



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: October 21, 2026

Department: Public Works

Title: Initiating Amendments to Update the Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan

Management Update/Work Session Date: July 28, 2026 Audio/Visual aids ☐

Time Required: 5 min Contact: Austin Barnes Phone: 503-566-4174

Requested Action: Consider approval of a resolution initiating amendments to the Marion County Comprehensive Plan to consider adopting the Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP) 2026 Update and incorporating the RTSP 2026 Update as the Transportation Element of the Marion County Comprehensive Plan and conforming amendments to the Marion County Comprehensive Plan and rural zoning code.

Issue, Description & Background: Marion County Public Works has prepared an update to the county's RTSP and now the plan may be considered for adoption with concurrent amendments to the comprehensive plan and zoning code. Amendments and changes to the comprehensive plan can be made by the Board after holding a public hearing on the proposed amendment. A hearing date is proposed for December 9, 2026.
The RTSP update will replace the County's current 2005 RTSP that has reached its 20-year planning horizon timeline. This recently developed RTSP is intended to guide transportation investments, support safe and efficient movement of people and goods, and ensure consistency with Oregon's Transportation Planning Rules and other state and regional policies.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: None

List of attachments: Resolution

Presenter: Austin Barnes, Carl Lund, Janelle Shanahan

Department Head Signature: *Le Brad Arnold*

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

In the matter of initiating consideration of adoption of	)	26-001
an update to the Marion County Rural Transportation	)	Legislative Amendment
System Plan and conforming amendments to the	)	
Marion County Comprehensive Plan and Marion	)	Clerk's File No. _____
County Zoning Code.		

ORDER _____

WHEREAS, the Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan was adopted as the Transportation Element of the Marion County Comprehensive Plan on February 8, 2006, by Ordinance No. 1220; and

WHEREAS, an update to the Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan provides for a planning horizon through 2045, consistent with Oregon Administrative Rule 660-012,

WHEREAS, if the Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan is amended then concurrent conforming amendments to the Marion County Comprehensive Plan and Marion County Zoning Code must be considered as well,

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of Commissioners has determined that consideration of adoption of an update to the Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan is in the general public interest; now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the Marion County Board of Commissioners hereby initiates consideration of adoption of an update to the Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan and conforming amendments to the Marion County Comprehensive Plan and Marion County Zoning Code; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board hereby schedules a public hearing to receive testimony on this matter for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 9th, 2026, at the Senator Hearing Room, 1st floor, Courthouse Square Building, 555 Court Street NE, Salem.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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