
Meeting Overview

Crook County Transportation System Plan (TSP)

December 5, 2016: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

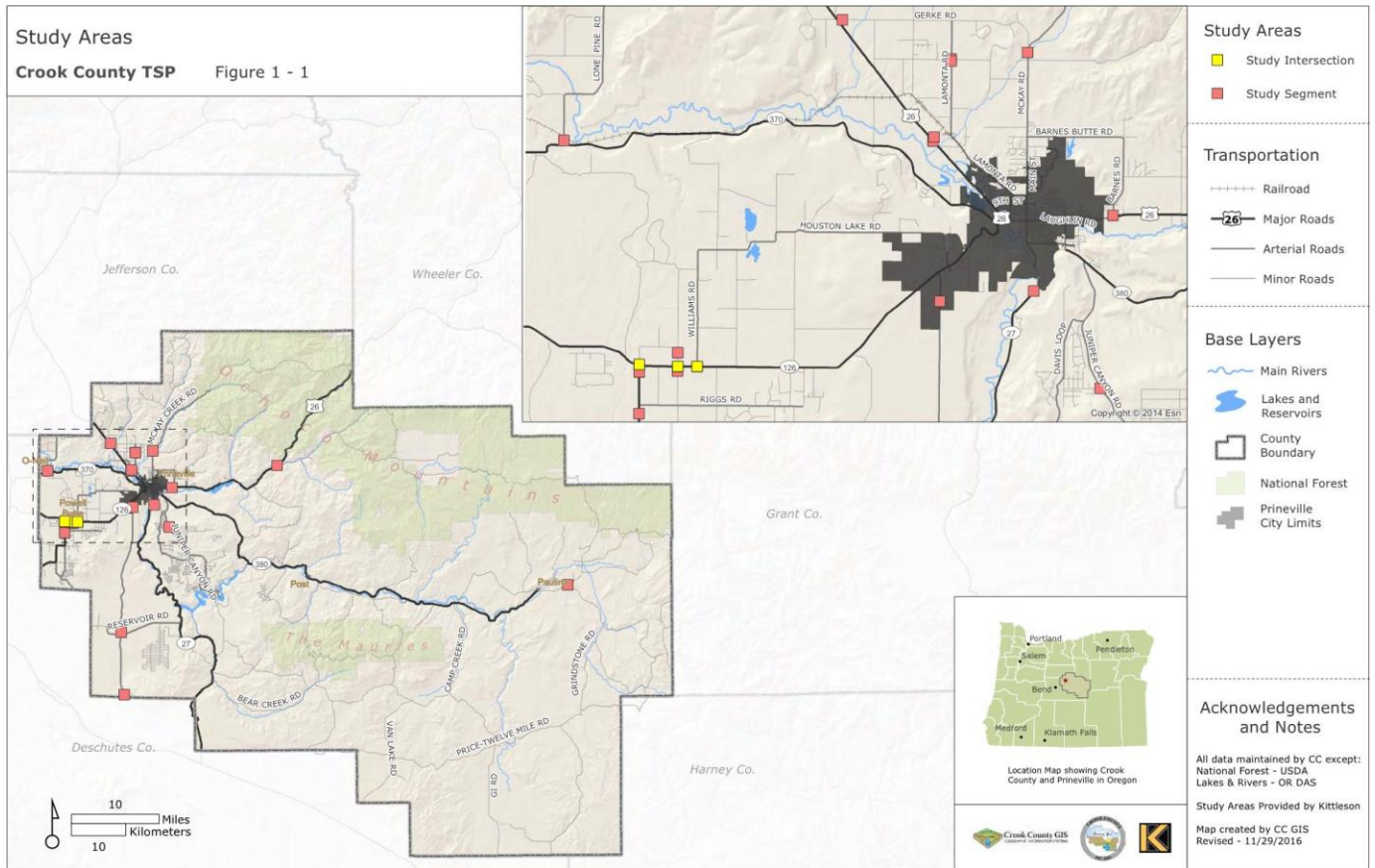
OSU/Crook County Extension Service Clover Building, Prineville, Oregon

Participants:

Phil Stenbeck	Prineville City Planner	Caroline Ervin	Economic Development of Central Oregon
Devin Hearing	ODOT Regional Planner and APM	Randy Winders	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocate
Scott Smith	City of Prineville Public Works Representatives	Levi Roberts	Crook County GIS Department
Casey Kaiser	Chamber of Commerce	Ann Beier	Crook County Assistant Planning Director
Bob O'Neal	Crook County Road Department Representative	Marc Butorac	Kittelton and Associates, Inc.
Scott Edelman	Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development - Regional Representative	Darci Rudzinski	Angelo Planning Group
Holly Wenzel	Crook County Health Department	Ashleigh Ludwig	Kittelton & Associates, Inc.
Jackson Lester	Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council & Cascades East Transit	Camilla Dartnell	Kittelton & Associates, Inc.
Russ Deboodt	Crook County Fire and Rescue		

