

# Comprehensive Plan and Code Amendments, File No. 2018-07

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August 19, 2019  
City of Hood River Planning Commission

# August 19, 2019 Hearing - File No. 2018-07

- Streets and Transit Framework Recommendations
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Framework Recommendations
- Park and Open Space Framework Recommendations



## BACKGROUND - File No. 2018-07

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- Tonight's hearing is a continuance of the legislative amendments hearing from July 29, 2019.
- The Planning Commission will review a summary of its recommendations for the Westside Area Concept Plan Report's "Streets & Transit Framework," "Pedestrian & Bicycle Framework" and "Park & Open Space Framework" prior to taking testimony.
- Future hearings are expected to include deliberation over the Land Use Framework.

# Westside Area Concept Plan Process Roadmap, Meetings 12-15

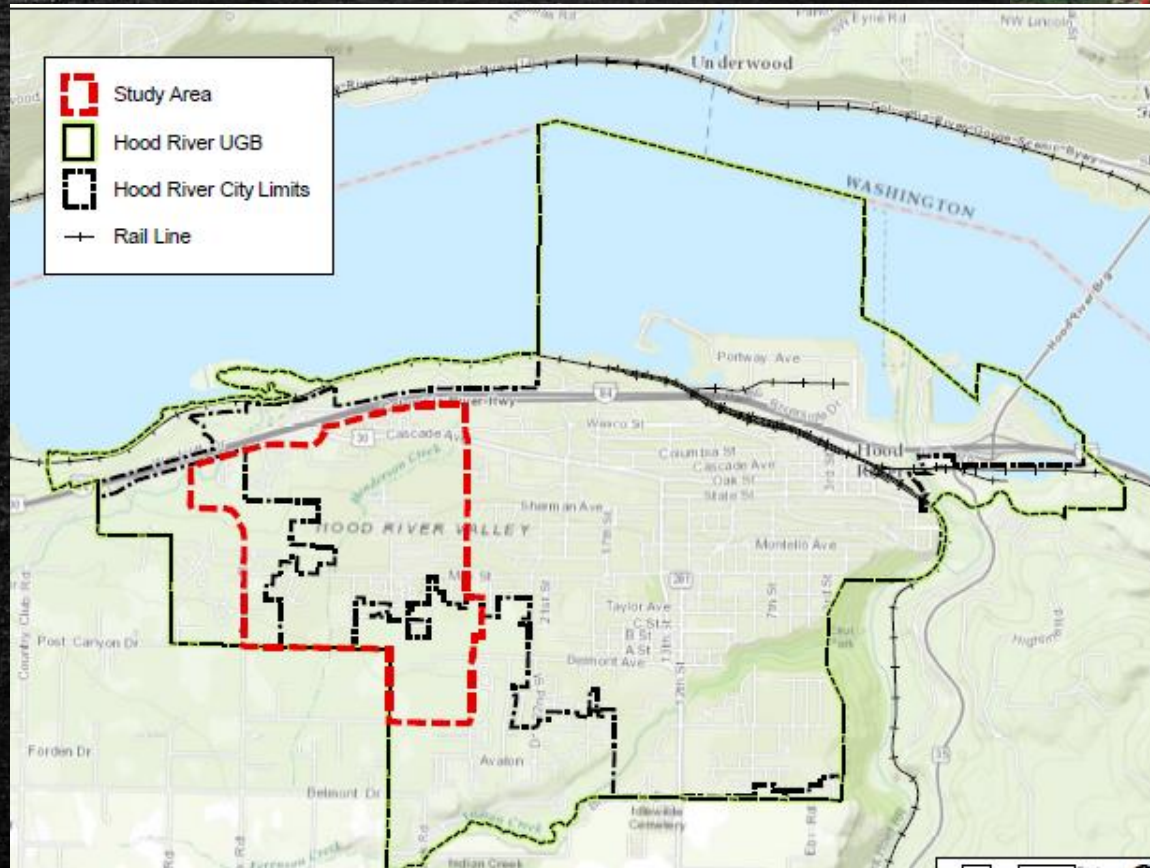
Step	Meeting	Topic
12	April 1, 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Planning Commission deliberation</li> <li>• Neighborhoods and Districts Framework</li> </ul>
13	April 15, 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Planning Commission deliberation</li> <li>• Streets and Transit Framework</li> </ul>
14	May 20, 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Planning Commission deliberation</li> <li>• Streets and Transit Framework</li> <li>• Pedestrian and Bicycle Framework</li> </ul>
15	June 3, 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Planning Commission deliberation</li> <li>• Streets and Transit Framework</li> </ul>

