



# CITY OF MILWAUKIE

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers  
10501 SE Main Street  
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February 25, 2025

**Present:** Jacob Sherman, Chair  
Joseph Edge, Vice Chair  
Tina Fuenmayor

**Staff:** Ryan Dyar, Associate Planner  
Jennifer Garbely, City Engineer  
Laura Weigel, Planning Manager

**Absent:** Leesa Gratreak  
Max Penneck

**Consultant:** Matt Hugar, Kittelson & Associates

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### 1.0 Call to Order — Procedural Matters\*

**Chair Sherman** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., read the conduct of meeting format into the record, and Native Lands Acknowledgment.

**Note:** The information presented constitutes summarized minutes only. The meeting video is available by clicking the Video link at <http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/meetings>.

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### 2.0 Planning Commission Minutes

No information was presented for this portion of the meeting.

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### 3.0 Information Items

No information was presented for this portion of the meeting.

(00:12:59)

### 4.0 Audience Participation

No information was presented for this portion of the meeting.

(00:13:39)

### 5.0 Work Session Items

(00:13:44)

#### 5.1 Transportation System Plan Update

Staff provided a comprehensive overview of the Transportation System Plan (TSP), focusing on identifying and addressing gaps in the city's transportation network to improve safety, connectivity, and accessibility for all users.

**Vice Chair Edge** raised concerns about the Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (BLTS) rating for Lake Road, asserting that it should not be classified as a BLTS 1 due to the lack of protection and high traffic counts. **Chair Sherman** and **Commissioner Fuenmayor** agreed, noting that certain sections of Lake Road, particularly between Oatfield and 35th, feel narrower and more stressful. The discussion highlighted the limitations of the BLTS methodology, which primarily considers bike lane width and speed limits. The Commission suggested re-evaluating the BLTS rating for Lake Road, potentially reassigning it a score of BLTS 2.

The Commission discussed the importance of considering sidewalk conditions and the presence of barriers when evaluating Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress (PLTS). **Fuenmayor** emphasized the need to account for the lack of sidewalks and the impact on pedestrian safety. The discussion also touched on the methodology for assessing PLTS and the desire for a more nuanced approach.

The Commission reviewed the priority focus areas, including schools, parks, grocery stores, and underserved land uses. **Chair Sherman** suggested extending the school walk shed from a quarter mile to a mile to better reflect the reality of students walking to school. Staff responded that extending the walk shed to a quarter mile would likely cover the entire city thereby making it difficult to prioritize projects. The Commission acknowledged the challenges of identifying underserved populations due to data limitations and discussed using land uses as a proxy.

The Commission discussed the proposed multimodal functional classification maps for pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and freight. **Vice Chair Edge** and **Chair Sherman** raised concerns about the prioritization of different modes and the need for a more qualitative approach. The Commission emphasized the importance of providing high-quality connections across barriers such as railroads and highways.

The Commission provided feedback on the evaluation criteria for prioritizing projects and discussed the importance of aligning projects with the city's comprehensive plan goals.

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#### **6.0 Community Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC)**

**Weigel** let the commission know they will be receiving an overview of the CIAC at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

(03:05:07)

#### **7.0 Planning Department/Planning Commission Other Business/Updates**

**Chair Sherman** shared that the commission would be holding their officer elections at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Chair Sherman** noted that there is an Oregon government ethics public meeting law training also on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

(03:05:25)

**8.0 Forecast for Future Meetings**

March 11, 2025,	Hearing Item: MLP-2025-001
March 25, 2025,	Canceled (Spring Break)
April 8, 2025,	Work Session: Joint meeting with NDA's Planning Commission Land Use Training

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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