

Lincoln County TSP, Phase 2 - Open House #1 Summary

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This memo summarizes the attendance, discussions, and activities of Open House #1 held for the project on January 25, 2006 from 4-7 pm at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Meeting Room (108). Posted on the walls of the room were the draft Goals & Objectives and several figures (maps) from the draft updated TSP, ODOT's highway map of Lincoln County, and County land use zones. Attendees were greeted and asked to sign-in and complete a Comment Form, if desired.

Two weeks prior to the Open House, 163 announcements were mailed to planning and elected officials and staff in the County, Chambers of Commerce, libraries, the school district, various state and federal agencies, news organizations, planning advocacy groups, timber companies, bus and railroad operators, and all board members of special road districts, among others. Announcements appeared in at least the January 20th edition of the Newport News-Times and the January 17th edition of the News-Guard (Lincoln City), designated as publications for legal notification in the county.

Project Management Team members attending were as noted above and identified by name badges. Members of the public or agency staff attending (see attached sign-in sheet) were 2 board members of the North Lincoln Health District, 1 citizen from Otis, 1 citizen from Newport, 2 staff of the Newport Planning Department, and 1 staff planner from the Siletz Tribe. In addition, County Commissioner Don Lindley dropped by to say hello.

Concerns expressed by representatives of the North Lincoln Health District focused on the availability of transportation to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport and to Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis. Dial-a-Ride hours are not always adequate for some patients late in the day or evenings. Taxi fares are expensive, and some franchise agreements with cities prohibit pick-up/drop-off in communities of competing taxi service. They provided a summary of taxi service in Lincoln City and Depoe Bay. Some taxi companies have a voucher program in place with the hospital.

The citizen from Otis was concerned with the difficulty of entering the travel lanes of OR 18 from intersecting County roads due to the amount of traffic on OR 18. She expressed frustration at the wait time and danger of the sight distances.

Newport Planning staff noted some inconsistencies on the maps displayed, particularly segments of urban/rural major collectors not designated along South Beaver Creek Road and Yaquina Bay Road. Newport Planning staff also noted the outdatedness of wording on Goal/Objective statements regarding the ports and airport, which were taken from the 1999 draft TSP (Goal 2, Objective 2; Goal 3, Objectives 6 and 8; Goal 5, Objective 9; and Goal 8, suggested new regarding bridge upgrades to maintain lifeline routes).

The Siletz Tribal Planner brought copies, as requested, of the Siletz Reservation Transportation Plan (May 2003), the Siletz Reservation Transportation Improvement Program (June 2003), and the Siletz Highway Road Assessment Safety Analysis & Report (January 2002). She gave the PMT a brief overview of Tribe transportation issues and safety. IRR road segments they are seeking funds for include Spencer Creek Bridge. She mentioned access to the Fish Hatchery and the Logsden Bridge (a current County project) as sites needing evaluation. Sidewalks in Siletz between OR 229 and tribal housing on Logsden Road would be nice. Excessive speed is an issue on Logsden Road in Siletz. The "crumbly curves" on OR 229 need redesign and reconstruction. STF pass-through dollars are currently \$40,000 per year. Additional money for the elderly/disabled is possible. Siletz has received a half-dozen used bus shelters from Lane Transit District for placement in the town.

The Open House ended later than expected at about 7:20 pm with the conclusion of the tribal planner's presentation to the PMT.

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	Yachats Public Library			560 7th St	Yachats, OR 97498
	Siletz Public Library			243 W Buford Ave	Siletz, OR 97380
	Newport Public Library			35 NW Nye	Newport, OR 97365
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Transportation safety plan highlights safety issues

By Joel Gallob Of the News-Times

A 39-page Transportation Safety Plan (TSP) developed for Lincoln County by the engineering company CH2M Hill has been placed on the county's website for public review and comment. The TSP looks at the transportation networks within the county, and identifies various areas of concern, based on actual crash data, or poor visibility and street arrangements that create a driving hazard.

The study will be used to guide and inform future transportation project planning and implementation across the county, and will help inform future development as well.

Most of those areas of concern, explained CH2M Hill project manager Larry Weymouth, are along U.S. Highway 101 and Highways 18 and 20.

Most of those areas would probably not surprise Lincoln County motorists. They tend to be concentrated on the western half of Highway 20, and in north County around Salishan and Gleneden Beach and at the western end of Highway 18.

