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CASE FILE: 2023-01-CPA

DATE DLCD GIVEN FORM 1 NOTICE: September 29, 2023

DATE APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION: November 2, 2023

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: December 6, 2023

STAFF REPORT

Ordinance No. 2023-xx Comprehensive Plan Amendment and TSP Adoption

A. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN HISTORY

1. Wheeler's Current Transportation System Plan (TSP) was adopted in 2001. A new plan was developed in May of 2023 by Fehr & Peers and is now being considered for adoption along with amendments to Goal 12 of the Comprehensive Plan.
2. A TSP documents existing transportation infrastructure, identifies transportation improvements that will be needed in the future, identifies high priority projects, defines what the community wants, and identifies potential funding sources.
3. The new Nehalem Bay Transportation System Plan was created with input from community members that was gathered through a Planning Advisory Committee and a series of online and in-person open houses that were open to all community members.

Community Touchpoint #1 – provided an opportunity for community members to share their issues and concerns with travel in the region and provide feedback on the Goals and Objectives.

Community Touchpoint #2 – provide an opportunity for participants to review the draft project list and included community conversations which provided an opportunity to share feedback directly with the project team.

Community Touchpoint #3 – provided an opportunity for community members to help identify high priority projects included in the TSP.

4. Goals of the TSP include a focus on quality of life, creating safe connections, planning for the future, supporting fiscal responsibility, creating more travel options, and enhancing economic vibrancy.
5. Volume 4 of the Nehalem Bay TSP is specific to the City of Wheeler and identifies 25 transportation infrastructure projects including near, medium, and long-term projects.

B. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT HISTORY

1. The Planning Commission met with the City Planner at their regular meeting on September 7, 2023 and discussed amending the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate goals from the new TSP.

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2. The Nehalem Bay Transportation System Plan Technical Memo #12 included recommended amendments to Goal 12 of Wheeler's Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission incorporated these suggestions into their draft Goal 12 Comprehensive Plan amendment.
3. The draft Comprehensive Plan amendment was submitted to the Department of Land Conservation and Development on September 29, 2023 as required.
3. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 2, 2023, and approved the draft Goal 12 Comprehensive Plan amendment. It now goes before City Council for final adoption by ordinance.

C. CONCLUSIONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends that City Council pass an ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan Goal 12 amendments and adopting the Nehalem Bay Transportation System Plan Volume 4 as Wheeler's Transportation System Plan, rescinding the prior TSP from 2001.

Submitted by,

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Enclosures:

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Nehalem Bay Transportation System Plan Volume 4 - Wheeler

Nehalem Bay Transportation System Plan Technical Memos