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Project Background

The City of Oakridge requested and was awarded a grant from the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) program, a joint effort of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), to explore improvements to existing City policy and code requirements that guide future growth. The TGM Program supports community efforts to expand transportation choices. By linking land use and transportation planning, TGM works in partnership with local governments to create vibrant, livable places in which people can walk, bike, take transit, or drive where they want to go. The Oakridge Code Evaluation and Update is guided by the following smart development and sustainable growth principals:



- Efficient use of land resources;
- Full utilization of urban services;
- Mixed use development;
- Transportation options, especially walking, biking, and transit; and
- Detailed, human-scaled design.

Project Overview

The City seeks to address several identified challenges through the Code Evaluation and Update project. Phase 1 of the project will result in recommendations related to urban design, housing, and transportation policy and development requirements to help the City remove barriers to creating a vibrant walkable and bikeable community.

Evaluate Oakridge’s Zoning Ordinance to identify ways the City can improve their land use regulations and development standards to support a walkable and bikeable community.

Create an Action Plan describing potential amendments to City policies and development requirements that support smart development principles and a walkable and bikeable Oakridge.

At project completion, the City Council may elect to pursue future grant funding to draft specific Comprehensive Plan policy and Zoning Ordinance amendments.

Project Goals

- **Identify barriers to smart development** in the zoning ordinance and describe a range of potential solutions to remove those barriers;
- **Identify barriers to middle housing types** and recommend amendments to enable the construction of more middle housing types;
- **Evaluate the Old Town Design Subdistrict** and recommend amendments for design standards in the Subdistrict area that will enhance multi-modal transportation options and remove barriers to the creation of a vibrant, walkable business environment;
- **Evaluate the existing temporary lodging standards** and recommend amendments that will enable visitors to find lodging in walkable and bikeable areas while recognizing the needs of residents to have access to affordable housing in those locations;
- **Make recommendations for green infrastructure** elements (such as street trees) that enhance pedestrian travel and urban livability;
- **Review outright and conditional uses, density, building types, and parking requirements** in order to make recommendations that implement the Transportation Planning Rules and further TGM objectives and smart development principles; and
- **Evaluate the Zoning Ordinance structure** and consider creating a unified development ordinance.

WHAT CAN CODE REQUIREMENTS ACCOMPLISH?

- Determines where buildings can be built and how they look
- Regulates the types of uses that can be in those buildings
- Determines how buildings interact with pedestrians at the ground level
 - Primary entrances
 - Windows
 - Design features
 - Gathering places
- Gives clear and easy to use instructions
- Enables transportation options, such as walking, biking, and transit

