. With wide sidewalks, outdoor seating and active storefronts, this street will be the foundation of a new walkable street grid in Town Center.

Improving Wilsonville Road

Wilsonville Road is the east/west connection for Town Center and is often congested at Town Center Loop W and the I-5 ramps during peak hours of the day. Town Center Loop W is the primary route for traffic accessing I-5 from Town Center and areas directly north. Changes to Wilsonville Road include adding a new intersection (Park Place extension) and modifying existing intersections to function better together. This helps distribute traffic while still meeting level of service standards



(see Appendix B for the traffic analysis) and implementing the community vision for a more accessible Town Center.

A Series of Local Streets and Multimodal Connections

The local road network is a central feature of the Plan's circulation system. Compared to today's large areas of parking that make it difficult to navigate by foot or bike, the Plan envisions shorter blocks accessible through a local street network that create a framework for Town Center's future urban form. Local roads will provide improved access and connection points and safe options to get around by car, by bike, on foot and on the bus. This local street network is pedestrian-oriented, framed by buildings and open space, with slow traffic and on-street parking, and is designed to be accessible for all community members regardless of physical ability. The local street network frames Town Center Park with a direct and distinct street grid that is easier to navigate than today's current network of driveway and parking lot connections and reliance on Town Center Loop to make most connections.

Pedestrian and Bicycle-Focused Connections

The Wilsonville community wants a walkable Town Center designed for all ages and abilities with pedestrian routes that connect Town Center attractions to local and regional trails. The proposed pedestrian and bicycle network features sidewalks with landscaping that are at least 12 feet wide, plazas, and seating areas. Proposed pedestrian amenities will make Town Center an inviting and engaging place to walk and spend time.

Bicyclists, whether young or old, also want to feel safe when riding a bike in Town Center. Throughout the public engagement process, the Wilsonville community was clear that Town Center needs to be accessible by bike from surrounding areas, and when riding in Town Center, the bike connections need to be plentiful and connect the major attractions in the area. The proposed multimodal network addresses these desires and includes a number of cycle track facilities (bikes are protected from vehicle traffic with bollards or other means) throughout Town Center that connect to the existing and proposed system of bicycle lanes. These improvements integrate with the City's plans to increase non-motorized access options to and from Town Center by constructing a bike/pedestrian bridge across I-5. As identified by community members, this new entry point into Town Center is an excellent opportunity to create a gateway for bicylists and pedestrians—a unique building or plaza space—that signifies the arrival into Town Center.

TABLE 3.1 POTENTIAL FUTURE DEVELOPMENT BY LAND USE TYPE IN TOWN CENTER

	COMMERCIAL (SQ. FT.)	RETAIL (SQ. FT.)	OFFICE (SQ. FT.)	RESIDENTIAL (UNITS)
EXISTING	299,240	321,340	178,950	80
NET NEW DEVELOPMENT (20 YEAR)	130,230	31,860	297,440	880
NET NEW DEVELOPMENT (40 YEAR)	204,595	50,000	541,050	1,600
NET TOTAL	503,835	371,340	720,000	1,680
PROJECTED EMPLOYEES	1,000	740	2,880	n/a

Note: Commercial land uses includes a broad category of real estate. For this analysis, commercial land uses are typically larger types of development, such as grocery stores, restaurants, larger retail (non-main street type uses) and entertainment uses. Retail, as defined for Town Center, are typically smaller scale uses typical of a main street development pattern. Residential unit calculations assume units of approximately 750 square feet, although the expectation is that a variety of housing unit sizes (studio, one, two and three bedroom) would be constructed over time. Square footage and housing units were determined using GIS analysis, market feasibility, and proposed zoning district density allowances. Approximately 40 percent of the square footage of developable parcels was removed to accommodate for landscaping, new streets, off-street parking (including loading and circulation), public spaces, stormwater retention and treatment.

THE FUTURE TOWN CENTER

Town Center's evolution will take time and there are many steps to reach the ultimate vision the Wilsonville community has developed. Land uses, transportation connections, and parks described in this chapter are all pieces in creating a walkable hub and heart of the community. The focus should always be on achieving the vision and goals of the Plan, while acknowledging that many of these transformational steps are incremental, both publicly and privately funded, and complex in nature.

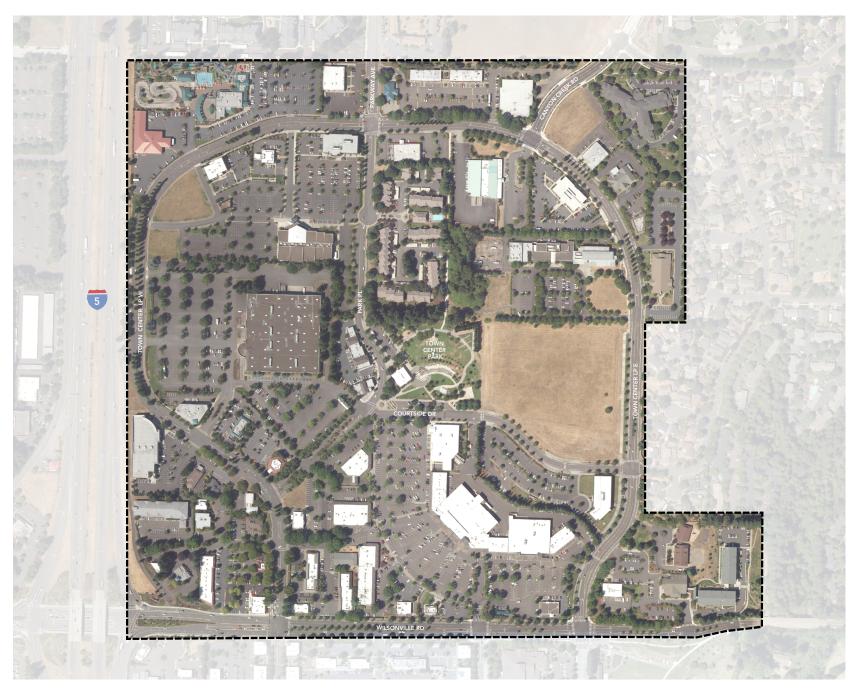
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Town Center is poised to grow in different ways than what was envisioned in the original 1973 Town Center Plan. This Town Center Plan updates that original vision with the types of development that respond to the current and projected community needs and economic context. Town Center should be the heart of the community—one that is pedestrian-oriented, accessible for all ages and abilities (e.g. universal design), and exciting to live in and visit regularly.

Market conditions and development feasibility analyses were conducted. These analyses identified the types of development that have market demand for locating in Town Center and that might be financially feasible. The development feasibility analysis further tested building types, sizes and potential land uses identified as part of the community design process. For some desired development types that are not currently feasible, the analysis identified the types of incentives that could be used to generate a return on investment that might interest a landowner or developer in considering developing property in Town Center. The complete development feasibility analysis, including development assumptions, is included as Appendix C.

Future buildout assumptions based on the market analyses and zoning districts were also used to conduct a traffic analysis, which showed that with the proposed Town Center road network in place, including modifications to Wilsonville Road traffic signals, traffic generated from land use changes in Town Center can be accommodated (Chapter 5, Implementing the Town Center Plan, describes these network improvements). With the proposed network changes, Town Center Loop W actually operates better than what is projected in the City's Transportation System Plan with the current network and removing the need for a second right hand turn lane from Town Center Loop W to Wilsonville Road. The traffic analysis also identified that the significant bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Town Center will enhance bicycle and pedestrian comfort. The full traffic analysis completed for this project is included as Appendix B.

Although much of Town Center changes through the buildout of the Plan, many things Wilsonville residents find very important remain in place. Small-scale, local businesses are still located in Town Center in both existing and new buildings, public amenities such as Town Center Park are centerpieces for the fully formed mixed-use community, and bicycle, pedestrian and transit access is safe, reliable, and easy to use.



TOWN CENTER VISION PLAN EXISTING CONDITIONS

FIGURE 3.5









The results of the analyses inform what is more likely to develop first due to an existing market demand and what development types are more likely to develop later, after initial investments have increased demand and potential financial returns. This transformation is captured in three Town Center development illustrations, tied to the anticipated development assumptions described in Table 3.1. Given the scale of potential development and redevelopment possible, the full redevelopment vision shown in Phase 3 (Figure 3.8) is well beyond 20 years. Phase 2 (Figure 3.7) provides what is a reasonable 20-year vision, which is a significant change from what Town Center is today. Phase 1 (Figure 3.6) identifies near term opportunities, which are mostly infill development on vacant and underutilized land.

Phase 1: Infill Development (Now-10 years)

Town Center has a significant supply of underutilized land (e.g. unused parking lots), as well as commercial buildings in the 20- to 40-year age range. From a development feasibility standpoint, areas most likely to redevelop in the near-term are those where landowners can develop new buildings on vacant land or underused parking, without affecting existing businesses (Figure 3.6). The Development Feasibility Analysis (Appendix C) concluded that the most likely type of development occurring during Phase 1 is rehabilitation of

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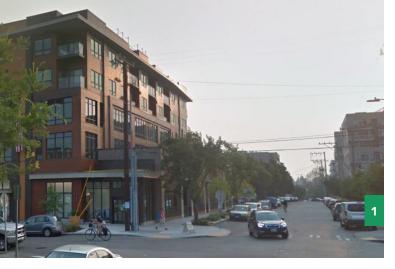
- 1. Town Center has existing rightof-way that could be redesigned to better incorporate bicycle and pedestrian amenities.
- Many surface parking lots in Town Center serve as road connections.
- 3. An aerial view of Town Center shows vacant lots and parking areas that could be redeveloped.



TOWN CENTER FUTURE SCENARIO PHASE 1 (INFILL)

FIGURE 3.6









existing retail and commercial buildings, multifamily residential and some mixed-use development. Office development is not likely as feasible until later in this development phase. The results also concluded that in the early stages, most parking will most likely be accommodated on surface parking lots. This phase of development assumes that the Park Place extension (see Chapter 5, project IN.4) would be in place or under development.

Phase 2: Main Street (10-20 Years)

Figure 3.7 illustrates how the true transition of Town Center begins to take shape. Infill development from Phase 1 has matured to become established subdistricts within the larger Town Center. The Korean War Memorial is sheltered by mature trees and nestled within the park to maintain its peaceful environment. This phase of development reflects the development feasibility analysis results, which stress that as more amenities like increased transit, the I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge, and new services located in Town Center are in place, higher rents make more diverse development types possible. Office and mixed-use development that includes structured parking will be more feasible to construct. Some older retail and commercial uses redevelop into multistory mixed-use buildings, although several of the existing buildings with long-term or owner-occupied tenants remain. There is still surface parking, but as the existing parking lots develop with new buildings,

PHOTOS:

- 1. Larger buildings can utilize stepbacks to create the feeling of a smaller building at the street level.
- 2. Buildings with unique texture and facade treatments create interesting views.
- 3. Mixed-use building with ground floor retail and restaurant space.
 Upper floors are professional offices.



TOWN CENTER FUTURE SCENARIO PHASE 2 (MAIN STREET)

FIGURE 3.7









they generally develop with structured parking integrated into the building. Much of the street grid is in place as a result of development. On-street parking becomes an important streetscape element adjacent to development and is likely managed by the City or a business association implementing a Town Center parking management plan (see Chapter 5, project PA.1).

Phase 3: Full Buildout (Beyond 20 Years)

Phase 3, illustrated in Figure 3.8, shows what Town Center might look like when redevelopment is completed. This vision for redevelopment shows how major elements envisioned for Town Center come together. Town Center Park and main street are activated by surrounding uses and community members gathering together. By Phase 3, all development types are likely feasible, with the highest density buildings being constructed. The feasibility analysis showed that five-story mixed-use and office products could be feasible, especially now that amenities, expanded retail and restaurants, and services are in place for residents and employees. During this phase, the remainder of older, large format retail is redeveloped into mixed-use buildings, some with larger floorplates to accommodate uses such as grocery stores and other goods and services necessary for a complete Town Center. The road, bicycle and pedestrian network is complete, and parking is generally structured, on-street, or behind buildings.

PHOTOS:

- Mixed-use building with internal courtyard provides space for outdoor gathering and dining.
- 2. Office buildings with ground floor gathering spaces, wayfinding and bicycle parking.
- 3. Mixed-use buildings with an active ground floor space.



TOWN CENTER FUTURE SCENARIO PHASE 3 (FULL BUILDOUT)

FIGURE 3.8 50' 100'





04 INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT

Adequate sewer, water and stormwater infrastructure are essential services for supporting existing residents and businesses and for providing capacity for the future development envisioned in the Town Center Plan.

This chapter describes infrastructure systems in Town Center and system enhancements for serving future development, including approaches to minimize impacts to the environment from urban development. Much of the infrastructure in Town Center is functioning well and has adequate capacity to meet existing and projected future development in Town Center. Infrastructure, particularly stormwater treatment, provides opportunities to incorporate low impact development practices and street designs that treat stormwater onsite and minimize pollutants entering local waterways. As Town Center develops, reducing impervious surface area, providing opportunities for water reuse, and high efficiency plumbing fixtures in new buildings are also ways to reduce environmental impacts and increase the capacity of infrastructure.

