

Transportation Planning Rule (TPR)

0060 - Plan and Land Use Regulation Amendments

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① Where an amendment to a functional plan, an acknowledged comprehensive plan, or a land use regulation would *significantly affect* an existing or planned transportation facility, the local government shall put in place measures as provided in section (2) of this rule to assure that allowed land uses are consistent with the identified function, capacity, and performance standards (e.g. level of service, volume to capacity ratio, etc.) of the facility. A plan or land use regulation amendment *significantly affects* a transportation facility if it would:

- (a) Change the functional classification of an existing or planned transportation facility (exclusive of correction of map errors in an adopted plan);
- (b) Change standards implementing a functional classification system; or
- (c) As measured at the end of the planning period identified in the adopted transportation system plan:
 - (A) Allow land uses or levels of development that would result in types or levels of travel or access that are inconsistent with the functional classification of an existing or planned transportation facility;
 - (B) Reduce the performance of an existing or planned transportation facility below the minimum acceptable performance standard identified in the TSP or comprehensive plan; or
 - (C) Worsen the performance of an existing or planned transportation facility that is otherwise projected to perform below the minimum acceptable performance standard identified in the TSP or comprehensive plan.

② Where a local government determines that there would be a *significant effect*, compliance with section (1) shall be accomplished through one or a combination of the following:

- (a) Adopting measures that demonstrate allowed land uses are consistent with the planned function, capacity, and performance standards of the transportation facility.
- (b) Amending the TSP or comprehensive plan to provide transportation facilities, improvements or services adequate to support the proposed land uses consistent with the requirements of this division; such amendments shall include a funding plan or mechanism consistent with section (4) or include an amendment to the transportation finance plan so that the facility, improvement, or service will be provided by the end of the planning period.
- (c) Altering land use designations, densities, or design requirements to reduce demand for automobile travel and meet travel needs through other modes.
- (d) Amending the TSP to modify the planned function, capacity or performance standards of the transportation facility.
- (e) Providing other measures as a condition of development or through a development agreement or similar funding method, including transportation system management measures, demand management or minor transportation improvements. Local governments shall as part of the amendment specify when measures or improvements provided pursuant to this subsection will be provided.

③ Notwithstanding sections (1) and (2) of this rule, a local government may approve an amendment that would *significantly affect* an existing transportation facility without assuring that the allowed land uses are consistent with the function, capacity and performance standards of the facility where:

- (a) The facility is already performing below the minimum acceptable performance standard identified in the TSP or comprehensive plan on the date the amendment application is submitted;
- (b) In the absence of the amendment, planned transportation facilities, improvements and services as set forth in section (4) of this rule would not be adequate to achieve consistency with the identified function, capacity or performance standard for that facility by the end of the planning period identified in the adopted TSP;
- (c) Development resulting from the amendment will, at a minimum, mitigate the impacts of the amendment in a manner that avoids further degradation to the performance of the facility by the time of the development through one or a combination of transportation improvements or measures;
- (d) The amendment does not involve property located in an interchange area as defined in paragraph (4)(d)(C); and
- (e) For affected state highways, ODOT provides a written statement that the proposed funding and timing for the identified mitigation improvements or measures are, at a minimum, sufficient to avoid further degradation to the performance of the affected state highway. However, if a local government provides the appropriate ODOT regional office with written notice of a proposed amendment in a manner that provides ODOT reasonable opportunity to submit a written statement into the record of the local government proceeding, and ODOT does not provide a written statement, then the local government may proceed with applying subsections (a) through (d) of this section.

④ Determinations under sections (1)-(3) of this rule shall be coordinated with affected transportation facility and service providers and other affected local governments.

- (a) In determining whether an amendment has a *significant effect* on an existing or planned transportation facility under subsection (1)(c) of this rule, local governments shall rely on existing transportation facilities and services and on the planned transportation facilities, improvements and services set forth in subsections (b) and (c) below.
- (b) Outside of interstate interchange areas, the following are considered planned facilities, improvements and services:
 - (A) Transportation facilities, improvements or services that are funded for construction or implementation in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or a locally or regionally adopted transportation improvement program or capital improvement plan or program of a transportation service provider.
 - (B) Transportation facilities, improvements or services that are authorized in a local transportation system plan and for which a funding plan or mechanism is in place or approved. These include, but are not limited to, transportation facilities, improvements or services for which: transportation systems development charge revenues are being collected; a local improvement district or reimbursement district has been established or will be established prior to development; a development agreement has been adopted; or conditions of approval to fund the improvement have been adopted.
 - (C) Transportation facilities, improvements or services in a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) area that are part of the area's federally-approved, financially constrained regional transportation system plan.
 - (D) Improvements to state highways that are included as planned improvements in a regional or local transportation system plan or comprehensive plan when

ODOT provides a written statement that the improvements are reasonably likely to be provided by the end of the planning period.