According to the study, "the average annual crash rate ... of the Corvallis-Newport, Alsea, Salmon River and Eddyville-Blodgett highways exceed the statewide crash rate for similarly classed facilities."

Further, the study concluded, "regardless of the crash data, there are several intersections with poor visibility and geometry that create a hazard to drivers." The worst of these locations are at Highway 18 and Bear Creek Road; Highway 18 and Slick Rock Road; Highway 20 and Pikes Camp Road; and U.S. Hwy. 101 and Immonen Road.

The solution to some of the problems, said Weymouth, might be a change of road alignment to provide better lines of sight.

The study found "traffic operations deficiencies" at the intersection of Hwy. 101 and Salishan Drive (which, though signalized, "operates poorly due to heavy traffic"); at Hwy. 101 and Gleneden Beach Loop North (where "heavy conflicting volume" on Hwy. 101 obstructs the left turn west); and at the intersection of Highway 20 and Siletz Highway 229.

Still, only five of the 13 intersections on Hwy. 101 studied had a crash within the last five years. Only one, at the intersection with Willow Drive, involved a fatality. The intersection with Lancer Street produced two crashes, and those at Salishan Drive, Bay View Road, and Wakonda Beach Road each produced one.

While traffic volumes around Newport were high, the highest number of cars recorded in an average daily traffic study (done in 2004) was found in the heart of Lincoln City. There, it found 19,600 vehicles traversing Hwy. 101 per day. Just east of Newport, the study reported 13,500 vehicles as the average daily traffic; for Hwy. 101 in South Beach the figure was 13,400, and in Agate Beach, 12,800.

The study found the designated bike routes on the local state highways adequate. "Most of the well-traveled county arterials and collector (roads) have adequate existing bicycle facilities, due to a county program of widening and paving shoulders," it stated. But, it added, "there are few exclusive bicycle lanes physically separated by distance or barrier from the vehicle roadway."

As for the county transit system, it found "extended hours and additional loops are patron-requested needs. Bus stop, signage, transit system master plan update, and a marketing plan are identified current deficiencies."

Newport Airport, it continued, needs "additional protections to its runway and safety zones, an array of minor facility improvements, and improved access from U.S. Hwy. 101 to the northwest area of the airport." That airport, the airport near Waldport and the airport near Siletz Bay all, it added, "need runway and safety zone improvements."

The Port of Newport could use some "safe signaling for truck traffic on the south side of the port warehouse on Bay Street."

Highway 101

For the five-year period beginning in 1999 and ending with 2003, the study found 412 crashes on Hwy. 101. These accidents involved 169 injuries and seven deaths. Most - 144 - involved cars hitting "fixed objects." Rear end collision (usually caused by tailgating) came in second at 131 accidents. Turning crashes accounted for 64 of the accidents on Hwy. 101.

The study sought to quantify how dangerous different highway segments are in relative (as well as absolute) terms, expressing accident rates in "crashes per million vehicle miles traveled" - recalculating each segment to see what the accident rates would be if they all had the same number of vehicle-miles traveled. By that math, the area between Yachats and the Lane County line, with multiple tight curves around Cape Perpetua, was by far the worst.

The northernmost part of Hwy. 101, between Hwy. 18 and the Tillamook County line, was the second worst in this calculation, and the stretch between Waldport and Yachats the third worst. The highway segment within Lincoln City was the fourth worst. By this calculation, the safest Hwy. 101 segment was the part north from Depoe Bay to Hwy. 229 near Kernville.

Highway 20

Hwy. 20 produced nearly as many accidents as Hwy. 101. In the five years between 1999 and 2003, it saw 13 fatalities and 103 injuries in a total of 335 crashes. Here, too, "fixed object" accidents, at 137, dominated. And, again, rear end accidents, at 79, were the second most frequent.

Over that five-year period, the most dangerous area in crashes per million vehicle miles traveled was between Toledo and Sams Creek Road. The second most dangerous area was between Chitwood and Eddyville. Both those areas are part of the major reconstruction and realignment work being done between Pioneer Mountain and Eddyville now and in recent years. The area between Sams Creek Road and Chitwood, however, has been the least dangerous on Hwy. 20 in this county, according to the study. The largest and most costly part of the Hwy. 20 project - the realignment away from the area where the highway doubles back on itself - is within the dangerous Chitwood to Eddyville segment.

