



MEETING NOTES

Date: March 15, 2023 Project #: 23021.050
Project: Curry County Transportation System Plan Update
Meeting: Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #2
Location: Curry County Commissioners - 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, OR 97444

MEETING PURPOSE

Provide a project update, present on the second set of draft tech memos (#3: Update System Inventory and #4: Current Transportation System Conditions), collect feedback from the TAC, and discuss project next steps.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Becky Crocket (Planning Director), *Curry County*; Kathryn Bernhardt (Transit Manager), *Curry Public Transit*; Aaron Brooks (Region 3 Access Management), *Oregon Department of Transportation*; Spirit Miller (Architect), *Curry County Planning Commission*; Rob Schafer & Gary Wolford, *Curry County*; John Wilson, *Oregon Department of Aviation*; Steve Beyerlin, *Fisheries Coordinator for County & Nesika Beach Resident*; Matt Bell, Miranda Barrus, Sophia Semensky, and Shayna Rehberg, *Kittelson & Associates and MIG (Consultant Team)*.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. **Introductions**
 - a. John Wilson – Oregon Department of Aviation has money to update the Cape Blanco Airport, which is a key part of Curry County's resiliency plan, and he's glad to be part of the TSP Update to coordinate efforts.
2. **Project Update**
 - a. **Project Schedule**
 - b. **Meetings/Milestones**
 - c. **Major Tasks/Deliverables**
3. **Draft Tech Memo #3: Update System Inventory**
 - a. Curry Public Transit allows flag stops along US 101 if drivers can pull off the road safely (clarify in memo). Shelters are provided in every city, but no stations are available at this time. The main "station" is in Brookings. The Transit Development Plan has been adopted (clarify in memo).
 - b. North Bend has air service that is important to Curry County (include in memo).
 - c. What boundaries of the Title VI data are based upon? The census, at the tract level. The poverty map may misrepresent the actual issues in Curry County, as some census tracts that show high poverty percentages may only have a small amount of people. It might be possible to get data at a smaller scale

(block/block group). It would be helpful to know where the people in poverty (13%) live in the county.

- d. Consider paying extra attention to culverts and fisheries. Past culvert replacements have created issues for fisheries.
- e. There is an opportunity for a wayfinding point on the north side of the Patterson Bridge (west of US 101) to encourage tourists to pull over at the mouth of the Rogue River and observe the fishing. It could also help with a turnaround location (a Medford example is to fish near the off-ramp).

f. Guiding Questions:

i. Are there other transportation facilities and/or services that should be inventoried and documented in the TSP?

- 1. Make sure to include Winchuk River Road in all maps, including the posted speed map. People exceed speeds on that road and there are residences out that direction.

ii. Are there other gaps or deficiencies in the transportation system that should be identified and addressed in the TSP?

iii. What else would you like us to know about the existing transportation system?

4. Draft Tech Memo #4: Current Transportation System Condition

- a. The Curry County TSP focuses on state and county roads. The City TSPs cover local/city streets.
- b. Most of the congestion issues are within the cities and on both sides of Isaac Lee Patterson Bridge.
- c. US 101 / Carpenterville Hwy (and the south mill exit) are locations of safety concern due to the mill truck traffic; the turning radius at the intersection doesn't appear to be sufficient.
- d. North Bank Rogue River Road / Old Coast Road / US 101 – difficult to see along highway (see note above about wayfinding point). North of this area, south of Nesika Road, US 101 is off camber, and is also an area of safety concern.
- e. Consider including signage as part of the TSP; important roadway feature.
- f. US 101 / Nesika Road has had five known traffic deaths; northbound through traffic doesn't wait for northbound left-turning traffic and drives around to the right; there appears to be room for a left-turn lane.
- g. Flashers were installed in the Humbug Mountain area to alert drivers about icy conditions, and they worked well for visibility and safety until they were stolen.
- h. More than half of crashes in this area occur due to wet/slippery conditions.
- i. Safety concerns around US 101 south of Flores Creek Road (4-lane cross section)
- j. Consider contacting the volunteer fire department to get more information on where crashes occur.
- k. A key location to analyze is Railroad St in Brookings.
- l. Note in the Transit QMA that the transit service is rural.

m. Guiding Questions:

i. Are there other operational or safety issues that should be identified and address in the TSP?

ii. What else would you like us to know about how the existing transportation system operates?

5. General Discussion

6. Next Steps