While the existing system is adequate to meet demand, some of the underground infrastructure is not in ideal locations to support future development. The proposed changes to the infrastructure systems primarily include relocating major trunk lines into new public rights-of-way, particularly in areas where the infrastructure system runs across parking lots where future development is expected. Figures 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 identify the future infrastructure systems. Infrastructure upgrades or relocation will likely occur concurrently with roadway projects to minimize disruption to new transportation facilities. Locations of future right-of-way may be adjusted as needed to limit the amount of utility relocations. Some projects will be part of private development while others may be publicly funded and constructed. The costs associated with infrastructure (roadway, sewer, water and stormwater) projects are included in Chapter 5.







STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

The existing stormwater system in Town Center drains to three watersheds, including Coffee Lake Creek Basin in the northwest; the Willamette River in the southwest (via a piped outfall); and the Boeckman Creek Basin. The Boeckman Creek sub-basin flows through a regional flow control facility in Memorial Park south of Wilsonville Road. This system is adequate to meet the needs of Town Center today, although the City has identified drainage issues along portions of the western Town Center boundary near I-5 during heavy rainfall events.

The City of Wilsonville's 2015 Storm Water and Surface Water Design and Construction Standards require on-site Low Impact Development (LID) to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP). In new and/or improved right-of-way, flow control and water quality will be managed in the right-of-way with roadside planters/bioretention facilities located in the planter strip, at intersection bulb-outs, and through the use of porous pavements. Measures to manage flow control and water quality on private development sites will be required to be installed on site and may consist of the same best management practices (BMPs) used to mitigate the right-of-way. These on-site measures for redeveloped parcels include porous pavement and stormwater planters that mimic the pre-development stormwater runoff conditions.

PHOTOS:

- 1. Parking lots in Town Center create large impervious areas that require an extensive stormwater treatment system.
- 2. Bioswales gather and treat stormwater onsite.
- 3. Bioswales can be integrated into a larger landscape design and used as a placemaking element.

Environmental Stewardship through specific design

- Minimizing the amount of impervious surfaces, including large surface parking lots, many of which are underutilized.
- Designing and constructing all new streets (or streets that will be significantly modified) as green streets with stormwater planters or other on-site detention and treatment components.
- Encouraging innovative on-site stormwater detention and treatment for buildings to meet on-site stormwater detention/treatment requirements. This includes encouraging green roofs or water reuse (e.g. graywater systems) as part of initial building design.
- Using pervious paving wherever possible.
- When constructing new streets, locating stormwater pipes in new right-of-way. Stormwater pipes have been included in planning level cost estimates for major capital projects described in Chapter 5.
- Utilizing the stormwater features in the proposed Promenade to help meet the City's stormwater management requirements for treatment of road facilities.









PHOTOS:

- 4. Green roof systems treat water onsite and help cool the building.
- 5. Permeable pavers can be used for walkways and plazas to allow rainwater infiltration.
- 6. Permeable pavers can provide design elements in most locations.

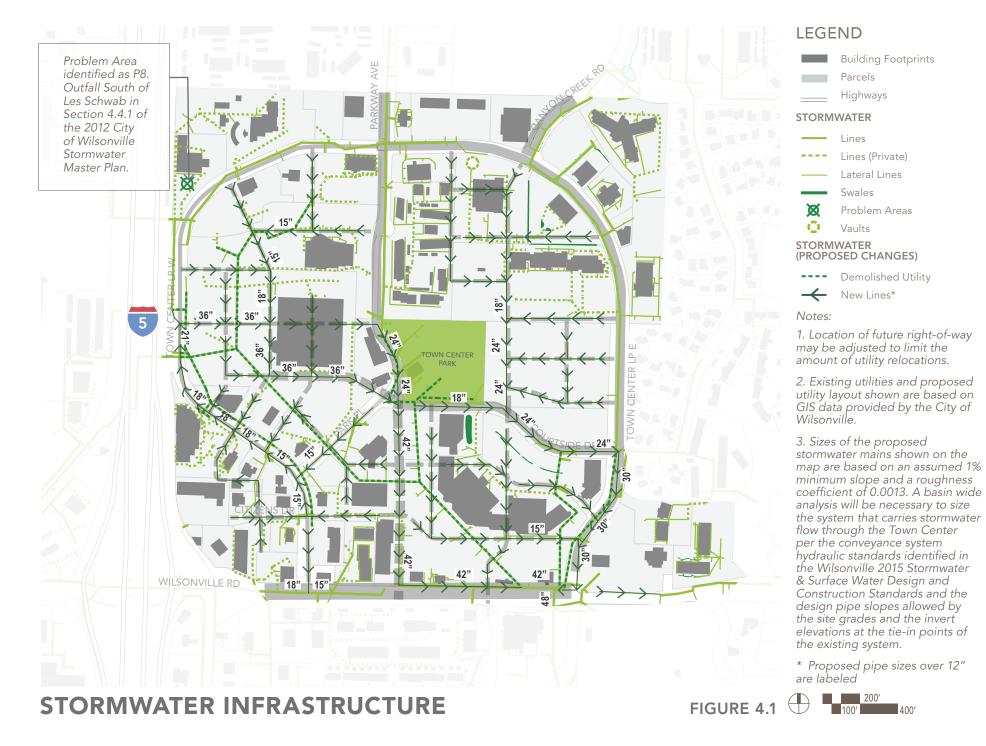
With approval of the City Engineer, if the developer is unable to meet the flow control requirements on site, the applicant may be allowed to pay a fee-in-lieu for onsite improvements. The developer would need to prove that flow control on-site is not feasible prior to using the fee-in-lieu approach. The fee would be based on costs associated with upgrades and maintenance for the design and retrofit of the Memorial Park regional flow control facility, as needed.

Per Wilsonville's 2012 Stormwater Master Plan, the existing storm drain system for the majority of Town Center has adequate capacity. The existing development within Town Center is mostly impervious with no on-site water quality or flow control management. Future redevelopment is envisioned to reduce the amount of impervious surface by implementing BMPs such as road diets, porous pavement, green roofs, landscaping, and bioretention facilities. Because of the proposed improvements and reduction in impervious surface, the existing storm drain capacity will be adequate to accommodate future development.

Figure 4.1 illustrates the recommended stormwater infrastructure system for Town Center. The goal of the stormwater system recommendations is to reduce the amount of stormwater detained and treated at the regional treatment facility in Memorial Park and to avoid any additional expansions of that facility. By managing stormwater on-site and reducing the amount of impervious surface in Town Center, more costly expansions to the Memorial Park Pond can be avoided. As development occurs in Town Center, localized flooding at the 18-inch pipe crossing I-5 (identified as problem area P8 per the City's 2012 Stormwater Master Plan) may also be mitigated as a result of additional on-site infiltration facilities being constructed. These facilities could be developed within existing or new right-of-way and adjacent development, which will reduce stormwater flows through the pipe. In the meantime, temporary flooding control measures such as infiltration facilities could be deployed.

SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

The majority of Town Center is within the Canyon Creek/Town Center Basin although a portion of Town Center (north and west of Town Center Loop) is within the Coffee Creek Basin. Both basins drain to the Wilsonville Wastewater Treatment Plant. The sanitary and stormwater systems are separate systems. The wastewater pipes within Town Center are generally between 25-50 years old, and while the system functions well, the City's 2014 Waste Water Collection Master Plan identifies several pipes that should be replaced due to age, root intrusion, and/or grade issues. There are no capacity-related projects in Town Center identified



in the current capital improvement plan through 2025, although the Town Center Pump Station that serves a portion of Town Center has a higher rate of pump failure than other City-owned pump stations and has been identified for replacement.

Peak flow projections for the Canyon Creek/Town Center are expected to increase from a current flow of 1.26 MGD to 1.85 MGD within the UGB by 2045 per the City's 2014 Waste Water Collection Master Plan. The total peak flow projections for the UGB and Urban Reserve Area, if it is added to the UGB and develops, are expected to increase to 3.14 MGD per the City's 2014 Waste Water Collection Master Plan.

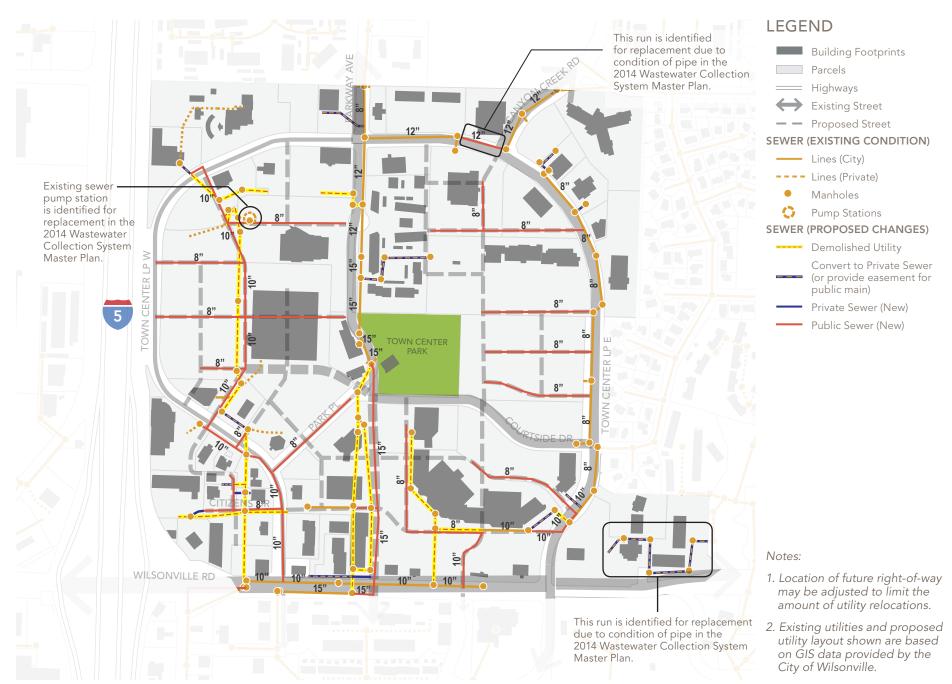
Future development envisioned in the Town Center Plan will have little increase in wastewater compared to what is already projected for Town Center in the future, with sewer flows likely to increase by 0.69 MGD, for a total flow of 3.83 MGD at buildout with the urban reserve area. Additional capacity is not required for Town Center-related growth. System-wide modeling showed that the existing system can accommodate future growth. While there may be a possibility of surcharging down stream at Memorial Drive, crossing I-5 to the wastewater treatment plant, potential surcharge is within acceptable limits and overflow risk is minimal. Town Center is a very small portion of the

basin and the additional projected growth is not a significant increase to the total projected flows of the basin. Additional growth from Town Center would not likely have an impact on the existing 220 gpm capacity of the existing Town Center waste water pump, but as stated, Town Center is only a small portion of the basin and the pump should be evaluated as part of the larger Canyon Creek/Town Center service area.

Figure 4.2 illustrates the recommended sewer infrastructure system for Town Center. Much of the existing system has already been developed, although the anticipated development pattern and street grid will require a portion of the system to be relocated into public right-of-way.

Aside from projects already identified in the City's 2014 Waste Water Collection Master Plan, Town Center Plan implementation should include the following:

Locate sewer trunk lines within existing or future rights-of-way to allow for development on vacant land. While most trunk lines are already in existing right-of-way, there are some pipes located within existing parking lots. If not relocated, existing utilities may conflict with building foundations and make it difficult to maintain underground infrastructure.



SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

FIGURE 4.2





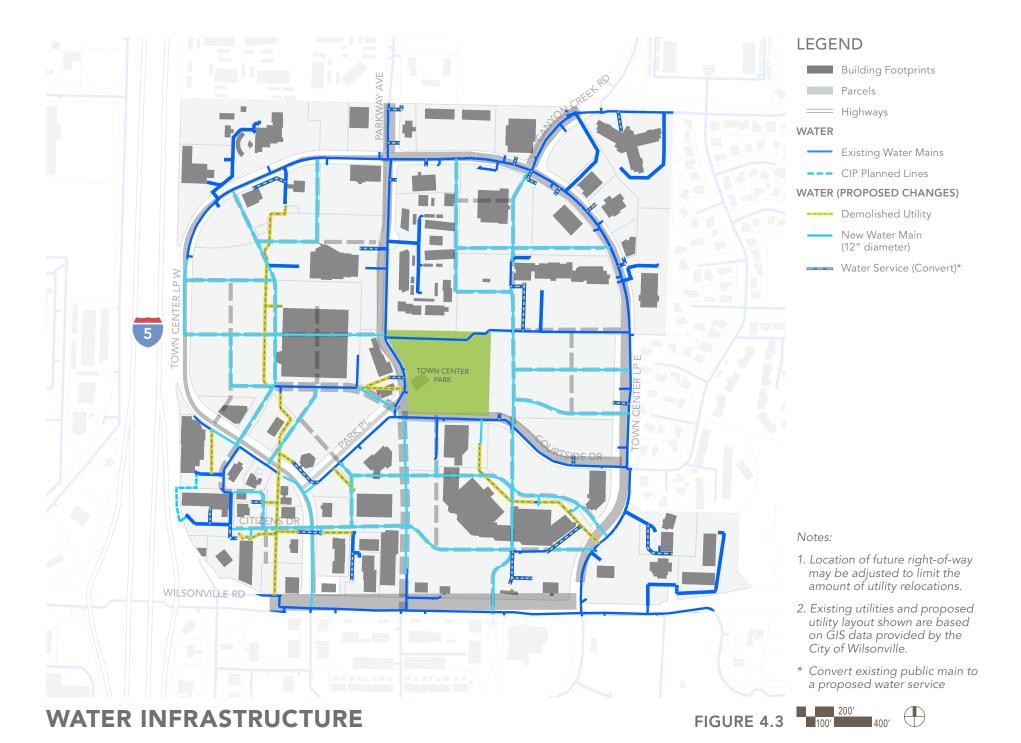
 Upgrade the wastewater system when constructing new roads, or when significant upgrades occur to existing roads, to reduce the need for future capacity upgrades that would require reconstructing the road.

