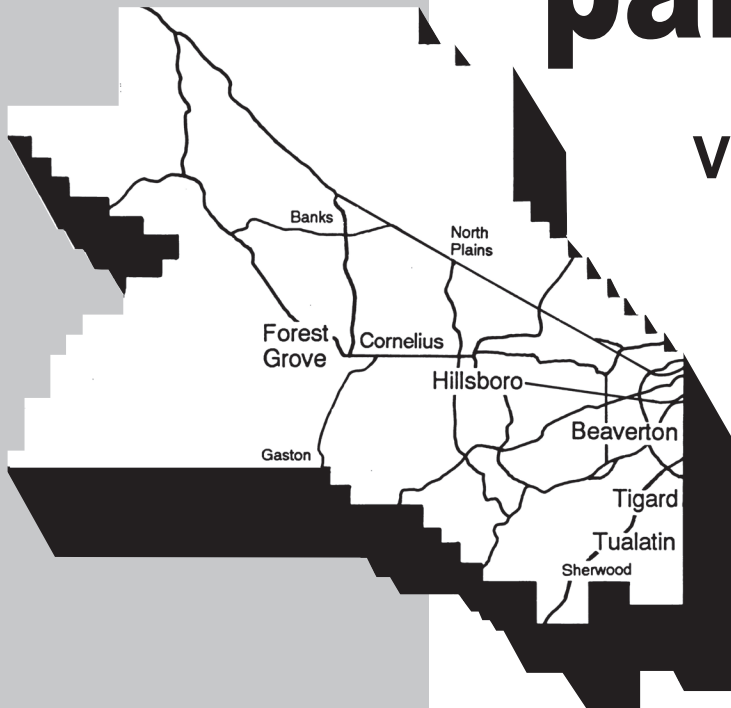




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Washington County voters' pamphlet



**VOTE-BY-MAIL
SPECIAL
ELECTION**

September 16, 2014

**To be counted,
voted ballots must
be in our office
by 8:00 p.m. on
September 16, 2014**

Washington County Board of County Commissioners

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ATTENTION

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Dear Voter:

This pamphlet contains information for one district. If you have any questions, call 503-846-5800.

City of Tualatin

Measure No. 34-220

Ballot Title – Proposed by Initiative Petition

Prohibits Using City Resources for Rail Transit Without Specified Election

Question: Amends Charter to require specified election approval before City could authorize use of City resources for public rail transit systems

Summary: The proposed charter amendment would prohibit the City Council from authorizing the use of “city resources” including:

- Public funds,
- Staff time,
- Lobbying agreements,
- Property interests,
- Tangible or Intangible city assets, and
- The right to direct or permit the use of those resources

for any of the following activities:

- Financing,
- Design,
- Construction, or
- Operation

of any public rail system operating inside and outside the City unless city voters first approved such use.

The authorization voters would consider must specify the types of city resources to be authorized; the permissible use of those resources; the estimated cash value of the resources with the associated personnel costs; and the duration of the authorization.

“City resources” could not be used to develop the information necessary to estimate the cash value of the resources, associated personnel costs, or duration of the authority needed to prepare an authorization ordinance for the election. City resources could be used for a public safety concern caused by the operation of public rail transit systems.

Explanatory Statement

The Measure would amend the City Charter to immediately prohibit the City Council from authorizing the use of “city resources” to finance, design, construct, or operate any public rail transit system without first obtaining prior approval from the voters through an “authorization ordinance.” “City resources” would include public funds, staff time, lobbying agreements, property interests, tangible and intangible city assets, and the right to direct or permit use of “city resources.”

If approved, the Measure would prohibit the City Council from authorizing the following actions, unless City voters approve the actions through an “authorization ordinance”:

- Issue bonds to finance a new public rail transit system or expand a current public rail transit system;
- Hire a design consultant, or pay City staff, to create engineering drawings for a public rail transit system;
- Fund construction of a public rail transit system; and
- Operate a public rail transit system.

The Measure’s limitation would apply only to the City Council’s ability to authorize the financing, design, construction, or operation of a public rail transit system. The Measure would not:

- Apply to “city resources” used for transportation planning of a public rail transit system, including through the selection of a locally preferred alternative;
- Apply to City activities the Charter delegates to the City Manager to authorize;
- Prohibit City Councilors, or City staff, from attending internal or external meetings where the topics of finance, design, construction, or operation of a public rail transit system are discussed;
- Prohibit City Councilors, or City staff, from participating in advisory groups or making advisory decisions about the financing, design, construction, or operation of a public rail transit system;
- Prohibit the City Council from participating with other governmental entities in the financing, design, construction, or operation of a public rail transit system if “city resources” are not used to finance, design, construct, or operate the public rail transit system; or
- Prohibit “city resources” from being used to respond to public safety concerns caused by a public rail transit system.

Under the Measure, an “authorization ordinance” must contain the following information:

- The types of City resources authorized;
- The permissible uses of such resources;
- The estimated cash value of the resources;
- The associated personnel costs; and
- How long the authorization is effective.

The Measure requires specific public notice for “authorization ordinance” elections, including information hosted on the City website and potentially notice mailed directly to voters.

Under state law, there are four election dates available each year for City voters to approve “authorization ordinances.” The City must pay the costs associated with any “authorization ordinance” election, unless the election is held on an even numbered year and on the date of a state primary or general election. The estimated cost for an election is approximately \$14,000, based upon current county election information and voter registration.

There is currently one public rail transit system operating in Tualatin, the WES Commuter Rail service. WES provides service from Tualatin to Wilsonville and Beaverton.

