

Waldport Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update

Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #1

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Waldport City Hall – 125 NW Alsea Hwy, Waldport, OR 97394

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**Meeting Organizer:** Susan Wright, Consultant Project Manager

**Meeting Attendees:** Harry Dennis, Jerry Phillips, Paul Virtue, Chris Tryon, Roxie Cuellar, Ray Woodruff, Chief Gary Woodson, Ron Remund, James Feldman, Susan Wright, Matt Bell, David Helton, Kerry Kemp, Larry Lewis

**Meeting Purpose:** The purpose of Project Advisory Committee Meeting #1 was to provide an orientation to the project, outline the plan and policy context for the project as summarized in Revised Tech Memo #1, consider the draft project goals, objectives, and evaluation criteria in Draft Tech Memo #2, and review the existing conditions in Draft Tech Memo #3.

#### Discussion Topics

##### Project Overview

- Have not updated the city-wide TSP since 1999
- Updated policies and goals for transportation in 2010
- This update will deal with all modes of transportation (ped, bike, transit, auto, etc.)
- The TSP identifies priorities, preferred improvements, what the City requires of developers
- Larry and Kerry hear about concerns, they deal with it in the moment, and may identify improvements for the future. This process will give people a chance to weigh in on a more comprehensive sort of way.
- Parks and trails plan was successful because of the turnout. Would like a similar turnout for the TSP.

##### Roundtable Discussion

- What are the key transportation issues PAC members want to address as part of TSP update?
  - Road configurations, general layout
    - The TSP update will include review of the existing transportation system. It will identify needs for new connections, changes to lane configurations.

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- Speed limits, there are three speed limits on the bridge
  - Road configurations could be changed and made a little safer, easier to navigate
  - Access to US 101, north of Alsea bay, is difficult in the summer, 45-55 mph
  - Roadway conditions coming into town, OR 34 has potholes, appears to be in bad condition
  - Do we have any influence on state roads?
    - The TSP update will include a review of state roads – the state looks to the local TSP for improvements on its facilities
    - Recommendations and planning has to be done in coordination with ODOT
    - Much of the plan for OR 34 will be brought into the TSP with some refinements
  - The off-set at Mill Street at OR 34 continues to be an issue
  - Making sure that everything we work on improves access for people with disabilities
  - Bicyclists sharing space with vehicle traffic and/or pedestrians
  - Funding for transportation improvements
    - The TSP will provide a good foundation and springboard for prioritizing needs and quantifying them and come up with a plan that can be adopted by council
    - The city had a sidewalk grant match available to downtown oldtown and no one took advantage
  - Port would love a right-hand turn lane on Broadway at Port Street
  - Port is planning to expand its parking lot
  - Pedestrian crossings on US 101 and OR 34
  - Connections between old town and uplands (peds and vehicles)
  - Connections to the Port
  - Circulation patterns downtown and how they can be integrated with peds, bikes, trucks with trailers/boats
  - Parking
  - Safety on US 101 and OR 34 for all users
  - Connections for Oregon coast bike route – pinch point leaving Waldport headed south
  - Entrances are a problem, bay and the recreation is the key to our survival

- Planned development in the Norwood area – if there was a slide in the area, several families would be cut-off
- Yaquina John Point connections plan – look at the connections identified in the plan
- No pedestrian and bicycle circulation to the school campuses – some potential with un developed and underdeveloped lands
- Tsunami evaluation routes

#### Revised Tech Memo #1: Plans and Policy Review

- Will be looking at a new connection between industrial park, schools, US 101. Have identified 3-4 alternatives, most of which go outside the city limits

#### Draft Tech Memo #2: Goals, Objectives, and Evaluation Criteria

- Do the goals capture the intent of the plan, align with your vision for the City? Was anything left out?
  - Emergency services, natural disaster
  - Stability of the few roads that we have going up (range, cedar, crestline)
  - Need more emphasis on natural disasters
  - Consider moving 4.4 to 4.1 or 4.2

#### Draft Tech Memo #3: Existing Conditions Inventory and Analysis

- Do we have ADTs on City facilities? Generally no?
- Is traffic on US 101 directional? There is more northbound traffic in the AM and more southbound traffic in the PM
- Transit access at clinic – can it be improved? Circulation issue at the clinic. Would street improvements to aid turnaround be helpful?
- Funding – Road District Property Tax – can it be spent on sidewalks or crosswalks? Some councilors have had concerns on the funding source in the past related to the benefits for those living on private streets.
- Port stop-sign sometimes has 15-20 minute delays (Port/Broadway). People end up doing U-turns. (influenced by loss of boat launch at McKinley).
- Port Street is only access between Broadway and Mill Street and being used as a street - Verify if Port Street is owned by the port.
- New facilities – single lane moving to two lanes to boat launch at Broadway/Port.
  - What are the new marina plans?
- BLTS Analysis

- Crestline doesn't seem appropriate for kids bicycling to school.
- PLTS Analysis
  - Why is Cedar Street not shown on the map?
- Safety analysis doesn't indicate any critical issues. City will identify safety issues

#### General Comments

- Put a red dot on the port as an area that needs some more emphasis.
- Bayview is outside of the city but need to call it out as needing review by ODOT or County. City could have a policy about working with ODOT and County on traffic control and safety at Bayview/101.
- Other policy idea – work with ODOT on passing opportunities north and south of Waldport.
- VOH - advertise on community facebook page, Information Station (eric knudson), indicate it's the first of three opportunities to comment.

#### Next Steps

- Provide comments to the City by Friday, e-mail [larry.lewis@waldport.org](mailto:larry.lewis@waldport.org) with any comments.

#### Action Items:

- Update introduction and objective 4.4 to reflect natural disasters
- Consider moving 4.4 up to 4.1 or 4.2
- Consider impact of topography on BLTS
- Consider impact of sidewalks on PLTS
- Consider impact of ADTs on BLTS and PLTS analyses
- Include Cedar Street on the BLTS and PLTS analyses
- Review transit stop amenities
- Identify safety issues at Bayview/US 101
- Identify other safety issues per city comments
- Identify the port on relevant figures