The most dangerous intersection on Hwy. 20 was the one with Siletz Hwy. 229. In the 1999-2003 study period, it saw six crashes (with three injuries). The Olalla Lake Road intersection was the next worst, with three crashes (and no injuries).

The other highways

The curvy Siletz Highway (229) saw 70 crashes in the five-year period, including four fatalities and 35 injuries. The stretch from Hwy. 101 to the Siuslaw National Forest line was the most dangerous in "crashes per million vehicle miles traveled," and the section right after that (heading south) from the National Forest line to Cedar Creek was almost as dangerous. The worst intersection was with Hwy. 20.

The Alsea Highway showed 74 crashes in the five-year period, with three fatalities and 38 injuries. Its worst segment - more than double the second-worst portion - was between Eckman Creek and Scott Creek Bridge.

Highway 18, in north county, showed 170 crashes, with six fatalities and 66 injuries. No particular segment stood out as clearly the most dangerous in crashes per million miles of travel. All four intersections studied proved as hazardous. There were five crashes at Old Hwy. 101 with one injury; one crash with two injuries at North Bank Road; two crashes with no injuries at Bear Creek Road; and two crashes with one death at Slick Rock Road.

The road linking Eddyville and Blodgett saw three crashes that caused three injuries in the study period. Its western half (west of Norton Peak Lookout Road) was by far more dangerous than the half east of the Lookout Road.

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Open House

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Date

January 25

Time

4-7 pm

Location

Board of
Commissioners'
Conference Room

Lincoln County
Courthouse

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The Lincoln County Transportation System Plan will be the focus of an Open House on January 25, 2006 from 4-7 pm. The Open House will be held in the Board of Commissioners' Conference Room, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive, Newport. The Transportation System Plan (TSP) will be addressing all modes of transportation in the county outside the cities. It will become part of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and guide policy choices and transportation improvements during the next 20 years.

Everyone is invited to come to the Open House, hosted by Matt Spangler, Director of the County's Planning and Development Department. You can obtain more information on the County's website at www.co.lincoln.or.us/planning/ or by calling the department at 541-265-4192.

The Open House is an opportunity to help develop draft goals and objectives for the TSP. These goals and objectives will guide Lincoln County as it evaluates future transportation system conditions, deficiencies, and needs. Information about the transportation system inventory, existing conditions, and deficiencies also will be available at the Open House.

If you won't be able to attend the Open House, you can still be involved! You can review the information on the Lincoln County website and submit comments by e-mail or letter to the Lincoln County Planning and Development Department, 210 SW 2nd St., Newport.



Background

Over 25 years ago, in November 1979, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners adopted the current transportation element of the County Comprehensive Plan, which includes goals (L0140) and policies (L0145). Updating this element with a Transportation System Plan (TSP) will allow Lincoln County's Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with changes in regulations and to evaluate future transportation needs.

Changing Regulations. Lincoln County is now required under Oregon's land use planning program, specifically the Transportation Planning Rule (OAR 660-012), to develop and adopt a TSP. The Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) became Oregon law in 1991, and since then has undergone several amendments. The most major of these amendments have addressed issues of bicycle and pedestrian connections, transportation demand management, transportation improvements on rural lands, and funding of planned transportation improvements.

The TPR requires that local governments adopt land use regulations consistent with state and federal requirements "to protect transportation facilities, corridors, and sites for their identified functions." A TSP considers transportation issues and guides transportation policy choices and system development for the next 20 years. A TSP determines the existing and future transportation needs, and plans for financing roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, air, rail, water, and pipeline facilities. To avoid unnecessary land use actions and delays in developing transportation facilities and services, the TPR requires adoption of ordinances that clearly allow the improvements that have been selected in the TSP.

Previous Efforts. Work on a new TSP was started 7 years ago in 1999, but the TSP was never completed. That effort included public involvement to identify transportation issues in the county and develop goals and objectives for a TSP.

The Current Effort. Lincoln County has obtained the services of CH2M HILL and Angelo Eaton & Associates to help the County update and complete the TSP. A cooperative transportation planning effort is now under way involving the public, Lincoln County, the Oregon Department of Transportation, all the cities, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz.

The public input from 1999 is being used as the starting point for this effort, and additional input is invited to prepare a draft TSP. Three Open Houses to obtain public comment are planned for 2006. The TSP will be an amendment to Lincoln County's Comprehensive Plan, so public hearings will be held by the Lincoln County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners. Adoption of a TSP by the Board of Commissioners is expected in early 2007.

