

City News

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City Seeks Input for Transportation System Plan

The City of Veneta urges local residents to help determine priorities for a new Transportation System Plan (TSP) that will guide expansion and operation of our local transportation network for the next 20 years. The plan will encompass all aspects of the City's multimodal network, including roadways, intersections, turn lanes, sidewalks, bikeways, public transit, crosswalks, lighting, signage, and more. A Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) has already been working with the Veneta City Council to help guide this project on behalf of their fellow citizens.

"As the project progresses, the City will host

open houses and hearings to elicit comments from residents," said Community Development Director Kay Bork. "It's a big effort that attempts to anticipate changes out to 2040, so the City wants as much input as possible from the citizens who most rely on the local transportation network."

The City's original TSP was developed in 1998 and last updated in 2006. The new plan will reflect the latest community vision, current infrastructure systems, and new growth projections. An updated TSP will enable the City to more effectively compete for limited

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Pavement Preservation Work Continues

On June 12, the Veneta City Council awarded a contract for the City of Veneta 2017 Pavement Preservation Projects. This is the third round of work in a six-year Pavement Preservation Plan (PPP) aimed at ensuring that "street wear surfaces are protected and the City receives the best extended road life for the least amount of dollar spent," according to City Administrator Ric Ingham.

All roadwork in the PPP is prioritized based on a Pavement Condition Survey that was

completed in 2015.

This year's work includes grinding out and replacing asphalt on McCutcheon Ave from Territorial Rd to 8th St, as well removing and replacing several ADA pedestrian ramps in that work area. The City will also reconstruct the portion of Tidball Lane that is within the City limits from Huston Rd and complete full-depth replacement of failing sections of Jeans Road between Forest Meadows Ln & Oak Knoll Rd.

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Welcome Sgt. Sieczkowski

A U.S. Coast Guard veteran with more than 19 years in local law enforcement, Veneta's new Sergeant, Steve Sieczkowski, looks forward to getting to know the community and the four deputies that he supervises.

Initially, Sgt. Sieczkowski will vary his shifts so that he may work with each of the deputies. "I'll be able to partner with them, coach them, and see how they're doing," he said. "I'm a hands-on guy, so that will work better for me." Already, he has immersed himself in the community by working 10-15 hours a day during the week surrounding the Oregon Country Fair. He found the majority of people he encountered to be helpful, kind, and welcoming.

Continuing Veneta's community-oriented policing policies, Sieczkowski plans to conduct public outreach, though he may not continue the Saturday afternoon meeting at the Fern Ridge Library. His engagement will initially tend toward a more casual approach. "I'm more likely to walk into a business, shake hands and introduce myself," he said. "Or stop and talk to a kid on a bike and thank him for wearing a helmet."

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 CITY OF VENETA - CIVIC CALENDAR - AUGUST 2017 		
Veneta Administrative Center - 88184 8th Street, Veneta, Oregon		
1	Veneta Planning Commission Meeting - City Hall	6:30 p.m.
2	Veneta Park Board Meeting - City Hall	4:30 p.m.
4	Family Fun Night - Veneta Community Pool, 25190 E. Broadway Ave.	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
9	Veneta Economic Development Committee Meeting - City Hall	2:00 p.m.
14	Veneta City Council, Planning Commission & Economic Development Committee Work Session - NE Employment Center - City Hall	5:30 p.m.
	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall - Special Time	7:00 p.m.
	Veneta Urban Renewal Agency Meeting - Immediately following City Council Meeting	
17	Municipal Court - City Hall	8:30 a.m.
26	"Meet Sgt. Sieczkowski" - Fern Ridge Library	1:00 p.m.
28	Veneta City Council Meeting - City Hall	Cancelled
Calendar updates will be posted on the City's website at www.venetaoregon.gov This Civic Calendar was sent to: Fern Ridge Review, Fern Ridge School District 28J, Fern Ridge Public Library, and Lane Fire Authority		

Transportation

federal and state funds by establishing clear support for specific transportation priorities.

