

MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2023	Project# 23021.048
Project Name:	Florence Transportation System Plan Update
Meeting Location:	Florence Event Center
Subject: Stakeholder Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting #4	

The purpose of STAC Meeting #4 was to provide an update on the project and discuss the Draft Transportation System Plan (TSP) update and Implementing Ordinances. The meeting included a presentation by the project team, discussion on the Draft TSP Update and Implementing Ordinances, and a general discussion on transportationrelated issues within the City.

Outstanding Issues:

- 1. OR 126/Quince Street configuration
- 2. Rhody Drive multi-use path 9th Street to Wild Winds Street
- 3. Estuary Trail Alignment
- 4. Cross Sections and street design standards
- 5. Kingwood Street 20th Street to 35th Street
- 6. Quince Street Maple Street to OR 126

Draft TSP Update

- 1. Roadway Element
 - a. Functional Classification
 - i. Update 35th Street from Rhody Drive to US 101 to a minor arterial.
 - ii. The functional classification map should show all future streets with their classifications.
 - b. Street Connections
 - i. The Spruce Street and 8th Street extension projects are needed to take pressure off OR 126/Quince Street.
 - ii. The improvement may not be needed if OR 126/Quince Street is reconfigured.
 - c. Streetscape Improvements
 - i. Bay Street provide further clarification on the scope of work consider the need for garbage, delivery, and transit service as well as parking issues – consider parking of less than 3-hours.
 - d. Intersection Improvements

- i. There are two high priority intersection improvement projects on 35th Street: one at Kingwood Street and one at Oak Street. Which one is needed first?
 - The 35th Street/Kingwood Street project is intended to address long-term operational issues, while the Oak Street/Kingwood Street project is intended to address safety related to school activities. Therefore, the latter is needed now and the former is needed later.

e. Traffic Safety

i. The merge south of 2nd street approaching the bridge is unsafe. We need an advance warning sign and another arrow.

2. Ped/Bike Elements

- a. On-street bike lanes on Spruce Street get bikes off US 101, so do we still need improvements on US 101?
 - Yes, many people will continue to rely on US 101 and there are numerous neighborhood and activity centers oriented along US 101.
- b. Like the mid-block crosswalks on US 101. The one near Old Town Way needs a flashing light.

3. Transit Improvements

- a. Consider expanding service is too wishy washy. "Consider" is not a strong enough word. Local transit service is inadequate. We need to be more specific or more forward about what is needed.
- b. We need to start with doubling service, then expand service to include areas that are not served, including a stop in front of the college.
 - i. Lane Transit District is ready to increase service frequency on the Rhody express by adding one (maybe two) bus. This will essentially double service.
- c. Fred Meyer is classified as a major transit stop. Accordingly, the stop should have ped/bike access per TPR.

4. Implementing Ordinances

- a. Carpool/Vanpool
 - ii. City uses square-feet rather than employees to identify parking requirements.
 - iii. We don't think the City is ready to move forward with this at this time.

b. Conduit

- iv. There is an expense not being recognized by requiring developers to install conduit.
 - 1. The conduit is empty and essentially there to accommodate future use without having to tear up the street.

2. Conduit is cheap and the upfront cost will benefit developers down the road.