

Information Item 6.b. 18-10
Planning Commission Decision CPC-ZC17-07
1200 Block of River Bend Road NW – 97304

The Salem Planning Commission decision regarding River Bend does not address State of Oregon Land Use Planning Goal 12 – Transportation and SRC 220.005(f)(3)(B) negative impacts to the transportation system are mitigated adequately.

This action (an application to change the Comprehensive Plan Map including a zoning map change) under OAR 660-012-0060 (1) requires the local government (City of Salem) to make specific findings. This has not been done. The record does not include that the local government has made findings per OAR 660-012-0060 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c) (A), (1)(c) (B), nor (1)(c) (C).

As the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has commissioned studies for this transportation facility (HWY 221 Wallace Road NW) affected by this propose action, and ODOT has reported in 2012 that this affected transportation facility does not, and is projected to not, meet performance standards identified in the Salem TSP or Comprehensive Plan OAR 660-012-0060 (1)(c)(C); said transportation facility is and will be significantly impacted by this proposed action and decision of the Salem Planning Commission.

This Salem Planning Commission decision does not make findings on how the proposed action to allow 1,083 vehicles per day from this site onto an existing transportation facility will meet performance standards and not have a significant impact. The reliance on a trip cap of 1,083 vehicles per day is inadequate in and of itself; it does not meet the findings requirement required under OAR 660-012-0060 (1), nor the mitigation requirements of OAR 660-012-0060 (2) and SRC 220.005(f)(3)(B). In fact, the addition of vehicle trips onto a transportation facility not meeting performance standards is a significant impact and must be mitigated [OAR 660-012-0060 (1) and OAR 660-012-0060 (2) and SRC 220.005(f)(3)(B)]. Furthermore, this decision does not address how these 1,083 vehicles per day will affect a change to a functional classification of a planned transportation facility OAR 660-012-0060 (1)(a), for example Marine Drive.

This decision (and subsequent actions) will significantly affect the transportation facility, and per OAR 660-012-0060 (1), the local government “must put in place measures as provided in section (2) of this rule” to mitigate impacts. No such analysis, action, or findings are part of this Salem Planning Commission decision.

Therefore, the decision of the Salem Planning Commission in this matter is requested to be called up by the Salem City Council because:

- Its failure to comply with State of Oregon Land Use Planning Goal 12 – Transportation, specifically OAR-660-012-0060 (1) and OAR 660-012-0060 (2)
- SRC 220.005(f)(3)(B) negative impacts to the transportation system are mitigated adequately

Respectfully;

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