# Westside Area Concept Plan Process Roadmap, Meetings 16-19

16	June 17, 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City Planning Commission deliberation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of deliberation regarding Streets and Transit Framework</li><li>• Pedestrian and Bicycle Framework</li></ul></li></ul>
17	July 1, 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City Planning Commission deliberation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of deliberation regarding Streets and Transit Framework</li><li>• Summary of deliberation regarding Pedestrian and Bicycle Framework</li></ul></li></ul>
18	July 29, 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City Planning Commission deliberation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary of deliberation regarding Streets and Transit Framework</li><li>• Summary of deliberation regarding Pedestrian and Bicycle Framework</li><li>• Park and Open Space Framework</li></ul></li></ul>
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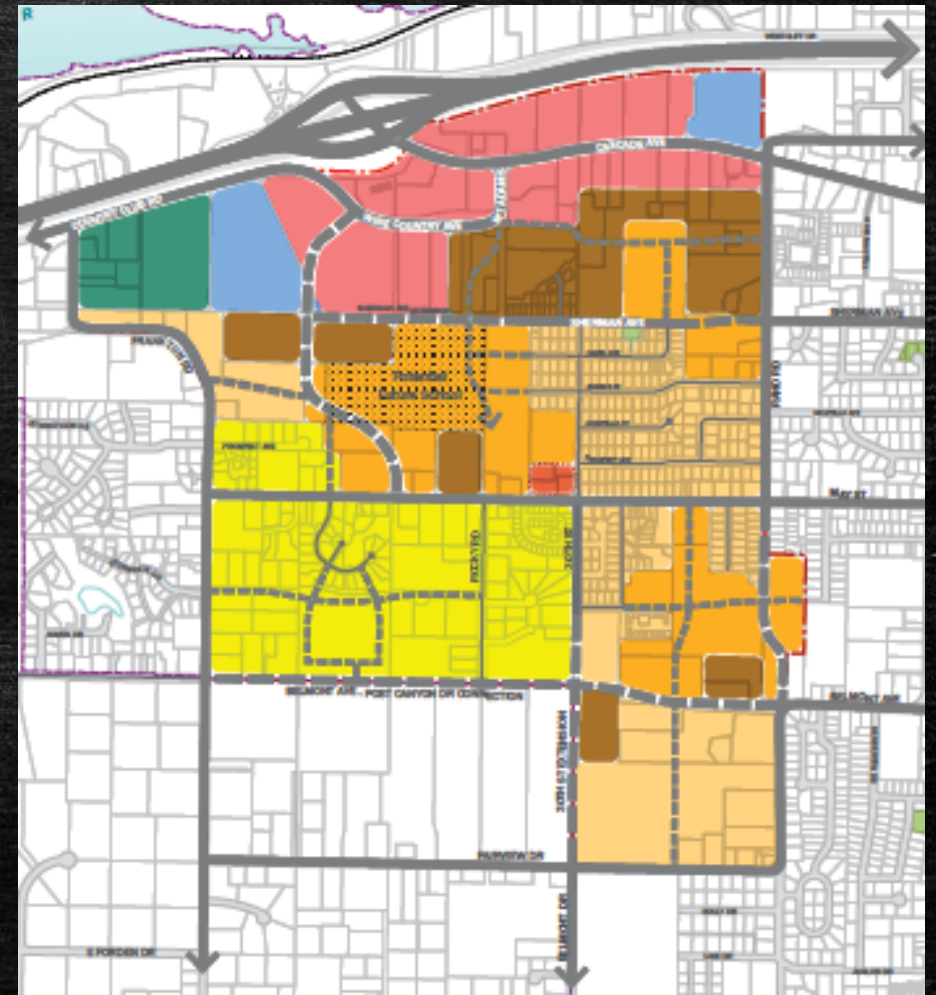
# Westside Area Concept Plan Report Study Area