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Open house will focus on transportation plan

The Lincoln County Transportation System Plan will be the focus of an open house on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held at the Board of Commissioners' Conference Room at the county courthouse, 225 W. Olive Street in Newport.

The plan will address all modes of transportation in the county outside the cities. It will become Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and guide policy choices and transportation improvements over the next 20 years.

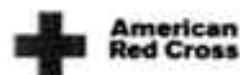
More information is available at the county's website, www.co.lincoln.or.us/planning/ or by calling the Planning Department, 541-265-4192.

The open house is an opportunity to help develop draft goals and objectives for the plan. Persons who cannot attend can still be involved by reviewing the information on the county website and sending comments by e-mail or letter to the Lincoln County Planning and Development Department, 210 SW 2nd St., Newport.

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County to focus on transportation plans

Published: January 17, 2006

The Lincoln County Transportation System Plan will be the focus of an Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the Board of Commissioners Conference Room, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive St., Newport.

The Transportation System Plan will be addressing all modes of transportation in Lincoln County outside the cities. It will become part of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and guide policy choices and transportation improvements during the next 20 years.

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The public can obtain more information on the county's Web site at www.co.lincoln.or.us/planning or by calling the department at 265-4192.

Those who are interested but unable to attend the open house can still be involved. After reviewing the information on the Lincoln County Web site, the public can submit comments by e-mail or letter to the Lincoln County Planning and Development Department, 210 S.W. 2nd St., Newport.

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Lincoln County TSP, Phase 2 - Open House #2 Summary

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FROM: Larry, Weymouth, CH2M HILL

DATE: May 17, 2006

This memo summarizes the attendance, discussions, and activities of Open House #2 held for the project on May 15, 2006 from 4-6 pm at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Meeting Room (108). Posted on the walls of the room were the draft TSP Goals, draft Measures of Effectiveness, and several figures (maps) from the draft updated TSP, ODOT's highway map of Lincoln County, and County land use zones. Attendees were greeted and asked to sign-in and complete a Comment Form, if desired.

Two weeks prior to the Open House, 169 announcements were mailed to planning and elected officials and staff in the County, Chambers of Commerce, libraries, the school district, various state and federal agencies, news organizations, planning advocacy groups, timber companies, bus and railroad operators, and all board members of special road districts, and attendees of the first open house in January, among others. Announcements appeared in at least the May 12th edition of the Newport News-Times, designated as a publication for legal notification in the county, and were broadcast on local radio. It appears the News-Guard (Lincoln City) newspaper failed to run an announcement.

Project Management Team members attending were as noted above and identified by name badges. No members of the general public attended the meeting; however, two county commissioners, county counsel, county sheriff, Port of Newport manager, and the LCDC field representative attended (see attached sign-in sheet).

County Commissioner Terry Thompson proposed acquiring right-of-way and paving an existing private logging road between Moolock Shores and OR 229 about 2 miles south of Siletz, which would become a northern Newport bypass from Siletz to US 101. He thought travelers from US 20 and OR 229 (particularly tribal members in Siletz) heading north on US 101 would use the route. He presented a drawing (siletz_to_101bypass.dwg) with aerial photo and topographic relief showing the 6.74-mile route and existing ground profile at a scale of 1 inch: ¼ mile.

Laren Woolley, the LCDDC field rep, discussed the need of the TSP to address bike/ped improvements in rural unincorporated communities, and to use employment forecasts based on Oregon Office of Economic Analysis unit data (which the draft TSP does, but cites the source as Office of Economic "Development").

County Sheriff Dennis Dotson described the exemplary efforts of a local resident (retired USAF colonel) to prepare his neighborhood for evacuation and encampment in case of a tsunami.

The Open House ended slightly earlier than scheduled at about 5:45 pm, as the room needed to be prepared for another event starting at 6 p.m.

Some post-meeting discussion suggested that a press release be prepared at a later date (probably late June) that would invite the public to suggest projects to the County for improving county transportation facilities.

