



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Date: May 15, 2023 Project #: 23021.050
To: Project Management Team
From: Kittelson & Associates, Inc.
Project: Curry County Transportation System Plan Update
Subject: Final Public Meeting #1 Summary

INTRODUCTION

This outreach report summarizes the outcome of the first public meeting for the Curry County Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update. The purpose of the public meeting was to introduce the public to the project and its goals, present findings from the current roadway inventory and transportation system operations analysis, and gather input from the community about their transportation needs. This feedback will be incorporated into the existing conditions analysis and the upcoming future conditions and alternatives analyses for the TSP.

The public meeting was held at the Curry County Administrative Annex in Gold Beach on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The public was notified about the event with the following mechanisms:

- A post card that was posted to the Curry County Board of Commissioners website, the County Planning and Building website, and on bulletin boards at the Planning Department, and emailed to the County's land use list of interested persons.
- Announcements were posted in various places on the project website (<https://projectcomment.com/currycountytsp>) including 'Home,' 'Latest News,' and 'Meetings,' which automatically sent notifications to website subscribers.

For future public meetings, the Board of Commissioners encouraged the project team to advertise on social media and offered to announce meetings during their Wednesday workshop periods that precede the events.

The in-person event garnered six (6) participants outside of the project team including two community members, two City of Gold Beach representatives, a County Board Commissioner, and a County Planning Commissioner. The project team was also able to gather input from a deputy at the Sheriff's Department following the open house.

For community members who preferred to participate online, a virtual public meeting that provided the same content as the in-person event was available and advertised through the project website from March 15 to March 31. In addition, community members were informed about an interactive commenting map that is available on the project website and will be for the duration of the project. The following section summarizes the feedback received during the in-person and virtual public meetings and through the interactive commenting map.

PUBLIC MEETING FEEDBACK

Large format poster boards were displayed at the in-person event that presented project background information, the draft TSP goals, maps that illustrated the various elements and conditions of Curry County's transportation system today, and the next steps in the project and how the community can stay involved. Comment forms were also provided for participants to complete.

Between the in-person and virtual events and the project website interactive commenting map, the public identified approximately 14 needs for the County's existing transportation system. These needs generally represent safety for all users, the vehicular system, and the walking and biking system. An overview of the feedback received is summarized below. Public meeting materials and public input are attached to this summary.

- There is general concern for/interest in roads that are federally classified as collectors but are currently gravel (Lobster Creek Road was an example).
- There is general concern for the lack of redundancies in the transportation network; there's only one way in and one way out.
- Agness Road up to the town of Powers may be an ideal alternate and/or emergency route.
- The major County roadways that follow the rivers (S / N Bank Chetco River roads, Jerry's Flat Road, N Bank Rogue River Road, etc.) tend to be locations of frequent stops for the Sheriff's Department.
- The Cape Sebastian State Scenic Corridor on US 101 (south of Gold Beach) can exhibit unsafe roadway conditions during inclement weather.
- Visitors to Secret Beach create parking issues/conflicts on US 101.
- US 101 / Winchuck River Road-Ocean View Drive: heavy traffic turning movements at this intersection; may need a traffic signal.
- US 101 / Del-Cur Supply Co-Op site access: southbound left-turn onto the site is problematic after changes were made to the highway. There's only one driveway in; people must pull into a turn lane going the wrong direction or cause a major back-up on US 101 and unsafe passing on the right.
- There are several observations for US 101 through the Brookings Urban Growth Boundary (UGB):
 - US 101 / Carpenterville Highway-Dawson Road (site of the lumber mill): very difficult to pull onto US 101; intersection needs a traffic signal.
 - US 101 / 5th Street: various nearby land uses causing major traffic, crashes, and near misses at this signalized intersection.
 - US 101 / Oak Street: part of a major walking/biking route to and from schools and a lot of traffic entering US 101; needs a four-way stop and signaled crosswalks.
 - Need better street lighting along the US 101 bridge over the Chetco River for all the foot traffic.

- US 101 / S Bank Chetco Road on-ramp: RV's move directly into far right lane, often without stopping, and cause slow-downs; need a merging lane.
- Inadequate on-site parking for the South Coast Humane Society Thrift Store causes patrons to park on US 101 shoulder and create issues for southbound traffic, especially when they pull back on US 101 across four lanes to travel northbound. Wider shoulders might help.

ATTACHMENTS

Public Meeting Post Card



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRANSPORTATION?

Would you like to help the County identify potential improvements to the transportation system?

Then please join us for a public meeting on **Wednesday, March 15, 2023** at the **Curry County Administrative Annex - 94235 Moore Street in Gold Beach** - to learn about an ongoing project with Curry County and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to update the County's Transportation System Plan (TSP). **The doors will open at 5:30 PM.**

The County is in the early stages of the planning process and would like your input on key transportation-related issues within the county. The public meeting will provide information and solicit your input on the draft goals and objectives that will be used to guide the project and on existing transportation facilities and services within the county, including potential gaps and deficiencies in the roadway network.

