



MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 19, 2023 Project #: 23021.050
Project: Curry County Transportation System Plan Update
Meeting: Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #4
Location: Curry County Commissioners - 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, OR 97444 ([Microsoft Teams](#))

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1. Draft Tech Memo #7: Preferred Alternatives
 - a. Resiliency
 - i. A new connection should be established from Agness to Powers, to the top of the hill, to OR 42. The Forest Service would bring the roads up to state standards. The community tried to get this added to the tax bill, but it did not go through, and they did not get the money. It was a ½ cent state gas tax to pay for this, not a local tax. This new connection would make use of existing roadways.
 - ii. ODOT does not have the funding to build a new road anytime soon unless it is through the state gas tax.
 - b. Bike/ped connectivity
 - i. Bike lanes are needed on US 101 as one of the most popular routes through the county.
 - ii. The coastal bike route plan includes bike lane/facility projects that will be incorporated into the plan. That said we want the plan to reflect the County's needs and the County's priorities for its facilities – what they want to do.
 - iii. Shoulder rumble strips need a good wide shoulder so that they don't get in the way of bicycling.
 - c. Gold Beach Turnaround
 - i. Need a turnaround north of gold beach, particularly for recreational vehicles
 - ii. Include a sign - turnaround 5-miles ahead
 - iii. Edson Creek Road could serve as the turnaround
 - d. Wind Farm
 - i. Does traffic forecasts account for the potential windfarm? It is a federal project that could bring 4,500 new residents to the County and additional traffic.
 - ii. The wind farm seems to still be up in the air, so the County isn't sure how they would incorporate it into the transportation system plan.

- iii. Forecast traffic volumes account for some growth within the County – mostly regional growth along US 101 as well as other key corridors. If/when the wind farm comes in, they will need to do an environmental analysis and likely a traffic analysis and any changes to the transportation plans of the County and the incorporated cities will need to be addressed.
 - iv. The plan should include some form of contingency action if the wind farm comes in (same with the Agness to Powers connection, should funding become available).
 - e. Safety
 - i. West Coast Game Park – their parking lot is frequently full and is on a blind corner that includes a passing lane.
 - 1. The game park is in Coos County (outside of our study area)
 - ii. Engineering studies will be required for projects identified on ODOT facilities.
 - iii. US 101 / Wedderburn Loop – the poor sight lines down US 101 are from the west side of the intersection, looking north.
 - iv. The primary safety concern over the Mill in Brookings is the southern exit on US 101.
- 2. Project Prospectus Sheets
 - a. If the county has identified an issue, something like this could be used to get funding from the state, through the state legislature.
- 3. General Discussion
 - a. Truck turn at Carpenterville Road (South Mill exit), trucks headed toward US 101 have to swing into northbound lane. Perhaps add a light that says truck entering highway. It's a slow pull-out, so you could also include an acceleration lane. Quite a bit of traffic coming out of the mill.
- 4. Next Steps
 - a. TAC to provide comments to County/ODOT by Friday, November 3.
 - b. Project team to incorporate feedback and finalize Tech Memo #7 and Project Prospectus Sheets.
 - c. Project team to develop final set of Tech Memos (Policy and Standards, Implementing Ordinances and Code Changes, and Financially Constrained Project List).
 - d. Next/final TAC meeting in January 2024.