Study area,  
approximately 450 acres



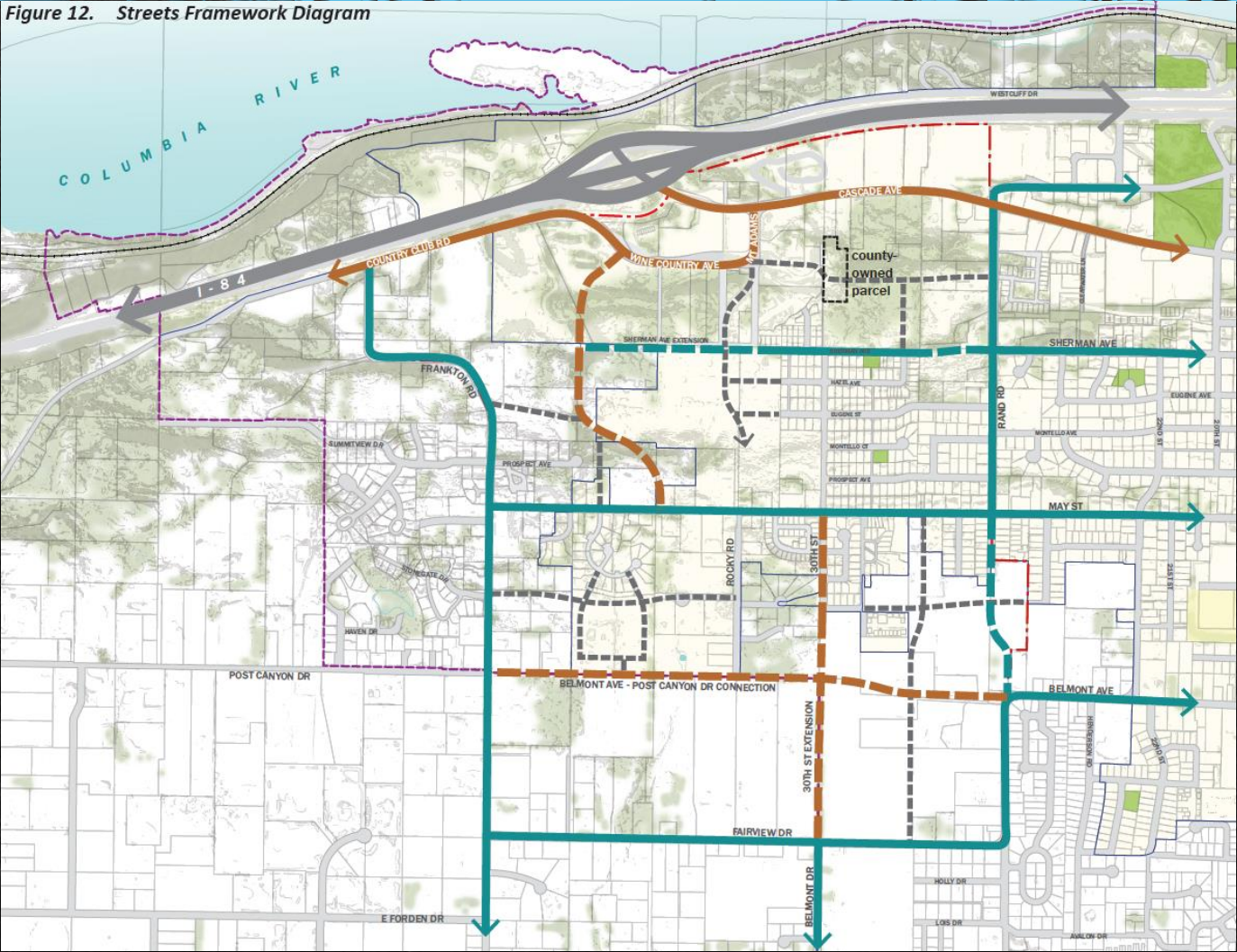
# Westside Area Concept Plan Report Framework Plans

- Neighborhoods and Districts
- Streets and Transit
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections
- Parks and Open Space
- Land Use (three scenarios drafted)



# Legislative File No. 2018-07 Planning Commission Deliberation Streets & Transit Framework – 4/15, 5/20, 6/03, 6/17, 7/1 & 7/29/2019