Cost estimates for wastewater improvements are identified in Chapter 5.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

The Willamette River Water Treatment Plant supplies potable water to the project area. The City has not identified any fire flow deficiencies within the project area. The majority of distribution mains within the project area are constructed of 12-inch ductile iron pipe. The 2012 Water Distribution Master Plan only identifies one capital improvement project within the project area, consisting of an 8-inch line extension along Park Place and SW Citizens Drive. No changes are recommended to this project.

The existing 12-inch water main infrastructure is capable of accommodating future growth within Town Center, although some water mains would need to be relocated into new right-of-way to accommodate future development. The proposed water main system is shown in Figure 4.3. All new or relocated water mains would be 12-inch water lines, reflecting the 12-inch water system that exists today.





05 IMPLEMENTING THE TOWN CENTER PLAN

Town Center will not change overnight. The community's vision will not be realized through one new project or program. Instead, a combination of many different strategic public and private investments and community-led initiatives will transform Town Center gradually.

This chapter provides specific and implementable actions to realize the Wilsonville community's vision and goals for Town Center. The strategies reflect the desires of businesses and the community members. Actions range from major infrastructure investments that take time to plan and design to "quick wins" that can be implemented relatively quickly and with little funding for startup.

The following strategies will guide near, mid, and long-term change in a manner that provides clear expectations to businesses, residents and existing property owners. Future development or redevelopment will depend on property owners. The City is not proposing any specific development as part of the Town Center Plan; rather, it is providing a framework and specific actions and investments to achieve Wilsonville's vision for Town Center.

PRIORITIZED IMPLEMENTATION

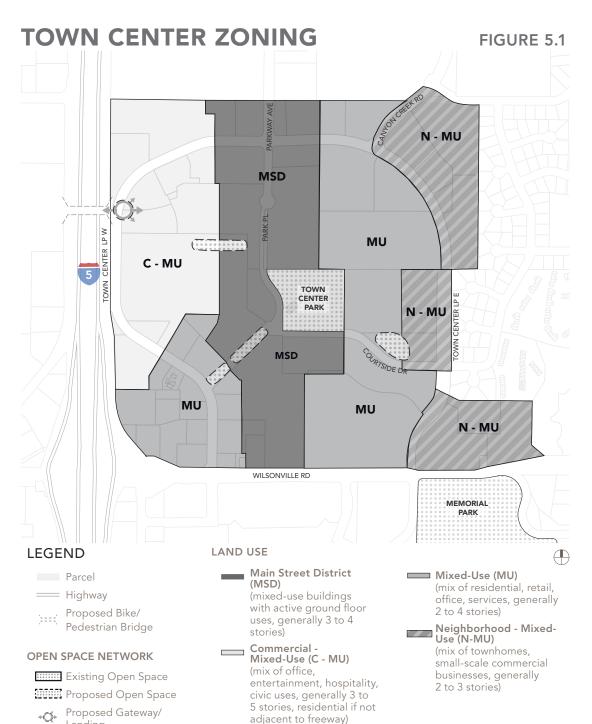
The implementation of the Town Center Plan will require a variety of actions and partners. The City can facilitate change directly through use of public property (existing or acquired) and/or brokering property transactions that further the implementation strategies. The City can also invest in new infrastructure projects, policies, and programs to realize the Town Center Vision. Collaboration between the City, non-city public agencies, residents, businesses and landowners will be crucial for the success of the plan. Table 5.1 summarizes the prioritized Plan recommendations and a list of implementable actions that promote the project goals developed with the Wilsonville community.

Implementation progress should be reviewed and updated every two years by the City of Wilsonville to reflect conditions as they change over time.

Implementation strategies are broken down into six broad categories:

- 1. Regulatory Actions. These include changes to the existing Development Code and supporting documents. Regulatory actions also include new programs, other city plans or regulations necessary to implement the Town Center Plan. Regulatory actions can happen during adoption of the Town Center Plan, or during regular updates to existing plans.
- 2. Infrastructure Investments. These include streetscape and other multimodal improvements (bicycle, pedestrian and transit), open space, and stormwater, sewer, and water infrastructure projects. Several of these projects are long-term investments with significant costs, but many could be constructed concurrently. Some projects are also linked (e.g. Park Place extension and Wilsonville Road modifications) and would require construction at the same time.
- 3. Parking Strategies. These include policies and programs that can be considered as increased activity and density in Town Center necessitates parking management. A new approach

- to parking is critical to both achieve the community's design concept for Town Center and support the parking turnover needed for businesses.
- 4. Placemaking Strategies. These include projects or programs that generate activity and interest in Town Center that attract visitors, local workers, and residents alike and encourage people to spend more time here. They can be implemented by the City, business groups, and/ or community non-profits, often at a low cost and immediately after the Town Center Plan's adoption.
- 5. Economic Development Strategies. These include programs and projects to support existing businesses and bolster economic activity within Town Center. Many of these strategies can be implemented shortly after the Plan's adoption.
- 6. Transit Investments. This includes potential transit opportunities to serve Town Center, considering rapidly changing technologies and transportation needs that will affect transit service in the future. Transit service will depend on funding, timing of development in Town Center, and the overall transit service plans for SMART.



Landing

REGULATORY ACTIONS

The following are recommended regulatory actions (RA) that will support the implementation of the Plan. The majority of these actions are expected to be led or coordinated by City staff and completed during adoption of the Plan and regular plan update cycles.

RA.1 Amend the Wilsonville Comprehensive Plan

Change the Comprehensive Plan designation for parcels within the Plan boundary currently designated Commercial, Residential, and Public Lands to a new Comprehensive Plan designation of Town Center. There is currently no Town Center designation with the existing Comprehensive Plan. The recommended designation includes a purpose statement and policies and is necessary to implement the vision developed through this planning effort. Proposed Comprehensive Plan text amendments are attached in Appendix A. This update will occur upon adoption of the Plan.

RA.2 Amend the Wilsonville Development Code to Include a New Town Center (TC) Zoning District and New Site and Building Design Standards

Change the existing Planned Development Commercial Town Center (PDC-TC) and Planned Development Residential (PDR) zoning designations within the Town Center boundary to Town Center (TC), a new zoning district with four subareas -Main Street, Neighborhood-Mixed-Use, Mixed-Use, and Commercial Mixed-Use - consistent with the Community's Design Concept. The new site and building design standards in the new TC zone provide specific design requirements for each of these subareas related to building location, height and design, and parking provisions (surface and structured) in order to set the stage for development consistent with the community's vision for Town Center.

The amendment is required to implement the Plan's recommendations. The proposed zoning district boundaries are shown on Figure 5.1. Development Code, site and building design standards are included as Appendix A. This update will occur upon adoption of the Plan.

Modify Parking Requirements RA.3

Modify parking requirements in Section 4.155 of the Wilsonville Development Code (Parking Standards), to align parking standards with the Town Center vision. Modifications focus on providing flexibility on how parking is provided in Town Center and providing guidance for addressing mixed-use development (see Appendix A). This update will occur upon adoption of the Plan.

RA.4 Amend Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCRs)

Coordinate with the appropriate designees to amend the covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) for properties within the Town Center boundary to address inconsistencies with the recommendations in the Plan. Analysis and outreach to the declarants of the CCRs and landowners should occur immediately after the Plan's adoption.

Update the City of Wilsonville RA.5 Transportation System Plan (TSP), Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, and Capital Improvement Plans

There are several transportation projects identified in the Plan that should be included. in the TSP. In addition, the City should

update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to incorporate parks and trails recommendations. The City's capital improvement plan should be amended to incorporate the Plan's infrastructure investment projects. This update is assumed to occur when those plans are updated, if not sooner, following adoption of the Plan.

Estimated Costs (Items RA.1–RA.3):

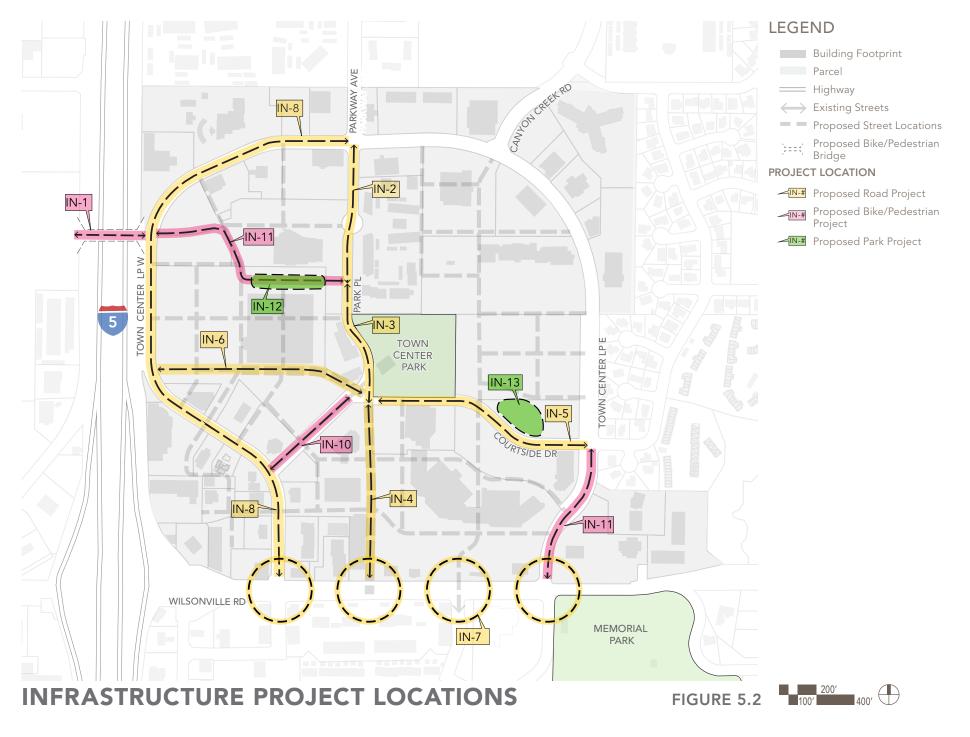
Item RA.1-RA.3 will be completed as part of the Town Center Plan adoption process. Costs associated with RA.4 will require temporary allocations of staff time at a fraction of FTE. Costs associated with implementing RA.5 are expected to be approximately \$15,000 to update the Transportation System Plan. Other plan updates will require temporary allocations of staff time at a fraction of FTE and completed during regular plan amendment processes.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Public infrastructure, including roads, sewer, water, stormwater, fiber/conduit infrastructure, and parks, provide the foundation for a complete community. Infrastructure provides essential services and in Town Center provides the transformational

elements for becoming a more walkable and accessible district. While some infrastructure projects will likely be completed as part of private development, there are several projects that could be partially or wholly publicly funded to catalyze development. "Framework projects" are projects that establish a foundational element of the Plan. Framework projects are projects that were identified by the project Task Force, Planning Commission and City Council as being the most important projects to complete (pending funding) to implement the Plan's vision. These are high priority projects that will receive public funding to cover a portion of the costs. Local businesses and landowners will be integral parts of the design and construction process to identify ways to minimize impacts when construction does occur in the future.

"Estimated costs" are total project costs and provided for the infrastructure investments that are likely to have a public funding component. Streetscape projects do not include sewer, water, or stormwater costs, which are broken out separately (see IN.14), but assumed to be built concurrently. Depending on the timing of adjacent development, the City or a private developer may construct the improvements. Table 5.1 on page 99 identifies the proposed phasing for each major infrastructure project, and the Plan recommends the creation of an Infrastructure Finance Study to



outline more specific timing and a funding strategy for these infrastructure investments (see ED.9 on page 91). Phasing for major projects considers the interdependence of specific elements of each project. For example, modifications to Wilsonville Road would not occur until the Park Place extension is constructed. The Park Place extension project would require implementing the signal changes/timing at the other Wilsonville Road intersections, triggering the Wilsonville Road modifications.

Infrastructure projects, unless otherwise stated, assume full construction or reconstruction of a particular segment. Some projects would only modify existing facilities, which may reduce total project costs. Some street projects would also include sewer, water and stormwater infrastructure, which are provided as separate cost estimates (see IN.14) to reflect the relocation of these facilities to the public right-of-way. All road construction projects assume that the facility will include stormwater management and green street amenities, such as stormwater swales and landscaping treatments (as described in Chapter 4) to reduce environmental impacts of construction and use of the facility. Infrastructure projects should also include fiber/conduit facilities to the extent possible. Locations of infrastructure projects are identified on Figure 5.2.