The CAC has already identified priorities, including improvements to Highway 126, specifically at Huston and Ellmaker Roads, as well as the intersection of Jeans Rd and Territorial Hwy. The City also needs to upgrade collector roads, including Perkins and Hunter. "Some of those newer developments along the collector roads don't have sidewalks," Bork explained. "It will be a big challenge to bring those substandard rural streets up to City standards."

The Committee also recognizes the need to enhance pedestrian and bike safety, increase bus service, and anticipate the future of transportation, including electric vehicles and the potential impact of self-driving vehicles. But these are just a few of the priorities and represent a beginning of a longer

Pavement

"The City received bids from three contractors and selected the lowest bid from Eugene Sand and Gravel," said City of Veneta Public Works Director Kyle Schauer. The City had prepared an alternate project in case it received a favorable bid. "As we had hoped, the bid allowed us to afford the alternate project as well." Consequently, the contractor will also grind out and replace asphalt on Dunham Ave from Territorial Rd to Second St, as well as remove and replace three ADA pedestrian ramps in the work area.

Work on this third phase of the PPP should be complete by

Sieczkowski

Still, as he settles into the new position, he also plans to develop a more structured forum to interact with the community. "It may even include a more active presence in social media."

For the past seven years, the City of Veneta has contracted with the Lane County Sheriff's Office to provide

Recreational Vehicle Parking

With summer travel and recreation at its peak, the City would like to remind residents of ordinances that govern where recreational vehicles, trailers, and boats may be parked.

The City of Veneta's Land Development Ordinance 493, Article 5, Section 5.01(6) allows residents to park and store motor homes, travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, and other recreational vehicles on private property as long as they are not being used for human habitation or being stored in the front of a resident's property. That includes parking any of the aforementioned in the driveway of the property itself.

Parking on public property for the principal purpose of storing the vehicle is prohibited. Specifically, the City's Municipal Code, Chapter 10.05.130 (3)(c) reads: Recreational vehicles, travel trailers, and boats cannot be parked on any public

conversation with the community.

"We want robust citizen involvement and will soon announce open houses for public discussions," said Bork. The City will also host an interactive map that allows individuals to select a location and write comments about the issue and changes they'd like to see at that site. "Visitors to the site can identify safety issues and suggest areas where they would like to see sidewalks or crosswalks or a bike lane or lighting, for instance. That will really help the CAC as well as the Technical Advisory Committee as we enter this critical phase of planning for our future transportation."

The interactive map and other information, including dates and times of open houses, can be accessed through www.venetatsp.org.

the end of September. Residents can expect some short road closures, but will be notified when their specific neighborhood will be affected so they can adjust their travel plans accordingly.

The Veneta Public Works Department manages a network of 21.5 miles of streets valued at about \$26 million. Working through the entire network will cost approximately \$3.4 million over the planned six-year period. This phase is budgeted for \$425,000 for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

cost-effective law enforcement. Sieczkowski's position will be split between managing the Veneta deputies and patrolling waterways for the Marine Board. If you see Sgt. Sieczkowski, or any of the Veneta law enforcement team, take a moment to get to know them.

property, street, right-of-way, or alley for longer than 72 hours, unless a permit is obtained from the City Administrator.

Vehicle owners who violate this code can be subject to a fine ranging from \$50 to \$250. A vehicle may also be tagged as an abandoned vehicle and can be towed and impounded at the owner's expense.

These ordinances and codes have been established to ensure public safety. When large vehicles are stored improperly they can become a hazard by blocking a driver's view and making it difficult for emergency vehicles to get down streets quickly. If you have any questions on parking ordinances, please contact Code Enforcement Officer Teresa Warrick at (541) 935-2191.



Veneta Community Pool

Friday, August 4th, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Bring your whole family and Join us!

Games, water toys, sprinklers and plenty of fun.

Normal family swim rates apply.

(Passes/punch cards not valid for this event)



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