Can't join us in-person? Then please visit the project website at **www.projectcomment.com/currycountytsp** from **Wednesday, March 15 through Friday, March 31** to participate online. The website will provide the same information and offer the same opportunities to provide your input.



Public Meeting Poster Boards

STATION 1: ABOUT THE PROJECT

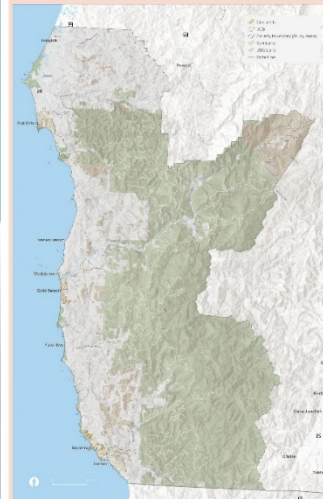
WHAT IS THE PROJECT PURPOSE?

Update Curry County's 2005 Transportation System Plan (TSP).

WHAT IS A TSP?

The Curry County TSP is a long-range planning document that describes the county's transportation system and the projects needed to meet transportation goals over the next 20 years.

WHAT IS THE TSP STUDY AREA?



WHY IS UPDATING THE TSP IMPORTANT?

Since 2005, transportation needs in the county have evolved. Updating the TSP will help move Curry County's road network toward a resilient multimodal system that people of all ages and abilities can use. The TSP also:

1. Provides a basis for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
2. Provides a basis for System Development Charges (SDC)
3. Provides a basis for land development conditions of approval
4. Provides rationale for making investments and land use decisions
5. Ensures that the long-term transportation needs will be met
6. Protects right of way for needed improvements
7. Provides consistency between state, regional, and local planning
8. Provides a link to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other funding sources

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STATION 2: TSP GOALS & PROJECT THEMES

Do these goals and project themes align with your vision for the county?

GOAL 1: SAFETY AND RESILIENCY

Provide a transportation system that is safe for all transportation modes and people of all ages and abilities, and that supports community recovery and resiliency post-disaster.

GOAL 2: SUSTAINABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Create a fiscally responsible and sustainable transportation system, minimizing environmental and resource impacts.

GOAL 3: EFFICIENCY AND VITALITY

Provide a transportation system that fosters a vibrant economy and community through the efficient movement of goods and people and through easy access to economic and recreational opportunities.

GOAL 4: TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS AND EQUITY

Improve conditions and access for affordable transportation options – including walking, biking and other “rolling,” taking transit, and ridesharing – and minimize potential negative impacts of transportation projects on communities and groups.

GOAL 5: COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION

Coordinate transportation projects and related land use and development policies with appropriate partner agencies and plans.

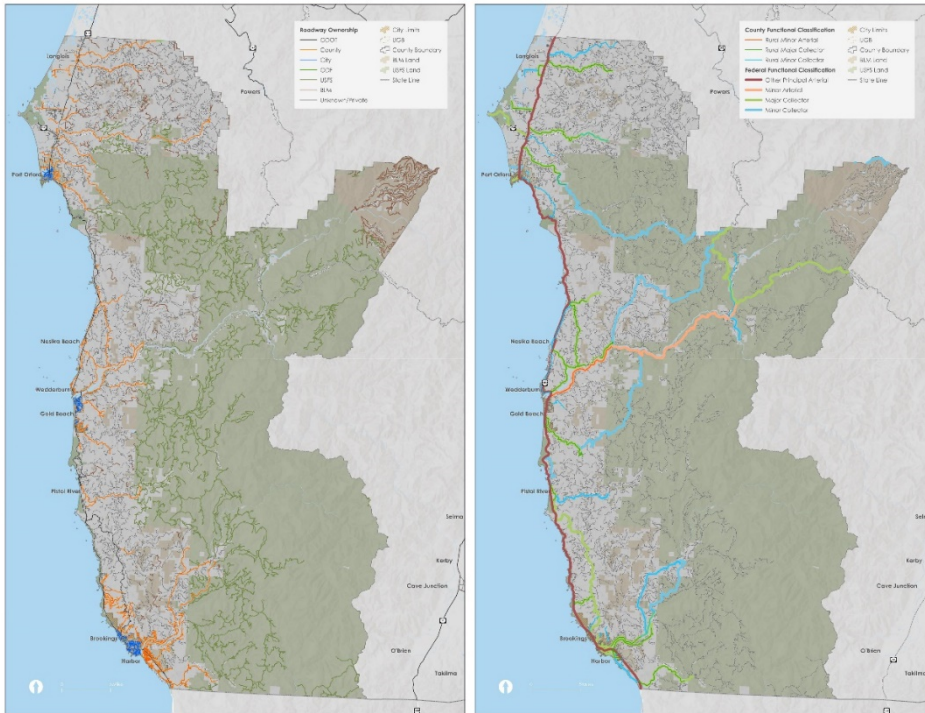
GOAL 6: TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Establish transportation improvement and maintenance projects that are feasible, are adequately funded, and provide positive returns on investment.