Submitted by:
Sean Brady, City Attorney
City of Tualatin

City of Tualatin

Measure No. 34-220 Arguments

Argument in Favor

YES on Measure 34-220

For the Right To Vote.

Without asking voters, Tualatin City Council may be preparing to partner in a new \$2-\$3 billion Portland Light Rail line to Tualatin. Just like they did with WES!

Voting YES on Measure 34-220 will force the City Council to seek voter approval before spending any city money on any Light Rail project.

Measure 34-220 will require the public vote that City Council does not want you to have.

Over 2000 Tualatin voters signed the petition to provide the only opportunity for Tualatin residents to vote and decide if light rail should come to Tualatin.

With strong support from the community we are anticipating a victory on September 16th making Tualatin the third city to demand a public vote on light rail.

This is a non-partisan effort to give Tualatin voters the kind of voice they deserve. The voice that matters most. With an election.

To be clear we do NOT believe Tualatin voters want any Light Rail Transit. Nor do we believe voters want any downtown Light Rail station or the kind of high density Transit Oriented Station Development that adds apartments, residents, their vehicles, increased congestion & crime.

With a **YES vote on Measure 34-220** voters are given the chance to make it clear with their ballots.

We DO believe Tualatin voters will ultimately support better transportation decisions for Tualatin. Various road, sidewalk and 99W or Sherwood connector improvements have long been delayed by politicians choosing WES and previous MAX lines instead. Alternatives to the current TriMet system may also cost less & provide better service.

Tualatin businesses and residents can make a difference in September.
Please join us in helping us get the word out to vote **YES on Measure 34-220**

Aaron Crowley, Chief Petitioner

This Information Furnished By:
Aaron Crowley

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 34-220

Measure 34-220 was made possible by a citizen's initiative petition to make sure there is an opportunity for a public vote on light rail.

Public voter approval should be required on large public issues that cost millions of taxpayer dollars.

Tualatin taxpayers should also be allowed to vote on decisions which dramatically impact our downtown and community.

We trust our elected local officials to make the day to day decisions which keep our community running smoothly. Mayor Ogden and City Councilors should NOT make the enormous decision whether or not expensive light rail is good for Tualatin. Voters should decide. A public vote on light rail is no different than a vote on a school bond measure or a public safety measure.

At a recent light rail forum regarding transportation decisions, Mayor Ogden said "I'm not saying voters are uninformed, but you have to be full-time at understanding to say yes or no." This is OUR community and OUR downtown. Tualatin residents DO have the understanding of our community and downtown. We should have the right to make the decision whether we want to have light rail and an additional station in our downtown. We are qualified to decide whether the costs and impacts of light rail in our downtown are worth the benefits.

Without M34-220 approval, and the public vote it will require, the Tualatin City Council may obligate Tualatin's taxpayers to pay millions of dollars for light rail. The cost to bring a light rail line from Portland into our downtown will likely be over \$2 billion dollars. Tualatin's financial obligation could be \$5-\$15 million dollars or more.

Vote yes on Measure 34-220 to ensure Tualatin taxpayers decide whether this debt is worth the benefits – since we are the ones who will end up paying the bill.

This Information Furnished By:
Jan Giunta

The printing of these arguments does not constitute an endorsement by Washington County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the arguments.

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

Voter Registration Information

Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 17 years of age?

If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register

You can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- Any County Elections Office
- The Secretary of State's Office
- Some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- A voter registration drive
- Some locations of the United States Postal Service

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail. You can also print out a registration card online at: www.oregonvotes.gov

The deadline for new registrations or to make party changes is 21 days prior to Election Day.

What information is required to register?

To complete your registration you will provide your:

- Full legal name
- Home address
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Valid identification

What are the identification requirements?

1. If you have a current, valid Driver's License, Permit or ID number issued by the State of Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), you must provide it in the boxes on the card.

A suspended Driver's License is still valid; a revoked Driver's License is NOT valid.

2. If you do not have a current, valid Driver's License, Permit or ID number issued by the State of Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles, you must affirm this on the card by marking the appropriate circle and you must then provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

3. If you do not have a Social Security number, you must affirm this on the card by marking the circle in indicating you do not have a valid Driver's License or Social Security number.

4. If you do not have a Driver's License, Permit, ID number, or a Social Security number, and you are registering by mail, you must provide a copy of one of the following which shows the voter's name and current address:

- Valid photo identification
- A paycheck stub
- A utility bill
- A bank statement
- A government document
- Proof of eligibility under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) or the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEH)

If you do not provide valid identification, you will not be eligible to vote for Federal races. You will, however, still be eligible to vote for state and local contests.

Selecting a political party

You may want to select a political party when you register but it is not required.

Major political parties require you to be registered as a member of their party in order to vote for their candidates in the Primary Election.

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at www.oregonvotes.gov or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information. You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- Change your home address
- Change your mailing address
- Change your name
- Change your signature
- Want to change or select a political party
- Will be away from home on election day



BALLOT DROP SITES

September 16, 2014

**Ballots must be received by
8:00 p.m. Election Day.**

24 hour drop sites

Washington County
Elections Office

3700 SW Murray Blvd
Beaverton

(Front Lobby Drop Slot)

Tualatin Police Department

8650 SW Tualatin Rd
Tualatin

(outside box)

Clackamas County
Elections Office

1710 Red Soils Ct
Oregon City

(outside/inside box)

Call for hours

Tualatin Public Library
18878 SW Martinazzi Ave
Tualatin



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