Open House

Open House

Date

May 15, 2006

Time

4-6 pm

Location

Board of
Commissioners'
Conference Room

Lincoln County
Courthouse

225 W. Olive

Newport

The Lincoln County Transportation System Plan will be the focus of an Open House to be held on Monday, May 15, 2006, from 4-6 pm. The Open House will be in the Board of Commissioners' Conference Room, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive, Newport. The Transportation System Plan (TSP) is currently being written and deals with all modes of transportation in the county. It will identify transportation needs and solutions for the next 20 years in Lincoln County and is coordinated with city TSPs. Together, the county and city TSPs provide an integrated transportation plan for all of Lincoln County. The county's TSP becomes part of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and will guide policy choices and transportation improvements.

Everyone is welcome to the Open House, hosted by Matt Spangler, Director of the County's Planning and Development Department. At the Open House, you will have the opportunity to identify and discuss the transportation system's existing conditions and needs, and expected future conditions and needs. You will be able to obtain and provide comments on draft reports. The Open House also is an opportunity for you to help define measures of effectiveness for the county's transportation system, such as mobility and safety. These measures then will be used to develop and evaluate proposed transportation improvements and alternatives.

If you won't be able to attend the Open House, you can still be involved. You can obtain information about the TSP's goals and objectives and view the draft reports by accessing the County's website at www.co.lincoln.or.us/planning/ or by calling the department at 541-265-4192. Comments also can be submitted by e-mail or letter to the Lincoln County Planning and Development Department, 210 SW 2nd St., Newport, OR 97365.



Sign-in Sheet - Open House of May 15, 2006

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Meetings

Monday

Newport City Council: noon work session and 7:30 p.m. regular session, city hall.

Region 4 Workforce Investment Board Business and Employer Services Task Force: 1:30 p.m., office of Community Services Consortium, 545 SW Second St., Suite A.

Lincoln County Transportation System Plan open house: 4 p.m., Planning and Development Dep 210 SW 2 Street, Newport.

Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee: 5:30 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

Lincoln County Non-Profit Social Service Agency Allocation Committee: 6 p.m. Commissioners C Room, Lincoln County Courthouse, Room 108, Newport.

Lincoln City budget Committee: 7 p.m., council chambers, city hall

Tuesday

Yachats Public Works and Streets Committee special meeting: 2 p.m., civic meeting room, Yach Commons. Under consideration is the development of Center Street as a throughway.

Mental Health Advisory Committee of the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Department: 2 p.m., North Conference Room, Health and Human Services Building, 36 SW Nye St., Newport.

Yachats Planning Commission: 7 p.m., civic meeting room, Yachats Commons.

Depoe Bay City Council: 7 p.m., city hall.

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service meeting on highly migratory species, 7 p.m. at the Guir Hatfield Marine Science Center, in Newport.

Wednesday

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners: 9:30 a.m., Lincoln County Courthouse.

Port of Alsea Commission: noon, Port of Alsea Office, 365A Port St., Waldport.

Lost Creek Park Special Road District monthly meeting: 6 p.m., Mike Mulligan's house, 131 SE :

Toledo City Council: 7 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

Lincoln County TSP, Phase 2 - Open House #3 Summary

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FROM: Larry, Weymouth, CH2M HILL

DATE: December 12, 2006

This memo summarizes the attendance, discussions, and activities of Open House #3 held for the project on December 5, 2006 from 4-6 pm at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Meeting Room (108). The announced purpose of the Open House was to receive comments from the public on the draft Transportation System Plan (TSP) for Lincoln County. Posted on the walls of the room were several figures (maps) from the draft (November 2006) TSP, ODOT's highway map of Lincoln County, and County land use zones. Copies of the draft TSP were on display. It was noted that the draft TSP also can be accessed via the County's website at www.co.lincoln.or.us/planning/ and comments can be submitted by e-mail or letter to the Lincoln County Planning and Development Department. Attendees were greeted and asked to sign an attendance sheet.

Two weeks prior to the Open House, 185 announcements were mailed to planning and elected officials and staff in the County, Chambers of Commerce, libraries, the school district, various state and federal agencies, news organizations (newspapers, radio stations), planning advocacy groups, timber companies, bus and railroad operators, all board members of special road districts, and prior open house, among others. Announcement of the open house appeared in November 27th, 2006 edition of the Newport News-Times, designated as a publication for legal notification in the county.

Project Management Team members attending were as noted above and identified by name badges. Seven members of the general public or advocacy groups attended the meeting, and one representative from Plum Creek Timber. Government agencies represented were the City of Toledo and Port of Toledo (see attached sign-in sheet).