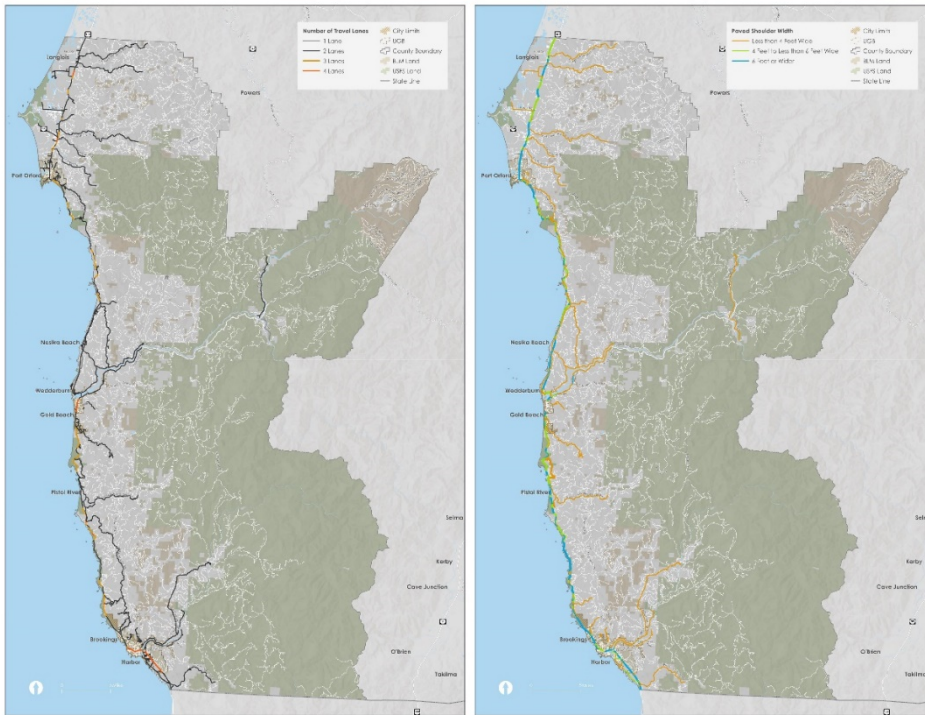
STATION 3: ROADWAY OWNERSHIP & FUNCTION

Are there any new roadway connections needed in the county?



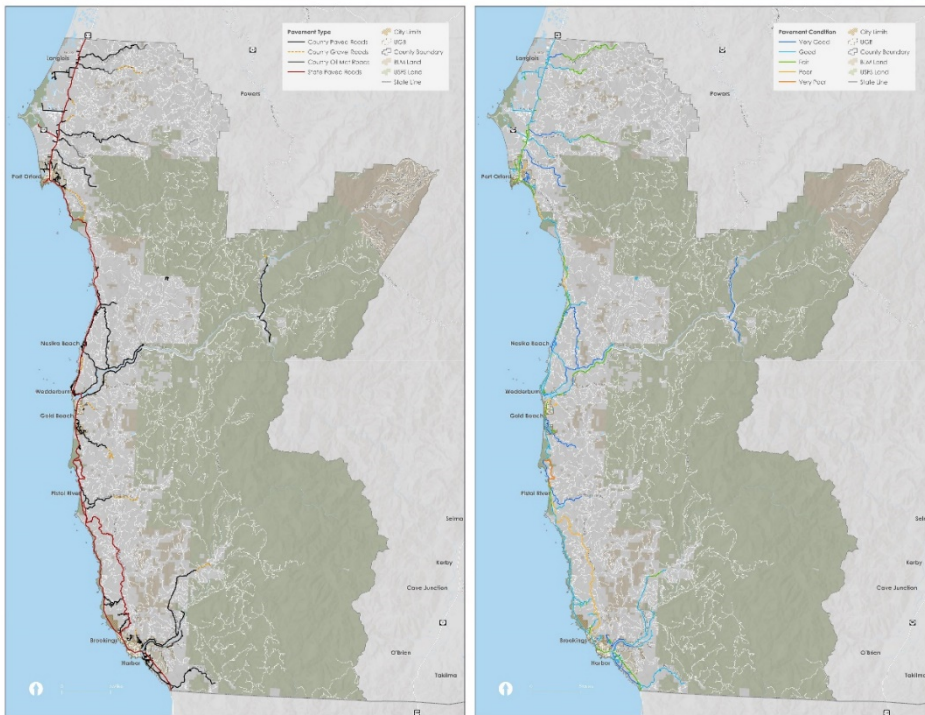
STATION 4: ROADWAY FACILITIES

Are there roadways that need additional lanes or wider paved shoulders?