IN.1 I-5 Bike/Pedestrian BridgeGateway (Framework Project)

The City is in the process of designing a bike/pedestrian bridge over I-5 that will connect the northwest corner of Town Center to the existing transit center and development on the west side of I-5. While the exact location of the bridgehead is still to be determined, the eastside bridgehead in Town Center will provide an opportunity to establish a highly visible gateway to Town Center. A well-designed bridge and bridge landing can include architectural elements that reflect Town Center as well as seating, landscaping and wayfinding/directional signage, providing direct connections for people to destinations in Town Center, such as Town Center Park using a two-way cycle track, and to the local and regional bicycle and pedestrian network.

Estimated Cost: \$10.8 million (bridge), \$1.5 million (bridge landing/gateway)

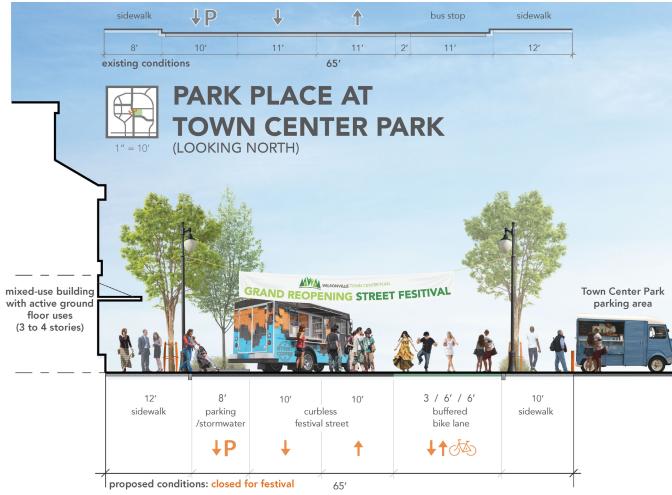
IN.2 Park Place Redesign (Town Center Loop to Northern Edge of Town Center Park)

This section of existing roadway, currently known as Parkway, is one of the original connections from Town Center Loop adjacent to the theater and apartments. The recommended future design for this section of Park Place includes two travel lanes, buffered bike lanes, and wide sidewalks (see Appendix D for the recommended cross section). Buffered one-way bike lanes are recommended in this section of roadway to provide connections to existing bicycle lanes north of Town Center Loop.

Estimated Cost: \$4.4 million

IN.3 Park Place Redesign (Town Center Park to Courtside Drive, Framework Project)

This section of Park Place becomes an extension of Town Center Park. Constructed as a curbless street (see Figure 5.3 for the recommended cross section) that can be closed during events in Town Center Park, a farmers market, or other civic use. This section of roadway is a critical transition between the northern and southern portions of the main street and a core component of the Town Center vision. This section of Park Place includes



two travel lanes, on street parking, and a protected two-way cycle track, providing an important multimodal connection between the I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge, Promenade, and the two-way cycle track proposed on the north side of Courtside Drive to Memorial Park (see IN.5 for a project description).

Estimated Cost: \$3.7 million



IN.4 Park Place Extension (Courtside Drive to Wilsonville Road, Framework Project)

Creating a modern main street in Town Center is a signature element of the Plan. Extending Park Place provides opportunities to create a walking retail

corridor, gathering spaces, and placemaking programs for Town Center. It will offer more opportunities and better visibility for small, independent businesses, keeping local dollars in Wilsonville. This extension of Park Place (see Figure 5.4 for the recommended cross section) is a future roadway located within an existing parking lot. The extension would create a new signalized intersection at Wilsonville Road. The recommended design for this new segment of Park Place includes two travel lanes, on-street parking, and wide sidewalks to create a strong pedestrian-oriented landscape. The street would be marked as a shared facility, where bicycles and automobiles share the same travel lane. Shared lanes, as opposed to dedicated bicycle lanes, are recommended

dedicated bicycle lanes, are recommended for this section because of the expected slow vehicle speeds, proposed dedicated bicycle lanes on adjacent roads, and the limited amount of right-of-way available to construct the new connection. With the proposed design, no business displacements are anticipated with the construction of this segment, but during

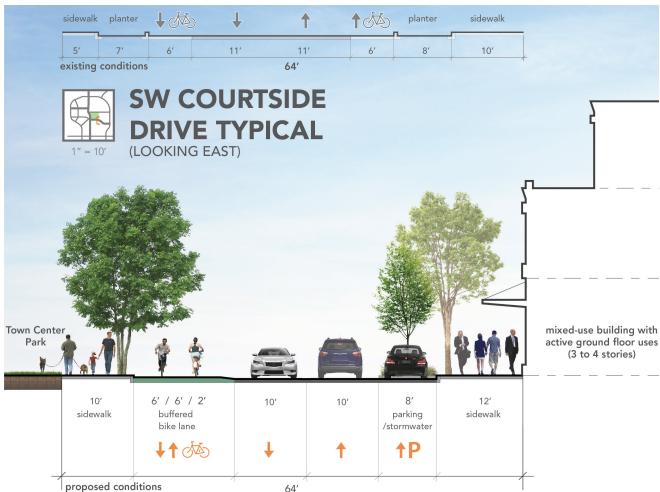
construction, it will be important to coordinate with existing businesses to minimize impacts to their operations.

Estimated Cost: \$6.3 million

IN.5 Courtside Drive Improvements (Park Place to Town Center Loop E)

Courtside Drive is the primary east/west connection between Town Center Loop E and Park Place and serves as an important connection between established neighborhoods and central Town Center. This project recommends maintaining the key functions of this roadway and incorporating a two-way cycle track that connects from Town Center Park to Town Center Loop E, which will provide a further connection to Memorial Park (Figure 5.5). Improvements to this section of roadway are primarily for the cycle track and for on street parking on the south side of Courtside Drive.

Estimated Cost: \$7.9 million **Estimated Cost for Cycle track only:** \$78,000



IN.6 Courtside Drive Extension (Park Place East to Town Center Loop W, Framework Project)

This project would extend Courtside Drive to the west to Town Center Loop W, providing increased connectivity to the western portion of Town Center, an area envisioned to redevelop with a more diverse mix of uses.



The recommended roadway design includes two travel lanes, on street parking, bicycle lanes and wide sidewalks (see Appendix D, Local Street, Option 2) to create a strong pedestrian-oriented landscape.

Estimated Cost: \$6.6 million

Wilsonville Road Intersection **IN.7 Modifications**

Wilsonville Road is the most important arterial connection to Town Center and also provides access to one of two I-5 interchanges in Wilsonville. Wilsonville Road experiences congestion at peak hours due to existing capacity issues on I-5 at Boone Bridge, affecting the Wilsonville Road/

Town Center Loop W intersection where traffic can back up on both roadways. Recommended improvements along Wilsonville Road are designed to improve traffic distribution through Town Center and better accommodate anticipated traffic growth (Figure 5.6). The Wilsonville Road improvements allow for and implementation of the desired multimodal form as recommended in this plan (see intersection plan views in Appendix B). Specific changes to Wilsonville Road include:

 Wilsonville Road/Town Center Loop W Modify the existing traffic signal to eliminate eastbound and westbound left turns, add a landscaped median to

the west leg, and improve pedestrian and bicycle safety by adding a crosswalk to the west side of the intersection and a median refuge to cross Wilsonville Road. Providing protected pedestrian refuges and signalization for bicycle and pedestrian crossings is essential for improving safety and increasing walking in the area.

Construct a new intersection that connects the extension of Parkway Avenue to Wilsonville Road. At this intersection, install a traffic signal that allows all turning movements and moves

eastbound left turn traffic further from

Wilsonville Road/Park Place

the I-5 interchange.

- Wilsonville Road/Rebekah Street Remove the existing traffic signal and restrict the minor street turning movements to be right-in, right-out only by continuing the landscaped median or using space for a pedestrian and bicycle median. Include bicycle and pedestrian activated flashers for crossings.
- Wilsonville Road/Town Center Loop E Modify the existing traffic signal to include dual eastbound lefts and modify the north leg to have dual northbound

receiving lanes. Remove eastbound and southbound dedicated right-turn lanes to accommodate added lanes.

Estimated Cost: \$1.8 million

Town Center Loop W Modifications IN.8

Town Center Loop W is a wide street with five lanes in many locations and without bicycle lanes or complete sidewalks. The focus of this project is to make Town Center Loop W more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, help redistribute through traffic, and reduce congestion at the Wilsonville Road/Town Center Loop W intersection.

As development occurs adjacent to Town Center Loop W, the roadway could transition to a local road (see Appendix D for potential cross sections) that provides access to businesses as well as multimodal access from the bike/pedestrian bridge and western portions of Town Center. In the event a parallel road is constructed and can accommodate the traffic, Town Center Loop W could also be vacated and the right-of-way used for development. If it remains in place, Town Center Loop W would be reduced from five to three lanes (two travel lanes with left turn pockets) in conjunction with intersection



improvements for Town Center Loop E to accommodate the anticipated shift in traffic patterns. Surplus right-of-way will be used for on-site stormwater treatment, addressing an ongoing stormwater issue in the vicinity of I-5. This is assumed to occur with adjacent development that would pay for the street improvements. In the interim,

improvements could include reducing the number of lanes through temporary placement of traffic controls using concrete planters or bollards to reduce road width, and restriping for bicycle lanes in the outside travel lane.

Estimated Cost: \$207,000 (Interim). Full buildout is expected to be in conjunction with private development.

Local Road Network IN.9

Creating a more walkable and accessible Town Center will also require constructing new local roads. These connections would be constructed as part of a development in which the private developer assumes the cost of these local roads. Figure 5.7 identifies the proposed local road network in Town Center, which uses the existing

road network as the foundation of the multimodal system. The location of these local connections is approximate and based on the desired block lengths of 400 feet. Precise locations will be determined during site planning and review. These extensions would require new right-of-way and would generally include two travel lanes, parallel parking on both sides of the street, sidewalks, and street trees, although some connections may use a "woonerf" style design, or pedestrian-only connections (Appendix D). Some streets would also include fiber conduit, new sewer and water infrastructure while all streets would have stormwater pipes (see Figures 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 for general location of facilities) that are assumed to be constructed by private development.

Estimated Cost: Not applicable. Local roads and associated communications. sewer, water and stormwater infrastructure identified as part of the Plan are assumed to be constructed by private development.

IN.10 Park Place Promenade Redesign

The Park Place Promenade redesigns Park Place between Town Center Loop W and Courtside Drive to eliminate it as a vehicular route and create a linear park feature that provides bicycle and pedestrian access and a location for future temporary events such as festivals or a farmers market. The final design of this area will be determined as part of the design of future adjacent development expected to front the promenade. Essential components should include provisions for temporary events, public gathering spaces with shade and/or weather covering, bicycle

and pedestrian connectivity and transit vehicle access. Design would be similar to the woonerf-style local street cross section (Appendix D) that is designed to be closable to through traffic. Depending on the final design, vehicle charging, car share and bus stops could also be incorporated into the design.

Estimated Cost: \$2.4 million

IN.11 Cycle Tracks

There are several sections of two-way cycle tracks identified in the Plan. These provide essential connectivity elements both within Town Center and to the surrounding bicycle and trail network. There are four primary cycle tracks proposed in Town Center that together create a continuous cycle track between the I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge and Memorial Park. The type of bicycle facility to be located within the Park Place Promenade will be determined as part of the Park Place Promenade design process (see Project IN.10). Prior to development of the project, or as portions are constructed, the City could place placards, signage or other information to describe the entire project and how it will function when completed.

 Segment 1: Bike/Pedestrian Bridge to Town Center Park. This segment would



be constructed from the future bike/ pedestrian bridge to approximately the north side of Town Center Park. While the final bridgehead location is still to be determined, the proposed connection would be located generally at the northern end of the Fry's parking lot and connecting to Park Place along/as part of the Promenade (see Project IN.12), where it would cross Park Place and then run on the east side of the roadway adjacent to Town Center Park. This segment would likely require purchasing right-of-way, or could be combined with future redevelopment of the Fry's site.

 Segment 2: Town Center Park to Courtside Drive. This segment would be constructed as part of the Park Place Redesign (Project IN.3) because it will require reconfiguring the corner of Town Center Park and potentially the western parking area for Town Center Park to accommodate the future main street extension south to Wilsonville Road. A quick win project could be to restripe the existing roadway as a two-way buffered bike lane, similar to what was completed during the Town Center Main Street Popup event at the 2018 Wilsonville Community Block Party (see page 25)

CYCLE TRACK VERSUS BUFFERED BICYCLE LANES

A CYCLE TRACK is an exclusive bike facility that is separated from motor vehicle traffic, parking lanes and sidewalks through the use of bollards, medians, or raised curbs. Cycle tracks can be designed in a variety of ways, but all are intended to be primarily used for bicycles, and are separated from motor vehicle travel lanes, parking lanes, and sidewalks. In situations where on-street parking is allowed, cycle tracks are located to the curb-side of the parking (in contrast to bike lanes).

BUFFERED BIKE LANES are conventional bicycle lanes paired with a designated buffer space (usually painted) separating the bicycle lane from the adjacent motor vehicle travel lane and/or parking lane. Buffered bike lanes can be used anywhere a traditional bike lane is proposed and provides more space for bikes without making the bike lane appear so wide that it might be mistaken for a travel or parking lane.

during the planning process for the Plan. The two-way buffered bike lane would then be replaced with a permanent two-way cycle track.