- (E) Improvements to regional and local roads, streets or other transportation facilities or services that are included as planned improvements in a regional or local transportation system plan or comprehensive plan when the local government(s) or transportation service provider(s) responsible for the facility, improvement or service provides a written statement that the facility, improvement or service is reasonably likely to be provided by the end of the planning period.
- (c) Within interstate interchange areas, the improvements included in (b)(A)-(C) are considered planned facilities, improvements and services, except where:
 - (A) ODOT provides a written statement that the proposed funding and timing of mitigation measures are sufficient to avoid a *significant adverse impact* on the Interstate Highway system, then local governments may also rely on the improvements identified in paragraphs (b)(D) and (E) of this section; or
 - (B) There is an adopted interchange area management plan, then local governments may also rely on the improvements identified in that plan and which are also identified in paragraphs (b)(D) and (E) of this section.
- (d) As used in this section and section (3):
 - (A) Planned interchange means new interchanges and relocation of existing interchanges that are authorized in an adopted transportation system plan or comprehensive plan;
 - (B) Interstate highway means Interstates 5, 82, 84, 105, 205 and 405; and
 - (C) Interstate interchange area means:
 - (i) Property within one-half mile of an existing or planned interchange on an Interstate Highway as measured from the center point of the interchange; or

- (ii) The interchange area as defined in the Interchange Area Management Plan adopted as an amendment to the Oregon Highway Plan.

- (e) For purposes of this section, a written statement provided pursuant to paragraphs (b)(D), (b)(E) or (c)(A) provided by ODOT, a local government or transportation facility provider, as appropriate, shall be conclusive in determining whether a transportation facility, improvement or service is a planned transportation facility, improvement or service. In the absence of a written statement, a local government can only rely upon planned transportation facilities, improvements and services identified in paragraphs (b)(A)-(C) to determine whether there is a *significant effect* that requires application of the remedies in section (2).

(5) [Transportation facility not a basis for an exception on rural lands]

6 In determining whether proposed land uses would affect or be consistent with planned transportation facilities as provided in 0060(1) and (2), local governments shall give full credit for potential reduction in vehicle trips for uses located in mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly centers, and neighborhoods as provided in (a)-(d) below;

- (a) Absent adopted local standards or detailed information about the vehicle trip reduction benefits of mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development, local governments shall assume that uses located within a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly center, or neighborhood, will generate 10% fewer daily and peak hour trips than are specified in available published estimates, such as those provided by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual that do not specifically account for the effects of mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development. The 10% reduction allowed for by this section shall be available only if uses which rely solely on auto trips, such as gas stations, car washes, storage facilities, and motels are prohibited;
- (b) Local governments shall use detailed or local information about the trip reduction benefits of mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development

where such information is available and presented to the local government. Local governments may, based on such information, allow reductions greater than the 10% reduction required in (a);

- (c) Where a local government assumes or estimates lower vehicle trip generation as provided in (a) or (b) above, it shall assure through conditions of approval, site plans, or approval standards that subsequent development approvals support the development of a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly center or neighborhood and provide for on-site bike and pedestrian connectivity and access to transit as provided for in 0045(3) and (4). The provision of on-site bike and pedestrian connectivity and access to transit may be accomplished through application of acknowledged ordinance provisions which comply with 0045(3) and (4) or through conditions of approval or findings adopted with the plan amendment that assure compliance with these rule requirements at the time of development approval; and
- (d) The purpose of this section is to provide an incentive for the designation and implementation of pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use centers and neighborhoods by lowering the regulatory barriers to plan amendments which accomplish this type of development. The actual trip reduction benefits of mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development will vary from case to case and may be somewhat higher or lower than presumed pursuant to (a) above. The Commission concludes that this assumption is warranted given general information about the expected effects of mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development and its intent to encourage changes to plans and development patterns. Nothing in this section is intended to affect the application of provisions in local plans or ordinances which provide for the calculation or assessment of systems development charges or in preparing conformity determinations required under the federal Clean Air Act.

(7) [Special provisions for cities without a TSP amending to affect 2 acres of commercial land]

- (8)** A "mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly center or neighborhood" for the purposes of this rule, means:
- (a) Any one of the following:
- (A) An existing central business district or downtown;
 - (B) An area designated as a central city, regional center, town center or main street in the Portland Metro 2040 Regional Growth Concept;
 - (C) An area designated in an acknowledged comprehensive plan as a transit oriented development or a pedestrian district; or
 - (D) An area designated as a special transportation area as provided for in the Oregon Highway Plan.
- (b) An area other than those listed in (a) which includes or is planned to include the following characteristics:
- (A) A concentration of a variety of land uses in a well-defined area, including the following:
 - (i) Medium to high density residential development (12 or more units per acre);
 - (ii) Offices or office buildings;
 - (iii) Retail stores and services;
 - (iv) Restaurants; and
 - (v) Public open space or private open space which is available for public use, such as a park or plaza.
 - (B) Generally include civic or cultural uses;
 - (C) A core commercial area where multi-story buildings are permitted;
 - (D) Buildings and building entrances oriented to streets;
 - (E) Street connections and crossings that make the center safe and conveniently accessible from adjacent areas;
 - (F) A network of streets and, where appropriate, accessways and major driveways that make it attractive and highly convenient for people to walk between uses within the center or neighborhood, including streets and major driveways within the center with wide sidewalks and other features, including pedestrian-oriented street crossings, street trees, pedestrian-scale lighting and on-street parking;
 - (G) One or more transit stops (in urban areas with fixed route transit service); and
 - (H) Limit or do not allow low-intensity or land extensive uses, such as most industrial uses, automobile sales and services, and drive-through services.