Public comments noted a few factual inaccuracies in the draft plan to be corrected. Some of the information had become outdated since the time of report preparation. A comment regarding transit service in Newport noted that travel the length of the city required a two-zone fare, and one-zone would be more equitable considering the actual distance traveled. Another comment favored the County providing or requiring bike parking facilities, such as

bike lockers, at public facilities and with new major development projects. Support for additional signage and pavement marking for the share-the-road with bicycles program also was favored.

The Open House ended as scheduled at 6:00 pm.



Lincoln County TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

Open House

Open House

Date

December 5, 2006

Time

4-6 pm

Location

Board of
Commissioners'
Conference Room

Lincoln County
Courthouse

225 W. Olive

Newport

The Lincoln County Transportation System Plan (TSP) will be the topic of an Open House to be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, from 4-6 pm. The Open House will be in the Board of Commissioners' Conference Room, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive, Newport.

A draft version of the Lincoln County TSP has been prepared that deals with all modes of transportation in the county. The TSP identifies transportation needs and solutions for the next 20 years in Lincoln County and is coordinated with cities' TSPs. Together, the county and cities' TSPs provide an integrated transportation plan for all of Lincoln County. The county's TSP becomes part of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and will guide policy choices and transportation improvements.

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Lincoln County open house will discuss transportation system

The Lincoln County Transportation System Plan (TSP) will be the topic of an open house to be p.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the Board of Commissioner's Conference Room, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive in Newport.

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To: DETAR John G
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Subject: Highway 101 Widening along Siletz Bay

John

As we discussed, the draft Lincoln County TSP discusses or proposes widening portions of Highway 101 along Siletz Bay from two to four lanes. It's apparent that widening would require fill in protected Goal 16 and Goal 17 wetlands (portions of which are in the Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge.) Consequently, exceptions to Goals 16 and 17 would be needed in order to include the highway widening in the TSP as a "planned" improvement.

My sense is that neither ODOT nor the County intend to pursue a goal exception at this time. If that's the case, then the TSP should be revised to make it clear that the TSP is not including this particular widening as a planned improvement. The TSP should also make it clear that a plan amendment and goal exception would be required to for the improvement to be included in the comp plan or TSP.

My other general thought is that it would be wise for ODOT (and or the county) to chat with resource agencies about the proposal for highway widening in this area, even if the exception is put off to a later time. My sense is that it would be wise to coordinate consideration of options for the highway with NWR and resource agency interests in enhancing the resource values of the bay.

Here's a very rough cut of the sort of discussion that I would suggest adding to the plan to clarify the status of widening as a proposal rather than a planned improvement.

Based on traffic forecasts, the two lane segments of Highway 101 between milepost x and y along Siletz Bay will exceed planned capacity. While ODOT would ordinarily propose widening of Highway 101 to add additional travel lanes to accommodate expected traffic demands, widening in this area would impact portions of the Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge and estuarine and shoreland wetlands that are protected under Lincoln County's comprehensive plan and provisions of Statewide Planning Goal 16 and 17. Allowing new travel lanes as a "planned improvement" in the county's comprehensive plan would require a and adoption of an exception

to statewide planning goals to allow the project to be included as a planned improvement in the county's comprehensive plan. Authorization to widen the highway would require findings under federal law. Neither the county nor ODOT are able to complete the necessary studies and evaluations at the time this TSP was prepared. Consequently, widening of Highway 101 in this segment is not included as a planned improvement as part of this TSP. It is County policy to consider this issue further either at the next plan update, or as a plan for the NWR is developed. In the interim, and to make land use decisions that preserve the opportunity to widen this segment of Highway 101 in the future.

Finally, I don't seem to have Matt's email address, so I am hoping that you might be able to forward this on to him for his consideration.

Thanks

Bob

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Pages extracted from 1999 Lincoln County TSP regarding public involvement and issues.

2.1 ISSUE IDENTIFICATION

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In order to understand the issues of importance, a Plan Advisory Committee was formed and two public open houses were held to gain input. In this way, the plan and the TSP process were better able to cover public issues and concerns.

On August 11, 1998, the County held the Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) kickoff meeting. As a part of this meeting each member was asked to identify one specific outcome that he/she wanted to see happen as a result of the regional TSP development process.

Those responses follow.