- Segment 3: Town Center Park to Town Center Loop E (Courtside Drive Segment). This segment is implemented primarily through restriping the existing roadway on the north side of Courtside Drive between Park Place and Town Center Loop E and could be implemented at the same time as the quick win described for Segment 2. Access to the Town Center Park parking area along Courtside Drive may need to be modified to accommodate this project. No additional rightof-way is assumed to be required because the existing right-of-way is available to accommodate the proposed improvements.
- Segment 4: Town Center Loop E
 to Wilsonville Road. This segment
 would be located on the east side of
 Town Center Loop E This section of
 cycle track would connect the central



portion of Town Center to Memorial Park south of Wilsonville Road. This project would not likely be implemented until the modifications to the Wilsonville Road/Town Center Loop E intersection are completed as there are already buffered bicycle lanes on Town Center Loop E The cycle track improvements would increase safety by crossing to the east side on Town Center Loop E at Courtside Avenue, not at Wilsonville Road, to remove the potential conflicts with the additional left turn movements from Wilsonville Road to Town Center Loop E The two-way cycle track and vehicular lanes, as proposed, will fit within existing right-of-way.

Estimated Cost: Segment 1: \$75,000; Segment 2: N/A, expected to be completed as part of the Park Place redesign (project costs are included within that project); Segment 3: \$78,000; Segment 4: \$51,000.

IN.12 Promenade (Framework Project)

The Promenade is a linear park located north of the existing Fry's building. This project provides an important multimodal connection between the I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge landing and the two-way cycle track on Park Place (Figure 5.8). The bike/pedestrian landing is expected to connect to the Promenade, either directly or through another connection, depending on the final bridge location. This project would likely be constructed if redevelopment on all or a portion of the Fry's and/or Regal

Theater parcel occurred. The Promenade provides plaza and open space for area residents and employees and helps create a very active area near the I-5 bike/pedestrian bridge landing that draws users from the bridge into Town Center. The promenade also envisions an integrated stormwater feature, wide sidewalks and seating areas in addition to a portion of Segment 1 of the proposed cycle track (see Project IN.11).

Estimated Cost: \$1.8 million

The Promenade is assumed to be constructed, in whole or in part, by private development. The City may pursue funding for this project in advance of adjacent development as part of the bike/pedestrian bridge landing or following the bridge project to ensure the cycle track and emerald chain connections are constructed in a timely fashion.

IN.13 Town Center Skatepark

The Plan incorporates the proposed skatepark to be located east of Town Center Park, described in Project 1.7.a of the 2018 Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. This location is along the cycle-track and within the chain of green spaces between Town Center Park and Memorial Park.

Estimated Cost: \$800,000 per the City's most recent cost estimate included in the 2018 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.

IN.14 Water, Sewer and Stormwater **System Upgrades**

As new development occurs, additional infrastructure facilities will be required. As new roads are constructed, water, sewer, and stormwater system upgrades will be constructed as part of the road project to minimize costs (see Figures 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 for complete system locations). For systems within local roads, those facilities would be paid for and constructed by private development. Depending on the timing of adjacent development, the City or a private developer may construct the improvements. Adjacent development would be responsible for connecting to the system.

Estimated Cost: Water: \$11.2 million, sewer: \$10 million, stormwater: \$26.2 million (NOTE: these costs do not include any infrastructure within local roads, which would be constructed by private development).

PARKING STRATEGIES

There are many ways to encourage pedestrianoriented development within Town Center while still providing parking options for those accessing Town Center by car. Parking is a part of Town Center and should be placed in convenient, accessible locations but screened from view by either buildings or landscaping. Pedestrians should not have to walk through parking lots to access adjacent businesses or residences.

The parking analysis (see Appendix E) completed for the Plan showed that parking usage varies considerably by location, time of day, weekdays and weekends in Town Center. Future development will require parking, likely a combination of surface and structured facilities. As Town Center develops over time, a variety of parking management techniques and incentives could be implemented to achieve the goals for parking in the Town Center.

Develop a Town Center PA.1 Parking Management Plan

The purpose of the parking management plan is to ensure that off-street parking is not the driving factor in how land is used within Town Center. Prior to developing a parking management plan, the City should conduct a parking inventory and

parking utilization study. Based on existing conditions and anticipated near- and long-term development, the following topics and implementing ordinances should be considered as part of the future parking management plan: reductions in parking for specific types of projects, off-site parking options, unbundled parking, on-street parking management, and centralized, structured parking. Approaches to implementing these strategies are described below and listed in order of recommended priority.

Estimated Cost: Development of a parking management plan is likely to be the combined effort of City staff and a consultant. The cost of developing a parking management plan is approximately \$50,000.

Parking Reductions for PA.2 **Specific Types of Projects**

Parking can be a determining factor in the financial success or failure of a project, particularly in suburban locations. In addition, not all projects fit well within standard parking ratios. Permitting parking reductions or in-lieu parking fees, which allows new development to make a case to pay a fee up to a certain number of

- 1. Parking management, such as paid on-street parking, are future management tactics that may be appropriate in Town Center.
- 2. Permeable pavers in parking areas can be combined with street design to minimize stormwater runoff.
- 3. Charging stations should be placed in locations that are easily accessible for electric vehicle users.







spaces for projects consistent with the Town Center vision, are ways to encourage catalytic projects that may be borderline financially feasible. There are a number of parking reductions used successfully in other town centers for development within 1/4 mile of transit stops that should be evaluated; including senior housing, affordable housing projects, and group housing; development that provides space(s) for car sharing programs; and projects with a site-specific trip reduction plan (such as employer-provided transit passes, telecommuting, ridesharing, carpooling, car sharing, bicycling, and flexible work schedules). In some instances, a transportation management association (TMA) can also be established to help coordinate district-wide efforts in reducing parking demand.

PA.3 Encourage Off-site Parking

Permit a certain percentage of required parking for each development to be located off-site (either on-street or another site) within Town Center (such as Fry's or the Kaiser property, or on public property when not in use). Currently, vacant sites are most attractive because they provide short-term income for the property owner. As demand increases, those locations could be converted

to structured parking or a combination of development and structured parking.

PA.4 Unbundle Parking

Allow a portion of the off-street parking in residential and office developments to be leased through a permit process where a resident or employee can pay for the use of off-street parking spaces. This incentivizes developers and tenants to consider travel options, and encourages reducing vehicle use. For those that have one or more vehicle, this option also provides parking for them, albeit at a higher cost than for tenants with fewer vehicles. This reduces the possibility of oversupplying parking as technology, transit and commuting habits change over time. For this management option, some parking spaces would still be provided on-site with the development, but additional spaces above the minimum number of spaces required by the Development Code could be located on-site or off-site, and those spaces would be leased or sold separately from the rental or purchase fees for dwelling units for the life of the dwelling units. This provides renters or buyers the option of renting or buying a residential unit at a lower price point.

PA.5 Managing On-Street Parking Supply

Develop a parking enforcement program to manage on-street parking. While the existing Development Code permits counting on-street parking on the same side of the street for retail uses, as the area develops, there may be more competition for on-street parking spaces. For retail areas that require parking turnover, time-limited, paid parking for clients and shoppers may be necessary in the future. In residential or mixed-use areas, parking permits could also be evaluated if parking for residential uses conflicts with other uses in Town Center that require a higher degree of turnover. While cities often manage parking enforcement, some communities also contract with private parking management companies or partner with the local downtown business association. to manage on-street parking.

PA.6 Centralized, Structured Parking

Structured parking can be provided by public or private organizations, or a combination of both. Although the current market makes it challenging to construct a fully privately funded garage (given that each parking stall can cost between five and ten times as much as one built on a surface lot), in the future, structured parking might be possible. For development over five acres in size, structured parking, even if phased, should be incorporated into the development plan. Rents and lease rates will likely increase over time, making structured parking, either stand-alone or as part of a larger development, possible.

Ideally, structured parking would be developed as part of a larger development project that includes the types of land uses the Wilsonville community desires.

PHOTOS:

 Vertical gardens can help mask a parking structure and soften the built environment.



Alternatively, a developer could pay a fee-in-lieu of providing a certain percentage of parking spaces. These funds would be used to pay for a portion of a standalone garage, to be constructed at a later time, or for a number of spaces within another building's parking garage. Other communities like Lake Oswego have used urban renewal funds to pay for all or a portion of the cost of to provide structured parking within mixed-use projects.

While the City could construct a parking garage as a publicly funded project, it is difficult to identify a location (particularly since the City does not own vacant land in Town Center) and build on speculation. Building a standalone garage will not likely attract developers to Town Center, but partnering with a developer through a public/private partnership to create a larger development that incorporates a parking structure may be a more effective and catalytic opportunity for Town Center. Other communities are using a similar approach. Rather than building speculative parking structures, cities like downtown Milwaukie and Vancouver, WA, are pooling public and private funds to provide parking for a district. Funding and strategies for a

structure will also be evaluated specifically when PA.1 and ED.9 are implemented.

PLACEMAKING STRATEGIES AND GUIDELINES

The desire for Town Center to be the heart of Wilsonville and a hub of activity year-round was one of the most common discussions among community members during Town Center Plan process. While Town Center Park is an active place during the hot summer months when the fountain is flowing and there are concerts in the park, it can be quiet and underutilized at other times. Creating spaces in Town Center that are active year-round, both during the day and into the evening, will require programs that engage people and bring them together as well as adding buildings and design elements like outdoor seating and interactive art.

Placemaking is a way to reimagine public spaces, whether it is a street, plaza, or park, to strengthen the connection between people and place. Effective placemaking requires attention to the form and management of a space, as well as active community participation. Placemaking elements can be permanent, such as well-designed streetscapes, or more tactical elements that appear briefly as temporary installations, such as temporary art. Regardless of scale, placemaking should be a community-focused initiative that





- 1. Activated plaza featuring heavy duty ping-pong tables.
- 2. Landscaping enhances the urban experience.
- Movable furniture offers flexible seating for groups and individuals.
- Building frontage with high transparency and activated public/ private spaces.



involves residents and businesses in Town Center to determine the extent, timing, and implementation of a placemaking activity. For Town Center, there are several guidelines to consider when designing and activating public spaces.

Placemaking Guidelines CREATIVE USE OF LANDSCAPING

Landscaping softens the built environment and provides visual interest and environmental benefits.

Well-designed landscapes in highly visible locations like gateways, street corners, entrances, and landmarks, can help attract visitors to an area. The Korean War Memorial in Town Center Park is an example of how landscaping creates a solemn space for reflection. In contrast, the Town Center Park water feature is an active and engaging space for families and children that provides a much different experience than the memorial. Plantings can also demarcate public art to be more noticeable and dramatic, such as the roses near the horse sculpture at the corner of Town Center Park. Along streets and in plazas in Town Center, tree cover can reduce temperatures during the summer months to create a more pleasant pedestrian experience and a place people will want to stop and spend time. Landscaping also provides habitat for birds and other wildlife.

FOCUS ON STREET AND BUILDING FRONTAGES

Active street and building frontages are essential for creating a place that fosters social interaction, supports retail, and provides visual interest. The recommended Town Center Development Code requires that on retail streets, like the proposed Park Place extension, the frontages of new buildings clearly display goods and the activities happening inside buildings. Window transparency is important, but storefronts should also include detailed entrances that draw people along the street. Building facade details can include attractive door







handles, paved steps, inlays along walls, as well as built-in ledges and alcoves that provide shade and seating. Also, because Wilsonville is rainy many months of the year, weather protection such as awnings or roof projections is important over busy sidewalks to encourage people to walk all months of the year. In appropriate locations, vendors and food trucks can help further activate the space and create multi-use areas.

ACTIVATE PLAZAS

Urban plazas should be strategically located to provide an amenity for nearby residents as well as passersby. Plazas need nearby amenities such as retail that attracts people and makes them want to stay. The recommended Development Code for Town Center requires plazas for larger developments, but there are also opportunities to create "storefront plazas" in front of retail and restaurant spaces. Corner plazas could include informational signage, play sculptures, food and drink vendors, and bike racks. Focused programming and entertainment can be provided on smaller footprint spaces, while larger plazas, such as the Park Place Promenade, can accommodate larger temporary events such as farmers' markets and festivals.

INCORPORATE PUBLIC ART

Public art is something Wilsonville residents have discussed extensively throughout the public

- 1. Pedestrian scale lighting.
- Lighting incorporated into landscape features helps continue drawing visitors in colder months.
- 3. Public art can take many forms and create iconic features which build on the identity of a place.

engagement process. Town Center has some public art, such as "Apache" in Town Center Park. Artwork, ranging from sculptures to murals to structural elements, can have dramatic effects on the public realm. Art can serve as landmarks that create a sense of place and interactive features that enhance the experience of public spaces.

Ideally, sculptural works should be used in places where they can be touched, played on, climbed, and easily photographed. Sculptural public art can be located in high-use gathering areas or along streetscapes as tactile elements. These types of art features also pair well with seating areas, accent plantings, shade, water, transit stops, and busy retail spaces. Functional streetscape elements such as bollards can also be designed as sculptural elements, especially at high traffic locations. There is opportunity to do this at the Park Place/Courtside Drive intersection as well as along the promenades.