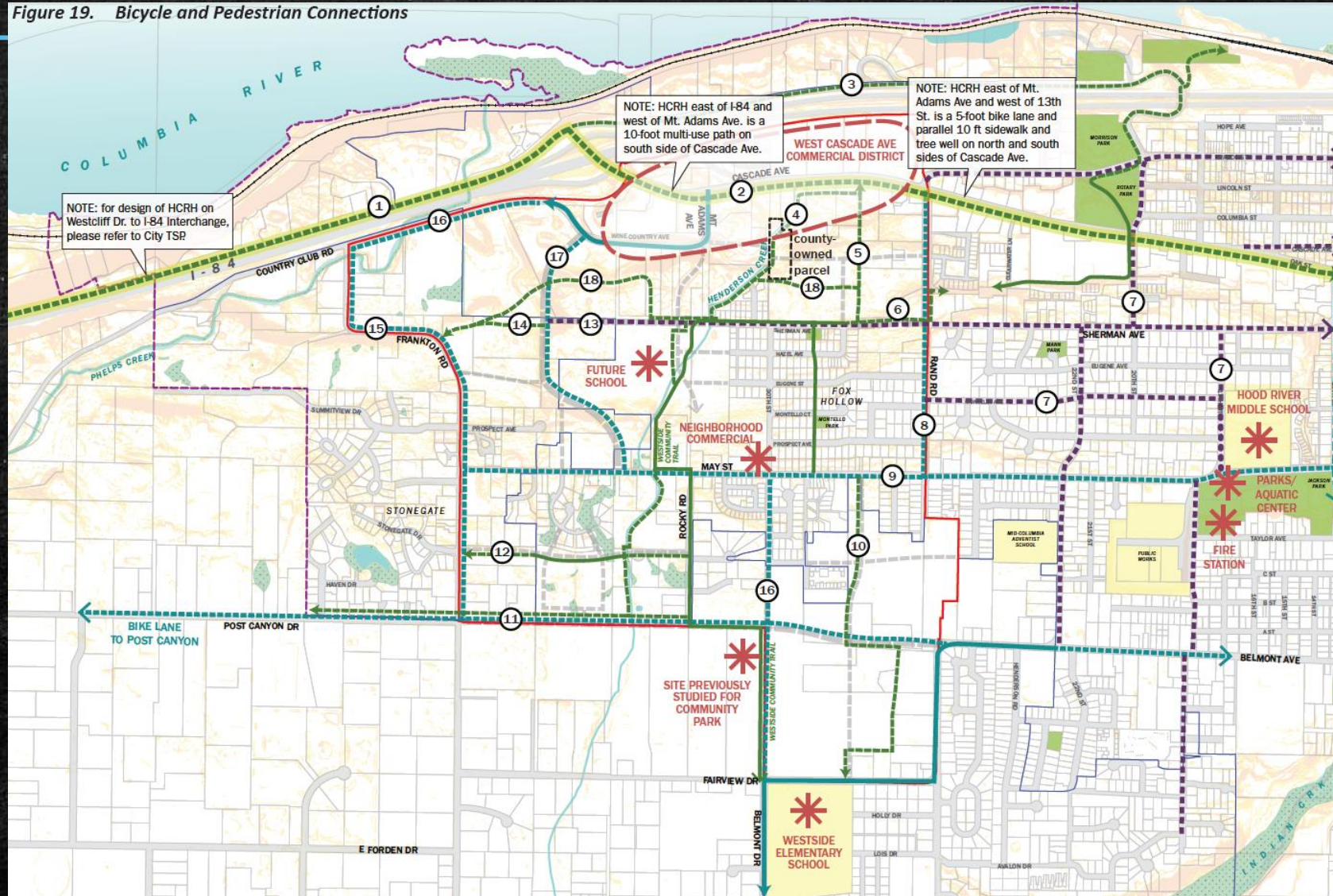
Figure 12. Streets Framework Diagram





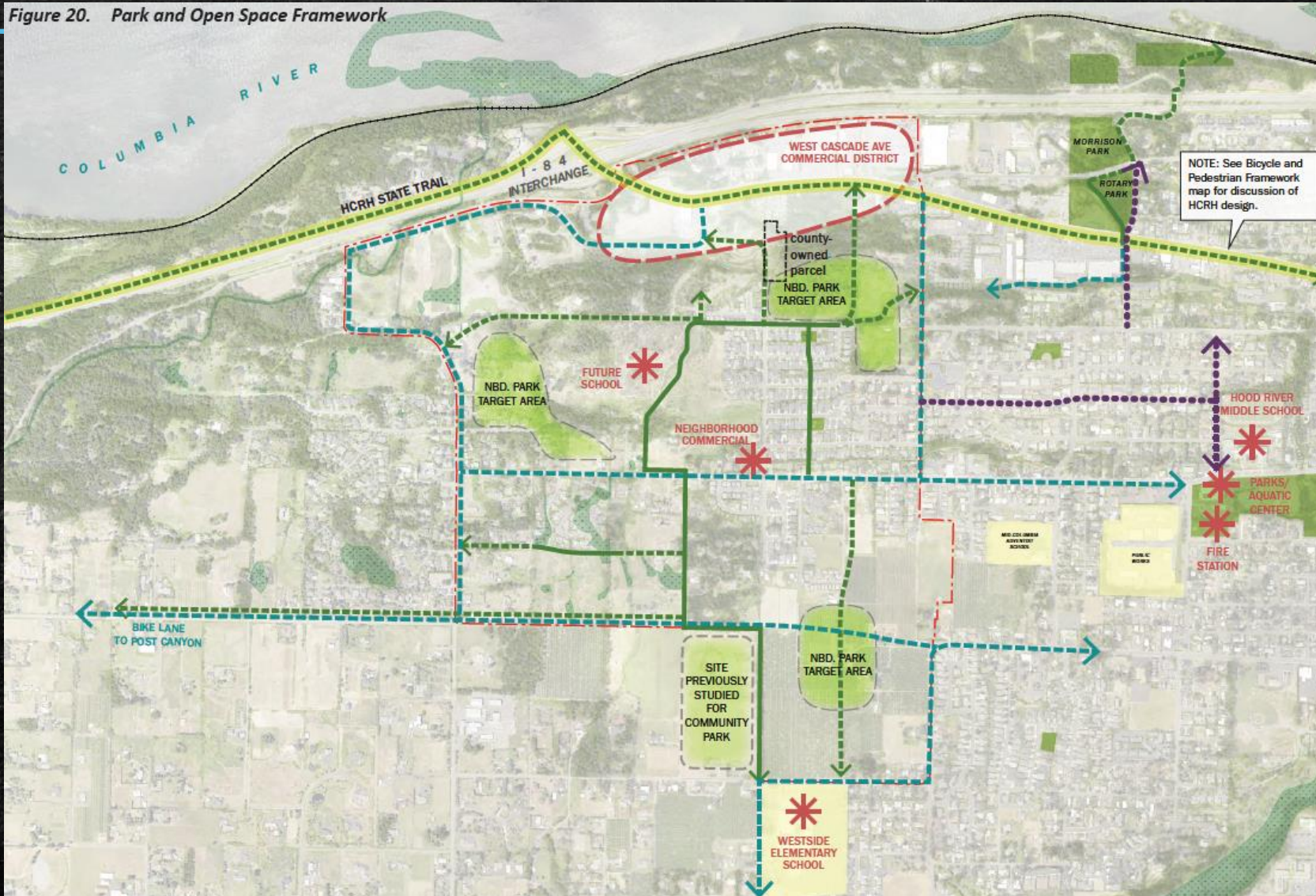
# Legislative File No. 2018-07 Planning Commission Deliberation Bicycle & Pedestrian Framework – 5/20, 6/17, 7/1 & 7/29/2019

Figure 19. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections



# Legislative File No. 2018-07 Planning Commission Deliberation Park & Open Space Framework – 7/29/2019

Figure 20. Park and Open Space Framework



# Legislative File No. 2018-07 Planning Commission's Draft Recommendations



## CITY OF HOOD RIVER PLANNING DEPARTMENT

211 Second Street, Hood River, OR 97031 Phone: 541-387-5210

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Planning Commission

Date: August 19, 2019

Re: Recommendations for Westside Area Concept Plan Frameworks (File No. 2018-07)

During public hearings on April 15, May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1, and July 29, 2019, the Planning Commission sought feedback from the public regarding the Westside Area Concept Plan Report's "Streets & Transit Framework", "Pedestrian & Bicycle Framework" and "Park & Open Space Framework" prior to deliberation.

