



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022

**To:** Project Management Team

**From:** Karen Swirsky and Katie Popp, Kittelson & Assoc.

**Subject:** TCP Advisory Committee Meeting #2 Minutes

### Attendees:

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## Notes:

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### StoryMap Overview

- [Tumalo Active Transportation StoryMap](#) is accepting input from the public until July 12<sup>th</sup>
- Advisory committee to spread the word about the StoryMap
- Theresa Conley – It would be helpful to have a visual/ story about what the transit stop would look like in Tumalo
  - Would look similar to Sisters and Redmond stops
  - Rachel – share some pictures of the raised stop in Sisters

### Tumalo Open House Debrief

- Peter Russell and Tarik Rawlings – Great turnout for the Tumalo Open House. Attendees very very involved and provided a lot of input. There are clearly two differing viewpoints in Tumalo: (1) Keep Tumalo the way it is and (2) Wish for a bit more growth in Tumalo.
- Karen Swirsky and Katie Popp – Three emerging themes from Tumalo Open House and Tumalo Walking Tour

### Three Emerging Themes from Public Events

- Speed Control & Safety
- Pedestrian Connectivity
- Transit

### Speed Control & Safety

- Karen and Katie went through several potential concepts to address speed control and safety, including (1) traffic signal at Cook Ave and Cline Falls Hwy, (2) Roundabout at Cook Ave and Cline Falls Hwy, (3) Raised intersection at Cook Ave and 4<sup>th</sup> St, (4) Entryway art, (5) Safety improvements such as shoulder widening on Bailey Road and Tumalo Road.
- Raised intersection
  - Peter Russell: County would be okay with a raised intersection. Another option is rumble strips.
  - Gabriel: Dan of raised intersection but wouldn't be necessary with the roundabout.
  - Jim: Agreed with Gabriel – Raised intersection would not be necessary with the roundabout.
- Roundabout
  - Jim: Supportive of a roundabout at Cline Falls Hwy/ Cook Avenue. Roundabout would improve safety for pedestrians, especially those at the river takeout heading to Tumalo downtown.

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- Rachel Zakem – Deschutes River Woods currently has a country store stop. Rachel connected with the country store owner who didn't seem opposed, but a follow-up conversation needs to follow.

- Gabriel – Tumalo country store has a large parking lot but it can get chaotic with people coming in and out during busy times.
  - Alternative: Right before the Tumalo country store entrance on 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- Rachel – Transit stop must have sidewalks that are ADA compliant and connect to the Tumalo sidewalk network
  - Jim – Is there a need for a transit stop?
  - Rachel – A stop in Tumalo has been on CET’s radar for a few years based on input from the public that specifically request a stop in Tumalo.
  - Peter – Out of the 55 people who took the TCP survey, 29% said they wanted a transit stop in Tumalo
  - Karen – The transit vehicle is a Ford Transit van which is very small (transporting max. 7-8 people).
  - Rachel – The route would be 3 stops a day in both directions.

### Discussion

- Jeanine would like to see a community survey on transit & roundabout at Cline Falls Hwy/ Tumalo Road
- Most seemed to like the roundabout; Devin Hearing (Deschutes County) shared concerns sight distance and the constraint of the river and Tumalo Road bridge
- Mixed reviews on raised intersection. Some were not big fans but others like; general consensus is that there isn’t a need for both the raised intersection and the roundabout
- Roundabout could be a good thing for all the folks using the river put-in, encouraging them to walk to downtown instead of driving
- Agreement that sidewalks on Bruce are important, maybe just on one side
- Most favored transit stop is on Bruce across from the Church – but the Country store could be a good interim location until sidewalks are built on Bruce
  - Country store can be chaotic at peak times
- Lots of support for a connection from Tumalo State Park to Tumalo downtown area, possibly as part of the walking loop

## Action Items

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- Advisory committee to spread the word about the [StoryMap](#)
- Send StoryMap to TCP Advisory Committee

Need to follow up with:

- Rachel Zakem – Share photos of transit stops that are representative of the future Tumalo stop

## Chat/Comment Log

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[Katie Popp] How would walking & biking fit in with these concepts?

[Theresa Conley] There are numerous driveways along that stretch that people riding bikes & driving need to navigate, I think

[Theresa Conley] Webpage for the broader ODOT project: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=20011>

[Katie Popp] If you have more thoughts after the meeting, the StoryMap would be a great space to share