INCORPORATE WATER AND PLAY ELEMENTS

Like art and landscaping, water elements are most successful when clustered with other design elements to create sensorial and rich environments where people want to spend time. The water feature in Town Center Park is an excellent example of a water and play feature. The Town Center Plan bolsters this as an important gathering place by focusing development around the park and its features. The desire to play is universal

and ageless. Play does not need to be limited to designated playgrounds and parks. Natural play elements should be incorporated whenever possible, including climbable trees or rocks and water elements, among other interactive features. Small sculptural elements that are climbable are appropriate along retail streets. Along the promenades and Park Place extension, consider incorporating playful sculptural features and details into storefronts and building fronts within reach of young children.

USE MOVABLE FURNITURE WHEREVER POSSIBLE

Furniture in the public realm is a key component to activating spaces and providing comfort for a variety of different user groups. Furniture should be placed in highly desirable areas that offer multiple amenities to attract people. Seating and other furniture should not be isolated nor hidden. Wherever possible, furniture should be movable to provide flexibility and an opportunity for users of the space to make it their own provided the furniture still provides enough space for pedestrians. Movable seating and benches should be included in plazas and in front of businesses. Retail streets like the Park Place extension can offer a variety of seating types, including benches, clusters of movable chairs at key locations, steps and ledges to sit on, and even bollards that double as chairs. Fixed benches should be oriented

towards the most pleasant view of a space and should encourage people-watching and views of community activities. Along retail streets, benches should be oriented towards the sidewalk, either facing inwards from the curb, or with the back of the benches against the buildings.

PROVIDE ADEQUATE LIGHTING

Lighting features are critical to creating spaces that feel welcoming and safe, and can also be attractive design elements that create warmth and a depth of experience. Currently, areas of Town Center are not well lit, and visitors feel uncomfortable walking, particularly in the winter months when the days are short. Lighting should be carefully chosen to create an atmosphere that suits the aesthetic and functional needs of the specific location within Town Center. In general, light fixtures should be low to the ground (9 feet to 15 feet) to emphasize the pedestrian experience, and should be closely spaced to provide a continuous stream of light, particularly along paths. As much as possible, light bulbs should emit a warm light that minimizes glare for pedestrians. As a district, a consistent lighting style is important for branding Town Center as a unique location.

Landscaping can also incorporate lighting elements, such as integrated sidewalk lights and small white "bee" lights in trees (even outside the holiday season) bringing a twinkling sensation to a

plaza or streetscape. Buildings should have lighting around entrances, and interior retail displays can be lighted, adding vibrancy to commercial streets in the evening. Outdoor eating areas, such as patios, curbside seating, and food cart pods, can incorporate stringed lights overhead to create a warm and intimate environment.

PLACEMAKING PROJECTS IN TOWN CENTER

There are specific interventions identified within the Town Center Plan that will help create a place people want to congregate, work and live throughout the year. Placemaking is important for making Town Center a compelling destination for visitors and residents. Throughout the Town Center planning process, community members emphasized their desire for placemaking elements and programs. They voiced the experiences they want to have in Town Center and ideas for what they think will bring the area to life. The placemaking strategies summarized below come directly from the community.

Placemaking happens at a variety of scales. Many of the elements of the Town Center Plan will take time to implement. Streetscape, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, small plazas and public spaces are all placemaking elements that are incorporated into the Plan's proposed street designs, particularly

- 1. Cycle track with separation from traffic using bollards.
- Outdoor seating adds interest to the sidewalk and provides dining space.

for Park Place and Courtside Drive (see Appendix D for cross sections). The Development Code (see Appendix A) also includes requirements for plaza spaces and active building frontages.

In the interim, local businesses and landowners can implement low-cost programs to create temporary installations or activities that generate interest in Town Center. Effective placemaking often uses a "ground up" approach, with the City providing support or just allowing it to happen. Often, a local business association leads these types of placemaking interventions although cities can lead placemaking activities when and where appropriate. They can also be led by any active community member or business. Short-term and long-term interventions could include but are not limited to the following strategies. A couple of these projects will need to be City-led but the majority can be

implemented by community partners. The following placemaking strategies incorporate the best practice guidelines described above.

PM.1 Restripe Park Place and Courtside Drive

During the summer, test various options for future street layout using temporary road tape (similar to what was completed for the Town Center Main Street Popup in August 2018) to accommodate the two-way cycle track (see also Project IN.11 for the complete project description). This may require temporary removal of on-street parking near Town Center Park, but there is adequate right-of-way to add this project without requiring major street changes.

Estimated cost: Approximately \$5,000





PM.2 Host a Parklet Competition

Parklets are parking spaces that are temporarily or permanently repurposed to provide small seating areas in front of businesses. A parklet competition would be hosted by local businesses where they commit to constructing a parklet for a set amount of time (summer or fall is best). The City's role would be to assist with coordination of the event and provide parameters for parklet size and scale. The City would also require a temporary right-of-way use permit. This can also be business led, potentially through a local business organization or by the Chamber of Commerce, with City support. The City of Renton, WA, has done this successfully in their downtown and the City of Seattle has produced excellent parklet guidance

for their parklet program (temporary and permanent¹).

Estimated Cost: \$5,000-\$10,000 for advertising and staff time (businesses provide materials for and construct their own parklets).

PM.3 Provide Lunchtime Food Trucks near Town Center Park

Throughout the planning process, community members stressed the need for more food options in Town Center, particularly to serve Clackamas Community College and area businesses. While a permanent food cart pod is desired, in the short term, food trucks could be parked along Courtside Drive adjacent to Town Center Park or in the southern Town Center Park parking lot on a temporary

- 1. A single food truck that provides quick food options.
- 2. Temporary food cart pods provide more variety and economic development opportunities.
- 3. Gateway elements provide location identity.
- 4. Wayfinding elements help provide directions and brand a district.
- 5. Directional signs can also serve as art installations which reflect the character and identity of a place.





¹ http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/ SDOT/PublicSpaceManagement/Parklet_Handbook_ DIN_2017.pdf

basis to provide more food options. The City would likely need to coordinate this project initially, but in the future, it could be managed by a business organization.

Estimated Cost: \$5,000 for advertising

PM.4 Repurpose Parking Spaces Adjacent to Courtside Drive for a Semi-Permanent Food Cart Pod

While food carts are temporary in nature, they can quickly transform areas into much more active spaces. The Wilsonville community has also emphasized the importance of providing opportunities for creating new local businesses. Many successful restaurants have started as food carts, moving into brick and mortar locations over time. There are opportunities for small-scale, semi-permanent food cart pods in the south section of the

City-owned Town Center Park parking lot or the northern row of parking in the privately-owned Goodwill parking lot (some low shrubs would likely need to be removed to access the trucks). This location would require the owner to approve and/or partner to attract food carts and manage the development. The benefit of a semipermanent food cart pod is that visitors know it will be at a specific location as opposed to a temporary space where times/locations may be more intermittent and harder to plan a visit to the businesses.

Food carts are a quick win because they require little public capital or infrastructure to start. A built-out food cart pod may take longer to establish as it would be subject to the City's development review and permitting processes and would require infrastructure connections (primarily water



















and electric). Many jurisdictions in the Portland metropolitan area have developed food cart requirements to permit and manage this use. The City of Beaverton has recently developed food cart pods, and as a result, has established a management and permitting system.

Estimated Cost: Dependent on infrastructure needs. Typical food cart pods require water and electric to operate. Costs would be the landowner's responsibility.

PM.5 Implement Citywide Signage and Wayfinding Plan in Town Center

The Citywide Signage and Wayfinding plan is expected to be adopted in early 2019. As it relates to Town Center, wayfinding has been a topic many people have discussed throughout the planning process and will be particularly important as new multimodal connections are completed. Strong wayfinding can also help create a sense of place in Town Center by orienting people to destinations. As noted in Chapter 3 and the proposed Town Center Development Code (see Appendix A), fronting buildings to streets also improves business visibility and the ability to use signage more effectively.

Estimated Cost: TBD. Costs are being developed through the signage and wayfinding project.

PM.6 Create a Programming Plan

Wilsonville residents want a Town Center that is active with year-round events and activities. Developing a programming plan, potentially created by an Arts and Culture committee now being discussed by the City, is a focused way to expand offerings within Town Center, engaging businesses and residents in identifying specific types of events and activities they would like to see. Outcomes would be a list of existing and future events tied to parties responsible for implementation. The City of Burien business organization is an excellent example of a non-profit that partners with the City to program its town center.²

Estimated Cost: \$20,000 (for plan)

PM.7 Establish a Lunchtime Farmers Market in a Highly Visible Area of Town Center

Some businesses and residents suggested that Town Center is a prime location to host a lunchtime farmers market. Farmers

PHOTOS:

- 1. Flexible programmable space for lunch time events.
- 2. Pop-ups can provide fun activities throughout the year and are easily interchangeable.
- 3. Chalk art street festival are fun and easy to program.
- 4. Public art creates a sense of place and identity.
- 5. Farmers markets create connections between residents and farmers.
- 6. Festival street designed to be closed for farmers markets and other events.

2 https://www.discoverburien.org/







markets often have city support but are managed by a non-profit organization that coordinates with farmers, raises money, and provides marketing materials. Farmers markets range in size and complexity. The Milwaukie Sunday Farmers Market is an example of a successful market format for smaller communities.³

Estimated Cost: Dependent on the size and frequency of the market.

PM.8 Develop Town Center Transit Shelter Adoption Program

Bus stops and shelters on the existing and future Town Center road network provide opportunities to advertise local businesses as well as incorporate art into the stop/shelter. Many communities provide opportunities to sponsor stops or shelters, which can range from the name of a sponsoring business or organization on a bus shelter to more elaborate transit shelters that are designed and constructed specifically for a single district. Downtown Boise has installed several branded stations along some of its busier transit corridors.

PHOTOS:

1-3 Cohesive plant palettes, materials, design features and wayfinding elements create a unified district identity (Bell Street/Park in Seattle).

³ See http://celebratemilwaukie.org,

⁴ See Monterey-Salinas Transit https://mst.org/ about-mst/adopt-a-stop

All of these options provide more business visibility, and in the case of branded stops, provide specific identifiers for the district. The City will need to establish review and approval parameters for this type of program. The City should consider the viability of Town Center district-branded stations as part of the Streetscape Design Plan.

Estimated Cost: Dependent on sponsorship level. Costs can range from \$500 for bench sponsorship up to \$30,000 for specialized shelters, dependent on SMART/City approval.

PM.9 Develop a Streetscape Design Plan

There are a number of new roadway connections recommended in this Plan. There are four subdistricts in Town Center that will develop with different building scales and land uses. A palette of streetscape design features throughout these districts should tie all Town Center roadways together. This palette should be consistent with the community's preferred design types, which reflect a young city and the surrounding environment, including the Willamette River, with a preference for a more modern design and natural materials

such as stone, wood, brick, and glass. The Streetscape Design Plan should capture these sentiments and be developed prior to any major public infrastructure investment and should identify all major design elements of the streetscape, including benches and planters, paving materials, lighting, transit shelters, communications vaults, and landscaping, including street trees. The Streetscape Design Plan should coordinate with the Urban Forestry Management Plan (see Project PM. 10) to identify appropriate species, existing significant trees to protect, and street tree replacement. Low impact development measures should also be incorporated into the Streetscape Design Plan.

Estimated Cost: \$50,000

PM.10 Implement the Urban Forestry **Management Plan**

While not a project specific to Town Center, the Urban Forestry Management Plan will identify appropriate species for urban areas and significant trees in the community that should be protected. Within Town Center, the Urban Forestry Management Plan should identify trees that should be

protected, if possible, and incorporated into future development plans.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

The following are specific economic development actions and strategies, including funding and organizational strategies. These strategies specifically address needs identified by community members, businesses, and property owners through the planning process. The recommendations include concepts to support existing business and bolster economic activity within the Town Center. These concepts will need to be assessed further to determine the specific approaches that will best serve the Town Center, and an organizational lead—the City, community-based organizations, and/or a local business organization—should be identified for each strategy as soon as possible.

Strategic economic development in Town Center should focus on the organization, marketing and programming of the Town Center. There are several funding strategies and financial tools that could be employed to reduce financial gaps in private development and to help fund key public infrastructure projects. If successful, development projects will help advance the maximum return on initial investment and achieve the Town Center Vision and Goals. The City will need to work with businesses to ensure that the specific needs of

Town Center are represented while not duplicating existing economic development activities.

The City will work with the Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce and other business and service organizations as merited to address the shared interests and concerns of Town Center existing tenants. The objective is to create a strong, compelling Town Center that elevates the competitive advantage of the entire city.

Coordination and Advocacy Structure for Town Center Businesses

Businesses and stakeholders have identified the need to increase visibility and coordination between themselves to increase economic development opportunities. There are a range of programs and activities that can support economic development in Town Center. This type of programming is generally the responsibility of the private sector or a community organization. A private organization can help organize businesses and property owners (and potentially residents) to coordinate economic activities in Town Center. Such an organization could lead many actions, including but not limited to: marketing (developing materials, hosting a website, recruiting tenants,

business recruitment and retention, etc.), political advocacy (speaking with a unified voice regarding land use and policy issues), funding (grant writing, fundraising, etc.), coordinating events, and implementing the placemaking recommendations described in the previous section.

