



State Legislature Awards City \$1.9 Million for Transit-Oriented Housing Development

The Oregon legislature has awarded the City a \$1.9 million grant to support the transit-oriented affordable housing development proposed to be built at the Wilsonville Transit Center.

“The City has our State Representative Courtney Neron of House District 26 to thank for this grant,” Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald said. “We are most appreciative of Representative Neron’s support for the City Council’s vision of providing affordable, transit-oriented housing at the Wilsonville Transit Center.”

The City’s proposed development is estimated to cost \$33.7 million. The \$1.9 million grant provides funding to provide ground floor space to accommodate a SMART Transit Information Center and other uses that support residents and transit users. For example, the space could provide a home for Wilsonville Community Sharing, the local food bank and social services referral agency.

Because federal and state affordable housing programs fund only the residential portion of an affordable housing development and not space for supportive services, the legislature’s \$1.9 million grant helps to fill a gap in the financing plan.

“With this kind of development, residents would have ready access to free SMART transit service throughout Wilsonville and convenient access to employers throughout the Portland metro area, Canby and Salem,” Fitzgerald said.

The new construction would provide approximately 100 units of affordable housing for households earning at or below 60 percent of area median income (AMI). Developer solicitation is currently underway, with a project developer scheduled to be selected later this year.