1. Project Overview- *Marc and Ashleigh provided an overview of the TSP process and an explanation for the importance of a TSP.*
 - a. Project Purpose- TSP is a means to regulate future growth and development, help strengthen Crook County grant proposals for funding, and maintain consistency with state requirements.

b. Study Areas:



c. Project Schedule

- i. Draft TSP to be completed next June
- ii. Adoption next summer
- iii. Open house after next TAC/PAC meeting in February
- iv. Traffic counts were performed 1-2 weeks before Thanksgiving

d. Roles & Responsibilities

2. Plans & Policy Review (Tech Memo #1)- *Darci explained that the purpose of Tech Memo 1 is to review requirements, policy, and relevant guidance pertaining to TSPs and to ensure that the TSP is maintaining consistency with all necessary documents.*

a. Highlights:

- i. Transportation Planning Rule (TRP) directs local TSPs to integrate land use planning with the transportation system
- ii. TSP will be adopted as a chapter of the Comprehensive Plan
- iii. TSP will help prioritize projects for funding
- iv. Project Management Team (PMT) will upload links to the documents reviewed by the Plans and Policy review to the TSP project website

3. Draft TSP Goals & Objectives (Tech Memo #2)- *Ashleigh explained the goals and objectives included in the Draft Tech Memo 2 and led a discussion about changes or additions that need to be made. The major points from the discussion are as follows:*
 - a. Topics may be included under more than one goal, if applicable
 - b. Pay attention to the following words, as they suggest different amounts of weight placed on each item:
 - i. “Consider, Support, Encourage, Promote, Prioritize”
 - c. KAI to add transit service as one of the objectives in section 1
 - d. KAI to add ADA compliance as an objective
 - e. Include access to Juniper Canyon in objective 1.2 (may also be included in Goal 3)
 - i. 1/3 of the population lives in Juniper Canyon but there is only one road for access
 - ii. May be safety hazard
 - f. Add “promote access” to recreational areas, including Ochoco National Forest, reservoirs, and trail systems
 - g. Provide more access to higher education opportunities throughout the region-include in connectivity or economic development goals
 - i. Connect to Redmond, Prineville, & Bend’s campuses
 - h. Increase connectivity to jobs outside of county
 - i. Movement of farm equipment- include in safety and/or economic development sections
 - j. Safety- traffic calming
 - i. Can change the look and feel of roads without actually narrowing them, in rural areas especially
 - ii. May be included in subdivision codes for future developments
 - iii. Do not want to narrow access too much so that it constrains access by emergency vehicles
 - k. Need to include pedestrian crossings as an objective, where applicable
 - l. Continue to “promote” multimodal/active transportation
 - m. Look for ability to include park and rides as an objective
 - n. Add objective for linking health, environment, and transportation for active transportation
4. Discussion/Identification of Key Transportation Issues- *Each person at the table shared key transportation topics that they identify need to be addressed. Those topics are as follows:*

- a. The regional nature of the County provides unique challenges
 - i. How can we make our trips more efficient?
 - ii. Can we make 126 a safer corridor and have fewer trips?
- b. Improving active transportation and the community's health
- c. Creating data moving forward- keeping the County's database up to date
- d. Providing safe access for pedestrians and bicycles
- e. Improving safety along Juniper Canyon road for motor vehicles and bicycles
- f. Ability to incorporate new, large employers to key industrial areas
- g. Improving access to transit for economic development
- h. Improving access for emergency services and improving address data
- i. Winning funding for transportation-
 - i. Currently funding is very limited
- j. Improving the transition from rural/county roads into city streets for annexation
- k. Addressing current and future traffic in industrial areas (Tom McCall Road)
- l. Improving access/safety on Juniper Canyon, especially with steep grade combined with snow/ice
 - i. Currently many accidents
- m. Maintaining infrastructure-
 - i. 111 bridges, only 42 of which are eligible for common state and federal funding
 - ii. All aging and need to be replaced
- n. Easing rural routes that have traditionally had little to no traffic
- o. Access to recreation- many cars are starting to use the few alternative routes that are possible, but these routes are where the most bicycles and pedestrians are located
- p. Improved signage for major destinations
- q. Emergency preparedness, especially in very rural areas
 - i. Eclipse will bring many people into rural areas next year
- r. Promoting alternative modes of transportation
- s. Maximizing economic benefits of the airport and freight depot, which have great potential
- t. Supporting oversized loads
 - i. Many travel Washington to Arizona

- ii. Railroad trestle diverts oversized loads onto unsubstantial roads
 - u. Secondary access to the airport
 - v. Connections with Redmond airport
- 5. Next Steps- *Ashleigh shared upcoming dates, including the dates that comments on the addressed Technical Memos should be submitted.*
 - a. Provide Feedback on Draft Tech Memos- send comments to Ann by next Monday (December 12th), then Ann will compile and send to KAI by Friday (December 16th)
 - b. Next Meeting: February 7th (3:00 – 5:00 PM), followed by Public Meeting #1 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)