Due to the range of activities to be coordinated, the business organization should secure funding to hire a full-time staff person (executive director, for example) and to support on-going programs. Potential funding sources for the organization include:

- Fees paid for membership to the organization,
- Parking revenue⁵ from within the Town Center,
- Business or Economic Improvement District assessments (BID/EID) (see below), and
- Fundraising events, sponsorships, transient lodging taxes, and corporate donations.

For example, the City of Oregon City provided seed funding for the first few years during startup of its Downtown Association, so the organization could generate membership and secure long-term funding to support one staff position, gradually transitioning to having the businesses assuming increasingly greater responsibility.

ED.2 Business Improvement District or Economic Improvement District

A business improvement district (BID) is a special district where businesses and/or property owners are assessed a fee in order to generate revenue to support marketing, maintenance, security, beautification, and many other non-capital initiatives in the designated BID boundary, such as business retention or local business incubator programs. A BID can generate the funds to support the staffing of an organization charged with implementing these activities⁶ (e.g. a Town Center business organization as described above). BIDs are created by a petition of those who will be assessed, so it forms a strong linkage between

⁵ This may incentivize business to right-size and manage parking through pricing. The revenues can also be used to fund enforcement, which can be a function of the business district.

⁶ The City of McMinnville contracts the McMinnville Downtown Association to administer the funds collected on behalf of the Economic Improvement District (EID). As a 501c(6) non-profit, the association is able to utilize other funding sources to greatly reduce the cost of services to the district.

the services to be provided and the needs of those who will pay. An economic improvement district (EID) assesses commercial property owners instead of business owners. Both are flexible in the scale and formula for assessing fees (such as on business type, or parcel or building size). Either a BID or an EID could be appropriate in Town Center (but not both), depending on the cooperation and openness to the idea from either business owners or property owners.⁷

If a BID or EID is coupled with a tax-increment financing (TIF) district—or some other revenue generating mechanism, such as a special assessment or fee district—there are often opportunities to capture the value of redevelopment and increases in land value within the Town Center. In these districts, some of the funds generated could also be directed to funding activities within the BID. These funds may also be used for transportation purposes. Often, a transportation-oriented BID is established to serve as a Transportation Management Association

(TMA). TMAs are public/private partnerships formed so that employers, developers, building owners, and government entities can work collectively to establish policies, programs, and services to address local transportation issues and foster economic development.

ED.3 Consider the Feasibility of the Oregon Main Street Program

The Oregon Main Street Program works with communities to develop comprehensive, incremental redevelopment strategies based on a community's unique assets, character, and heritage. The Main Street program is known for connecting business and property owners with residents and elected leaders, and creating organizations that take action on issues such as marketing and promotion, district maintenance, events, and other issues, something many community members have expressed interest in for Town Center, Local Main Street organizations can be very effective partners - with cities - to implement Town Center visions. The program offers technical assistance and training, and participants have direct access to grants to fund various

⁷ An EID is often an easier structure to put into place because there are usually fewer property owners than business owners and it is often difficult to track down business ownership information.

projects.8 Many of Oregon's downtown or town center associations are also enrolled in the Main Street Program. Examples in the region include the Hillsboro Downtown Partnership, the Newberg Downtown Coalition, the McMinnville Downtown Association, and Main Street Oregon City. The organizations tend to be made up of local business owners and residents and focus on day-to-day, incremental improvements, while city government focuses on larger and longer-term projects, including major capital projects. If an organization emerges to support Town Center businesses, this group should engage the City and the Oregon Main Street Program in the early stages of its creation in order to identify critical eligibility components of the organization and to assess the viability of the Oregon Main

Clackamas County also has a Main Street program that assists local jurisdictions in visualizing future development, which could be used for the Town Center promenade or main street.

projects that encourage economic revitalization.

Street Program designation for the future main street in Town Center.

ED.4 Business Retention and Location Assistance

Throughout the planning process, community members emphasized the importance of programs focused on business retention and providing location assistance for prospective tenants or relocation support to existing businesses needing to find new spaces due to redevelopment in Town Center. Both the Business Improvement District and Main Street Program have the potential to provide these services. Organizations and programs such as these can also help businesses in the Town Center with programming and marketing. The City may also look to implement a program that focuses on building social capital and furthering equity initiatives, similar to Prosper Portland's Affordable Commercial Tenanting Program, which provides affordable commercial spaces in the Lents Town Center. The program seeks to assist underrepresented businesses, preserve the vitality of small businesses, provide business development opportunities that in turn offer needed goods and services to the

⁸ The Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant
Program received \$5 million included in a lottery bond
bill (SB 5530) during the 2017 legislative session. These
funds will be available to Oregon Main Street Network
organizations in the spring of 2019 to fund building

community, and advance the agency's goal to build an equitable economy. Prosper Portland has implemented the program in buildings they own but has also incentivized developers to provide below-market rents via some financial incentives and development agreements on land Prosper Portland owns.

This program has been 20 years in the making and required Prosper Portland to create an urban renewal district, purchase property, fund and build buildings, and invest significant resources. Wilsonville may take similar actions and invest its resources to get a similar product to Lents. Lower cost actions may include implementing a Facade Improvement and Development Opportunity Study (DOS) program as described below.

ED.5 Development Opportunity Study (DOS) Program

A DOS is typically a municipal program used to assist property owners in evaluating redevelopment potential on their existing properties by providing technical assistance to evaluate development options.

Assistance can include market analyses, design studies, infrastructure analysis,

and financial analysis. This program will generate interest from property owners in the Town Center in evaluating development. The goal of each study is to quickly test the feasibility of redevelopment before property owners have to take more extensive and expensive steps such as hiring an architect and generating architectural renderings, conducting traffic impact and environmental studies, and paying any early project fees, as well as the general time and expense associated with establishing the feasibility of a potential project. The time frame for completing a DOS for a specific property should be a matter of weeks.

Many property owners are not developers themselves and lack the expertise to evaluate possible redevelopment options. Technical assistance can help owners determine whether redevelopment is feasible and under what conditions. These preliminary analyses serve several purposes. First, they give initial confidence to owners that it is worthwhile to pursue further predevelopment activities. Second, they help generate interest in development by illustrating redevelopment concepts, documenting market information, and

introducing potential developers to property owners. Finally, the site studies can inform other Town Center project actions such as streetscape or infrastructure improvements by establishing which areas of the Town Center carry the greatest opportunity for investment from a private perspective. Public improvements can then be more appropriately phased, targeting areas where investment is expected earlier.

ED.6 Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Wilsonville may enter into PPPs with property owners open to redevelopment in the Town Center in order to bring about private investment and development that helps to achieve the Town Center Vision (e.g. adding ground floor commercial space with frontages that open onto sidewalks, and mixed-use development).

These property owners might include ROIC or Fry's Electronics. The City's role could include working with property owners to define a vision for the properties, undertaking land acquisition, developing parking, constructing infrastructure and roads, assisting with streetscape improvements, or conducting planning or studies on the site. Such incentives

should only be offered to the extent they are likely to be matched by private efforts and investments. The exact city role will ultimately be dependent on the specific vision or plan for the property. In return, the City may ask or require that property owners and developers build projects that provide community benefits that have been identified in the Town Center Plan, such as Main Street mixed-use buildings, open space, or affordable housing. Investment in Town Center will begin to fulfill the vision of the Plan and generate property tax revenue and impact fee revenue as well as increase property values. If established in this area, this value increase can be captured through TIF or another funding mechanism to be reinvested in the Town Center.

ED.7 Urban Renewal Feasibility Study and Plan

As the City closes existing Urban Renewal Areas, its Urban Renewal Board should conduct a feasibility study to determine whether and how Urban Renewal can be implemented in the Town Center. Some of the considerations for the feasibility study include working with other jurisdictions and taxing districts to attain approval, estimating future investment in the district



and district debt capacity. The Board should also consider both site-specific TIF Zones and Urban Renewal Areas during the feasibility study. If the Board approves the creation of a district, the Town Center should be established as a priority area where expenditures can be focused in concentrated bursts in order to leverage private investment, create a stronger visual impact, and generate more market momentum. Although urban renewal expenditures can be made anywhere within a district, if they are not focused and deliberate, it is possible to dilute the impact of urban renewal by spreading resources too thinly across a wide area.

Local Improvement District (LID) ED.8

LIDs are special districts where private property owners pay an assessment to finance shared capital infrastructure projects such as utilities or streetscapes which benefit a specifically-identified district. LIDs enable the public and private sectors to share the cost of needed infrastructure and to finance it over long-term bond repayments with low interest rates, rather than paying up front. Thus, they could be used to build out various streets and other capital

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1. Programs that offer tax exemptions for mixed-use buildings with vertical housing have been successful in incentivizing development.

improvements described in the Plan. LIDs must be supported by local property owners through an official vote since they are partially or wholly supported by an additional tax assessment within the directly affected area.

In the context of Town Center, infrastructure improvements that could be paid for by a LID and that would benefit surrounding property owners could include streetscape improvements, new street construction, lighting, parks and open space improvements, and other capital projects where property owners paying the LID assessment would benefit from increased property values and redevelopment opportunities. LIDs are most frequently used in new development areas where no infrastructure exists, although there are examples where it has been used in a downtown setting (Portland's transit mall and the Portland Streetcar are two examples). The Town Center Loop was initially constructed in part because of a LID.

Infrastructure Finance Study

This study would help the City determine how public projects—such as infrastructure

investments—would be funded and what tools or incentives could or should be implemented. In-depth studies are important since some tools and incentives can be counterproductive in locations with weaker market conditions. Potential tools to study include TIF, a LID, federal programs such as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program, municipal bonds, and supplemental fees, which are one-time fees payable to the city for new development and would create revenue which could be used for various infrastructure projects specifically within Town Center.

ED.10 Vertical Housing Development Zone (VHDZ)

This program would offer a financial incentive to stimulate targeted construction of vertical mixed-use buildings in the Wilsonville Town Center by offering property tax exemptions to developers. The tax exemption is typically 20 percent per equalized floor of residential use (up to 80 percent) for up to 10 years for eligible projects. An additional property tax exemption on the land may be given if some or all of the residential housing is for low-income persons (80 percent of area

median income or below). Often, eligibility includes projects that offer one or more "public benefits." Successful programs in Oregon include Salem's Multi Unit Housing Tax Incentive Program (MUHTIP) and Portland's Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption (MULTE) Program. This program was modeled in the Development Feasibility Analysis conducted for the Town Center, which demonstrated its positive impact on project feasibility for mixed-use housing projects (see Appendix C).

ED.11 Multiple-Unit Limited Tax **Exemption Program (HB 2377)**

In addition to the Vertical Housing Development Zone, the State passed House Bill 2377 in 2017. This legislation authorizes cities and counties to adopt an ordinance granting a property tax exemption to newly rehabilitated or constructed qualified multi-unit rental housing which is affordable to households at 120 percent of area median income or less. The bill allows a full (100 percent) property tax exemption for up to 10 consecutive years. Therefore, HB 2377 enables cities to offer greater tax abatement incentives to affordable housing projects.

ED.12 Opportunity Zones and **Opportunity Funds**

The Town Center is located within a designated Opportunity Zone. The Opportunity Zone Program was established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, with designations made in 2018 and offer investors a frictionless way to reinvest capital gains into qualified low-income census tracts in exchange for a graduated series of incentives tied to long-term holdings. It is specifically designed to channel more equity capital into overlooked markets. EIG, a public policy organization, estimates that the program offers long-term investors a 3.0 percent higher rate of return annualized after taxes than a comparable investment outside the program. This is statistically significant and would most likely be the difference between a project being feasible and not feasible in the Wilsonville Town Center.

The City will need investors to invest in an Opportunity Fund. Many cities are taking proactive steps to let investors know about potential investment opportunities. Specifically, the City can:

- 1. Smart buses and shuttles at the Wilsonville Transit Center.
- 2. Prominent bike parking makes non-auto options more visible.

- Design and market an "Investment Prospectus" to showcase the assets and projects in a city's Opportunity Zones.
- Convene community and business leaders to develop strategic plans that couple public priorities with the private investment.
- Create a City opportunity fund in partnership with existing national or local financial institutions⁹.
- Identify a point person or agency to play a coordinating/support role to connect investors and local needs.

ED.13 Other Grant and Tax Credit Programs

There are other grant and loan programs available at the regional (Metro), state, and federal levels. These include Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods, Transit Oriented Development (TOD), Placemaking Grants and Regional Travel Options programs and the federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), as well as any future one-time stimulus programs initiated by the federal government. Availability of these grants and programs varies.





⁹ see www.thenewlocalism.com/newsletter/how-citiesmaximize-opportunity-zones, which describes how cities can use this funding opportunity.

TRANSIT INVESTMENTS

The Wilsonville community voiced their desire for expanded and more frequent transit service in and to Town Center. Public transportation provides access to commerce, employment, and other key destinations and is an important multimodal element to ensure that everyone can move freely while also reducing traffic congestion and air pollution. Transit can also play a large role in economic vitality by providing access to services and businesses in Town Center. Transit also creates an environment that allows for random encounters and active lifestyles that is important for achieving the vision for Town Center as the hub and heart of Wilsonville, which is a compelling, vibrant, and active place for people to gather.