- Need to ensure that the County TSP is reflective of and fits within other plans.
- TSP must be compatible with the TPR while providing for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit modes.
- Plan needs to reflect the problems encountered by smaller communities when summertime populations increase.
- TSP needs to coordinate with both City plans and State plans.
- TSP must have implementation value.
- TSP needs to incorporate County roads within urban areas.
- Plan needs to pay attention to the needs of different modes like port, rail, and air.
- Plan needs to address the inland access to highways.
- Other modes are underutilized, especially rail.
- Plan outcomes need to be implementable and realistic, given the political and financial realities of the situation.
- As UGBs and cities grow, the TSP should make recommendations for absorbing of county road facilities.
- Plan must build community support.

2.1.1 Issues List

As a result of this meeting, the following issues were identified for further study.

- Just north of the Alsea Bay Bridge in Waldport is Bayview Drive. This area has been developing with a new church and an RV park. The new development has created more turning traffic and congestion at this intersection.
- In the City of Yachats, the intersection of the Yachats River Road and Highway 101 is at a very small angle, making sight distance problematic when entering the highway. Adding to this difficulty is the steep grade at which this road intersects the highway. The Yachats Village Circulation Plan calls for the closure of this intersection for safety purposes.
- During the peak tourist season in the summer months, left-hand turns off of and on to Highway 101 have significantly increased delay.
- Access management is seen as an issue for the unincorporated areas.

- There is an issue with planning for capacity on the transportation system within Lincoln County. There is an extreme seasonal variation in traffic, both in demand for through movements on Highway 101 and on the County system in general. This issue must be addressed in a meaningful way during the development of the TSP.
- There are congestion issues at the intersection of the Ona Beach State Park access/ Beaver Creek Road and Highway 101.
- The intersection of Highway 101 and Logan Road has poor geometrics and congestion.
- The intersection of Highway 18 and Highway 101 is confusing.
- Highway 20 needs modernization from Pioneer Mountain to Eddyville.
- ✓ Highway 101 is a geological challenge, as the road slides during the winter months. Need to stabilize the road.
- Highway 101 needs more and better turnouts and passing lanes for slow-moving vehicles.
- The rail in the County is limited to Toledo and is underutilized by the major industrial shippers.
- The airport just south of Newport has recently added commercial services. Better road connection, signage, and intersection with Highway 101 are needed if the service is to continue to expand.
- There is a need to ensure that the County TSP and the plans for the transit district are compatible.
- Perhaps the deep-sea port in Newport could be used to relieve some of the truck traffic.
- Need to study the pros and cons of bypassing Lincoln City.
- Need more frontage roads and common driveways.
- There is congestion at each Toledo intersection with Highway 20, particularly at western Business Highway 20 intersection.
- Truck traffic on Range Drive in Waldport is a problem.
- Need to be mindful of the needs of industry, particularly in Toledo. The bridge at Eddyville will not accommodate larger trucks.

Logging began in Lincoln County in the early 1900s to supply the spruce needed for airplanes. A railroad was constructed to transport the logs to the mill in Toledo.

- There seems to be a disparity between the County's stated policy of developing to City standards within urban growth boundaries and observed practice. Cities are frustrated by lack of sidewalk, curbs, and gutters.
- Many rivers crisscross Lincoln County. Crossings over them are very limited.
- All east/west highways, 34, 20, 18, are vulnerable to closure, particularly in winter.
- The intersections of Neotsu, East Devils Lake, and Logan Roads with Highway 101 are all dangerous and require improvements.
- Merger of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific made the reliability of rail scheduling poor.
- The tracks along the Elk River are in need of upgrade.
- Need to design roads to accommodate larger (53-foot) trucks.
- There is only one north/south route in the County (Highway 101).

On August 25th and 26th 1998, the County held two Community Openhouses to gather public input as to the issues they felt the plan should address. The following is a summary of issues brought forth by the public during two separate public involvement open houses. The first openhouse took place at the Lincoln City Community Center and Pool complex on August 25th, from 6 PM until 8 PM. The second was held in the Lincoln County Commissioners Boardroom in Newport on August 26th.

Issues raised at the openhouses included:

- The importance of continuing to make the county areas more pedestrian-friendly
- Improving public transportation services throughout the county
- Ensuring that parking along the street is maintained along state highways and county roads where it is necessary
- Continuing to implement the County Bicycle Plan
- Importance of addressing problems with Range Drive in Waldport, including determining who has jurisdiction over each portion of the road; improving the facility for pedestrians; and ensuring that all truck traffic using the road is truly local and not using the road as a shortcut to developing areas.