



# City of Longview

1525 Broadway  
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## Agenda - Workshop

### City Council

*Mayor Don Jensen*  
*Council Member Ken Botero*  
*Council Member Chet Makinster*  
*Council Member Mary Jane Melink*  
*Council Member Steve Moon*  
*Council Member Scott Vydra*  
*Mayor Pro Tem Michael Wallin*

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Thursday, May 25, 2017

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a workshop session in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, May 25, at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Offices at 360.442.5004 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

[17-4880](#)

#### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROGRESS REPORT

*Attachments:* [Comp Plan Update progress report](#)

[17-4891](#)

#### INTRODUCTION TO COMPLETE STREETS

##### COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Improve transportation systems  
Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

##### SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe access for

all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders. Complete Streets make it easy for pedestrians to cross the street and walk to shopping and entertainment destinations, for bicyclists to safely reach their destination, and for public transit to run on time and their riders to reach bus stops safely.

Creating Complete Streets means changing our approach to constructing and utilizing our roadway corridors. By adopting Complete Streets policies, planners and engineers are directed to design and operate the right of way to enable safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation.

In 2011, the state legislature adopted the Complete Streets Act, encouraging local governments to adopt Complete Streets ordinances and directing the state Department of Transportation to develop a grant program to help local agencies pay for Complete Streets projects.

In October 2015, the Federal Highways Administration published proposed rule changes to relax certain design standards and allow flexibility to incorporate Complete Streets principles. Comments were received and published in May 2016; however, final design standard revisions have not yet been published.

In April 2015, the Safe Streets Act of 2015 was introduced in the federal House of Representatives with the goal "(t)o ensure the safety of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, as they travel on and across federally funded streets and highways." This bill was referred to committee and has not yet been approved.

Locally, the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments has contracted with Cowlitz County Building and Planning to perform a study in conjunction with local agencies and determine Complete Streets policies, goals, and standards that may be appropriate for communities in Cowlitz County. The desire is to develop several model ordinances that may be adopted by local agencies. It is anticipated that in the future, grant funding and design standards will require incorporation of Complete Streets elements in all transportation projects. Developing model ordinances will assist local agencies to meet these anticipated future requirements.

Attached is information from Smart Growth America and the National Complete Streets Coalition providing an introduction to Complete Streets.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For information only.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director

**Attachments:** [Staff Presentation - Complete Streets Intro May 2017](#)

[Complete Streets Introduction - 2015 reduced](#)

[Complete Streets Benefits - 2015 reduced](#)

5. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

**NEXT COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 - 6:00 P.M. TAXI ORDINANCE**