South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) provides transit service in Wilsonville. SMART service is free for trips within Wilsonville and also

provides access to important intercity commuter destinations such as Salem and Tualatin. SMART is continuously looking for opportunities to serve transit users and has recently updated its Transit Master Plan (2017), which provides strategic direction for the future of the transit system. This section summarizes the relevant implementation measures contained in the 2017 Transit Master Plan.

The Town Center Vision and Goals call for an array of transportation options to, from, and within Town Center that augment one another to provide a complete transportation system. This is also a critical goal for SMART because every rider is also a pedestrian or cyclist before and after they ride the bus. For SMART, transportation options should encourage residents of Wilsonville to access services in Town Center; residents of Town Center to commute outside of Town Center; employees of





Town Center a commute option; and visitors from outside of Wilsonville to easily access Town Center.

The following transit strategies and investments, in combination with other actions outlined in the City's 2017 Transit Master Plan, should be implemented to achieve these goals and support the viability of the future Town Center.

TR.1 Implement Regulatory Actions and Infrastructure Investments

A key component of successful public transportation systems are the land use development decisions that shape the environment in which transit functions. SMART supports Metro's 2018 Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies land use development that is friendly to multimodal transportation options and contains the following design elements and characteristics: high density, small blocks, grid system, mixed-use, wide sidewalks, slow moving traffic, well-marked intersections, bicycle parking, buildings and entrances fronting the street, and limited and fee-based parking. With the redevelopment of Town Center, opportunities to infuse transportationfriendly land use designs through the regulatory actions and infrastructure

investments outlined in the Plan can help create a space where people, not cars, are prioritized and transit options thrive. All of these guidelines are incorporated into the new Town Center Development Code Amendments (Appendix A).

TR.2 Improve Transit Connections

Transit service was discussed early on in the public engagement process. Many people said they want to take transit, but headways and limited evening and/or weekend service make it difficult to get where they need to be at the right time. Also, the lack of adequate lighting and direct pedestrian connections to the stations in some places make people feel unsafe walking to the bus. Improvements recommended in the Town Center Plan and the 2017 Transit Master Plan are addressing many of these concerns by improving the multi-modal network and:

- Supporting bike infrastructure such as covered bike-parking, repair stations, and docked bike share near transit stops;
- Positioning bus stops at popular destinations to reduce last mile travel;
- Considering the possibility of allowing bus access (or another viable transit connection) over the future I-5 bike/

- 1. Bicycle hub for repair services, rentals and secure parking.
- Small scale, self-driving shuttles are already being used in some areas.

- pedestrian bridge to connect to the Wilsonville Transit Center: and
- Working with private companies such as Via, Scoop, Lime, Uber, and Lyft to promote carpool, e-scooters, etc. when public transit is not an option.

Transit Infrastructure Unique to Town Center

The 2017 Transit Master Plan will support the Town Center Vision as a place that is compelling, unique to Wilsonville and a hub of activity. SMART is a local transit agency that can be flexible and nimble and will consider the feasibility of and invest in unique transit infrastructure for Town Center, including:

- Visually unique vehicles such as a trolley or small, 8-12 person shuttle for transit service;
- New technologies such as autonomous and/or electric vehicles;
- Branded transit shelters (see project PM-8);
- Differentiating public transit lanes from other traffic with painted color or symbols; and,

 Vehicles with internal layout designs that support families sitting as a group and have an open feel so that Town Center destinations are visible.

Increase Transit Service Over Time **TR.4**

Providing a robust level of service to make transit use more convenient is important for achieving the Town Center Vision. As development occurs in Town Center, SMART will evaluate service changes that could include the following service provisions:

- Higher service frequencies so wait times for the bus are minimal:
- Coordinating transit connections for faster transfers;
- Identifying activity centers and have higher levels of service in those locations;
- Ensuring bus access during large community events in Town Center;
- Working with other City staff to identify and construct a centralized bus hub;
- Providing circulators that shuttle people around Town Center; and
- Exploring enhanced transit corridor designs such as transit signal priority.

TR.5 Improve Transit Accessibility

Wilsonville residents voiced concerns that today's transit service is not easily accessible because of the lack of pedestrian connections. The Town Center Plan addresses this concern through an extensive package of multimodal improvements as well as recommendations for additional lighting and bus shelter adoption programs (see Project PM.8). To improve accessibility and ease of use, SMART will work with other City departments to complete the following:

- Coordinate with the citywide wayfinding program to post wayfinding signage to bus stops and centers;
- Install real-time arrival displays, live bus tracking, and information kiosks to make transit information easily accessible;
- Ensure ADA accessibility with proper curb cuts and ample sidewalk space with transit stops;
- Provide safe transit amenities such as all-weather shelters that are well lit; and
- Maintain a fare free system so money is not a barrier to transit use.

SMART is an integral component of a comprehensive multimodal system in Town

Center. As Town Center develops over time with more residents and employees, efficient and frequent transit service coupled with pedestrian and bicycle amenities that make it safe and easy for people to access the transit system will create an environment where not relying on a car to get around is a viable option.

ACRONYMS, DEFINITIONS, AND POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

ACRONYM/SYMBOL/TITLE	DEFINITION/FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE)
BID	Business Improvement District
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
К	Thousands (dollars)
LID	Local Improvement District
М	Millions (dollars)
N/A	Not Applicable
TBD	To Be Determined
TGM	Transportation Growth Management
SDCs	Systems Development Charges
SMART	South Metro Area Transit
SF	Supplemental Fees
PRIVATE	Private Development/Funding
TIF	Tax Increment Financing
MEMBERSHIP	Membership Dues to an Organization

ACTION NUMBER	SUMMARY	ESTIMATED COST	SHORT (1-5 YRS.)	MED. (6-10 YRS.)	LONG (11-20 YRS.)	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERS	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES	
REGULATORY ACTIONS								
RA.1	Amend the Wilsonville Comprehensive Plan within the Town Center Plan boundary to Town Center, a new Comprehensive Plan designation.	N/A	X			City	City	
RA.2	Amend the Wilsonville Development Code to include a new Town Center (TC) Zoning District with new Site and Building Design Standards.	N/A	Х			City	City	
RA.3	Modify parking requirements within Town Center, including parking ratios and location.	N/A	Х			City	City	
RA.4	Amend Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCRs) to address inconsistencies with the recommendations in the Town Center Plan.	N/A	Х			Private/City	City	
RA.5	Update the City of Wilsonville Transportation System Plan (TSP), Capital Improvement Plans, and Parks and Recreation Master Plan to incorporate new projects	N/A	Х			City	City	
INFRAST	RUCTURE INVESTMENTS							
IN.1	I-5 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge and Gateway	\$10.8m (bridge) \$1.5m (gateway)	X	X		City/ ODOT (bridge)/ Private (gateway)	LID, SDCs, SF, City, TIF, Private, Grants	
IN.2	Park Place Redesign (Town Center Loop to northern edge of Town Center Park)	\$4.4m		Χ		City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private	
IN.3	Park Place Redesign (Town Center Park to Courtside Drive)	\$3.7m	X	Χ		City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private	

TABLE 5.1 CONT. IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

ACTION NUMBER	SUMMARY	ESTIMATED COST	SHORT (1-5 YRS.)	MED. (6-10 YRS.)	LONG (11-20 YRS.)	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERS	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
INFRAST	RUCTURE INVESTMENTS CONT.						
IN.4	Park Place Extension (Courtside Drive to Wilsonville Road)	\$6.3m	X	X		City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
IN.5	Courtside Drive Improvements (Park Place to Town Center Loop E)	\$7.9m		X	X	City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
	Courtside Drive CYCLE TRACK ONLY (Park Place to Town Center Loop E)	\$78k	X			City	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF
IN.6	Courtside Drive Extension (Park Place East to Town Center Loop W)	\$6.6m		X	X	City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
IN.7	Wilsonville Road Intersection Modifications (occurs after IN.4)	\$1.8m		X	X	City/ODOT/ Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
IN.8	Town Center Loop W Modifications	\$207k		Х	Х	City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
IN.9	Local Road Network	N/A	Х	Х	Х	Private/City	Private
IN.10	Park Place Promenade Redesign	\$2.4m		X	X	City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
IN.11	Two-way cycle tracks– Segment 1: Bike/Pedestrian Bridge to Town Center Park)	\$75k	X	X		City	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF
	Segment 3: Town Center Park to Town Center Loop E (Courtside Drive Segment).	\$78k	X	Х		City	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF
	Segment 4: Town Center Loop E to Wilsonville Rd)	\$51k	Х	Х		City	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF
IN.12	Promenade	\$1.8m		X		Private/City	Private, LID, SDCs, SF, TIF
IN.13	Town Center Skatepark	\$800k		X		City	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF

ACTION NUMBER	SUMMARY	ESTIMATED COST	SHORT (1-5 YRS.)	MED. (6-10 YRS.)	LONG (11-20 YRS.)	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERS	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
INFRAST	RUCTURE INVESTMENTS CONT.					'	'
IN.14	Domestic Water Improvement Costs	\$11.2m	X	X	X	City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
	Sanitary Sewer Improvement Costs	\$10m	X	X	X	City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
	Storm Water Sewer Improvements Costs	\$26.2m	X	X	X	City/Private	LID, SDCs, SF, TIF, Private
PARKING	STRATEGIES						
PA.1	Develop a Town Center Parking Management Plan	\$50k		Х		City/Private	City, TGM
PA.2	Parking Reductions for Specific Types of Projects	N/A	X	Х	Х	City	City
PA.3	Encourage Off-site Parking	N/A		Х		City/Private	City, Private
PA.4	Unbundle Parking	N/A	X	Х	Х	City/Private	City, Private
PA.5	Managing On-Street Parking Supply	TBD		Х	Х	City/Private	City, Private
PA.6	Centralized, Structured Parking	\$8m-\$10m		X	X	Private/City	Private, TIF, SDCs, LID, SF
PLACE M	AKING STRATEGIES						
PM.1	Restripe Park Place and Courtside Drive (priority)	\$5k	X			City	City
PM.2	Host a Parklet Competition	\$5k-\$10k	X			City/Private	BID, City, Private
PM.3	Provide lunchtime food trucks near Town Center Park (priority)	\$5k	X			BID/City	BID, City
PM.4	Repurpose Parking Spaces Adjacent to Courtside Drive for a semi-permanent Food Cart Pod	TBD	X	Х		Private/City	Private party
PM.5	Implement Citywide Signage and Wayfinding Plan in Town Center	TBD	X	X	X	City	City, BID

TABLE 5.1 CONT. IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

ACTION NUMBER	SUMMARY	ESTIMATED COST	SHORT (1-5 YRS.)	MED. (6-10 YRS.)	LONG (11-20 YRS.)	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY/ PARTNERS	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
PLACE N	IAKING STRATEGIES CONT.						
PM.6	Create a Programming Plan	\$20k		X		BID/City	BID, City
PM.7	Establish a lunchtime farmers market in highly visible areas of Town Center	TBD		X		BID/Farmers market organization/City	BID, City
PM.8	Develop Town Center Transit Shelter Adoption Program	ТВО		X	X	City/BID	BID, SMART
PM.9	Develop a Streetscape Design Plan (priority)	\$50k	Х			City	City, TGM
PM.10	Implement the Urban Forestry Management Plan	TBD	X			City	City
ECONON	IIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES						
ED.1	Coordination and Advocacy Structure to Promote Town Center Businesses	N/A	X	X	X	BID/City/ Chamber/ Private	Membership, BID, Parking fees, City
ED.2	Consider establishing a Business Improvement District or Economic Improvement District	TBD	X	X		BID/City	Membership, BID, TIF, City
ED.3	Consider the feasibility of the Oregon Main Street Program	TBD		Х		BID/City/Oregon Main Street	BID, Grants, Membership, City
ED.4	Business Retention and Location Assistance	TBD		Х		City/Private	BID, TIF, Private
ED.5	Development Opportunity Study Program	\$10-20k per study	Х	Х	X	City/Private	City, Private
ED.6	Form Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to Catalyze Development	TBD	Х	Х	X	City/Private	City, Private
ED.7	Conduct an Urban Renewal Feasibility Study and Plan	\$35k		Х		City	City

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ECONOM	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES CONT.							
ED.8	Facilitate the Creation of a Local Improvement District (LID)	TBD		Χ		City/Private	City, Tax assessments	
ED.9	Conduct a Development Finance Study	\$30k	Х			City	City	
ED.10	Consider adopting a Vertical Housing Development Zone (VHDZ)	N/A	X	Х	×	City	City	
ED.11	Multiple Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program	N/A	Х	X	Х	City	City	
ED.12	Opportunity Zones and Opportunity Funds (OZ)	TBD		X		City/Private	Private	
ED.13	Other Grant and Tax Credit Programs	N/A	X	X	X	Private/City	Non-profits, foundations, government	
TRANSIT	INVESTMENTS							
TR.1	Implement Regulatory Actions and Infrastructure Investments	TBD	X	X	X	City	SMART	
TR.2	Improve Transit Connections	TBD	Х	X	Х	City/Private	SMART, Private	
TR.3	Transit Infrastructure Unique to Town Center	TBD		X	X	City/Private	SMART, Private	
TR.4	Increase Transit Service Over Time	TBD	X	X	Х	City	SMART	
TR.5	Improve Transit Accessibility	TBD	Х	Х	X	City/Private	SMART, Private	

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