As part of the Commission's review and deliberation over these Frameworks, numerous policy topics and recommendations for refinements were identified for consideration by the City Council. The information below summarizes the Commission's recommendations.

# Legislative File No. 2018-07 Planning Commission Deliberation Streets & Transit Framework – Columbia Area Transit

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July 5, 2019

In general, we are asking the City to include four key concepts into the Westside Plan:

1. Transit Friendly Streets
2. Transit Stops
3. Transit Gateways
4. Transit Supportive Development

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- Based on testimony submitted by Columbia Area Transit (CAT) dated July 5, 2019, which recommends inclusion of four key concepts in the Westside Area Concept Plan (i.e. Transit Friendly Streets, Transit Stops, Transit Gateways and Transit Supportive Development), the commission recommends the following:
  - The City Engineer or consultant should review the proposed Transit Friendly Streets and provide recommendations to minimize conflicts with other transportation modes, public facilities, etc.
  - Except for any objections made by the City Engineer, include the following “Transit Friendly Streets” in the Streets & Transit Framework:
    - Cascade Avenue between Mount Adams and Downtown
    - Rand Road –between Wasco and Belmont Street
    - May Street –between Frankton and 12<sup>th</sup>
    - Belmont Street between 30<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets
    - Mt. Adams Ave. extension (aka Alignment “D”)

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- Incorporate the concept of Transit Friendly Streets into the Transportation System Plan or Development Code (e.g. HRMC 17.20) with the intent of improving coordination with CAT during the development review process and during the design of public improvements on these street segments.
- Consider focusing financial resources for bicycle facility improvements on streets that are not designated as Transit Friendly Streets in order to reduce conflicts between transit vehicles and cyclists, unless there is adequate right-of-way width to accommodate both modes safely.
- Recommend updating the Municipal Code (e.g. Chapter 13.52) to include a process for designating transit stops on existing public streets. If criteria are to be used in evaluating requests for transit stops, prioritize transit over on-street parking.

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- Incorporate “Transit Gateways” (or alternative name) in the Streets & Transit Framework for anticipated transit nodes at the following intersections:
  - Cascade Ave. & Mt. Adams Ave.
  - Cascade Ave. & Rand Rd.
  - May St. & Frankton Rd.
  - May St. & 30<sup>th</sup> St.
  - May St. & Rand Rd.
  - Rand Rd. & Sherman Ave.
  - Rand Rd. & Belmont Ave.
- Incorporate the concept of “Transit Gateways” (or alternative name such as “hubs”) into the Transportation System Plan or Development Code (e.g. HRMC 17.20) with the intent of improving coordination with CAT during the development review process and during the design of public improvements at these intersections.

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- When deliberating over a preferred Land Use Scenario and implementing ordinances, consider CAT's recommendations for Transit Supportive Development including the following design principles:
  - Greater density than community average
  - A mix of uses
  - Quality pedestrian environment
  - Defined public realm



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The Park & Open Space Framework includes concepts that should be woven into the preferred Land Use Scenario and supported through the adoption of a Parks Master Plan as well as a parkland and open space dedication ordinance. It also should complement the Bicycle & Pedestrian Framework as well as the Streets & Transit Framework.

In general, the commission prioritizes centrally located neighborhood parks where zoning facilitates greater housing capacity. However, centrally located neighborhood parks may not be essential in lower density neighborhoods. In any case, the commission supports linking neighborhoods, parks and open spaces with trails or multi-use paths (the “emerald necklace” concept). And, the commission recommends establishing a fund for public donations to support purchase of park land, open space and related improvements.

The commission anticipates refining its Park & Open Space Framework recommendations in conjunction with making recommendations for a preferred Land Use Scenario.

# Legislative File No. 2018-07 Planning Commission Deliberation Planning Commission Memo to City Council

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Questions/comments for memo to City Council (most recent draft dated August 19, 2019) explaining the Planning Commission's deliberation and recommendations for the Streets & Transit Framework, Bicycle & Pedestrian Framework, and Park & Open Space Framework?

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Staff suggests a motion  
to continue the Planning Commission's hearing  
for File No. 2018-07  
to Monday, September 16 or October 21, 2019  
at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers  
for further hearing and discussion.