STATION 5: PAVEMENT TYPES & CONDITIONS

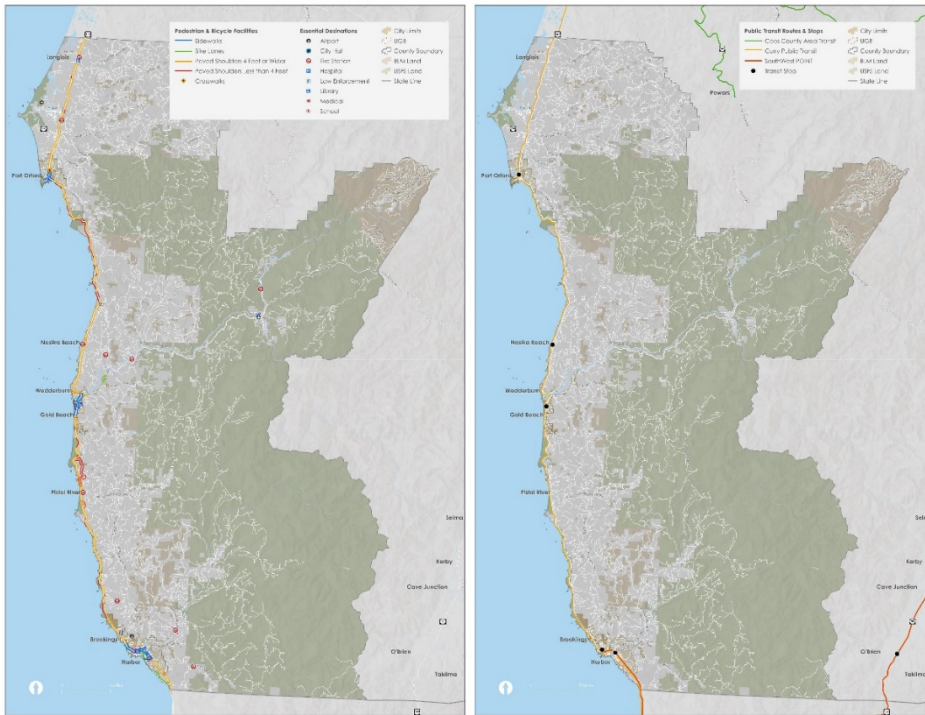
What roadways should be prioritized for improved pavement conditions?

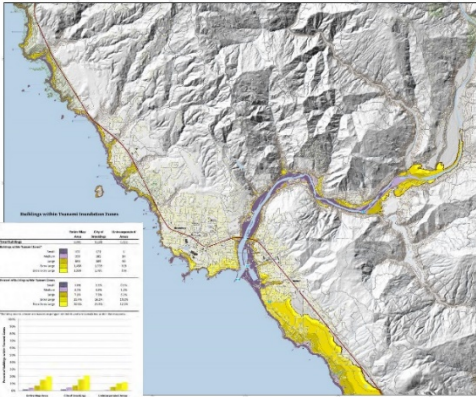
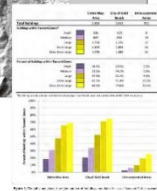
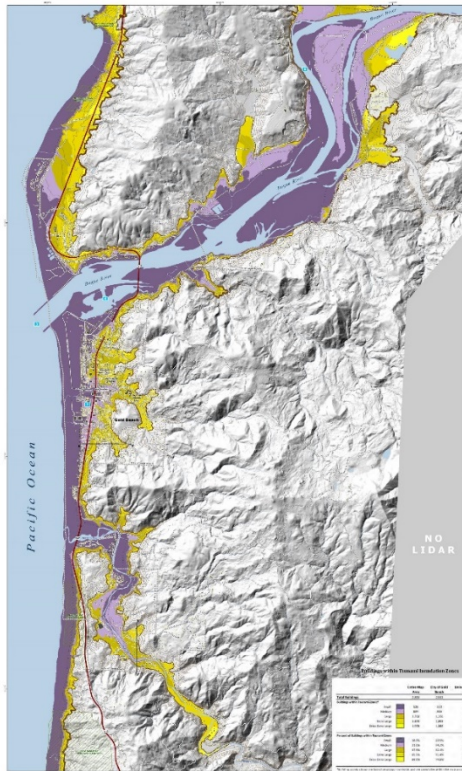
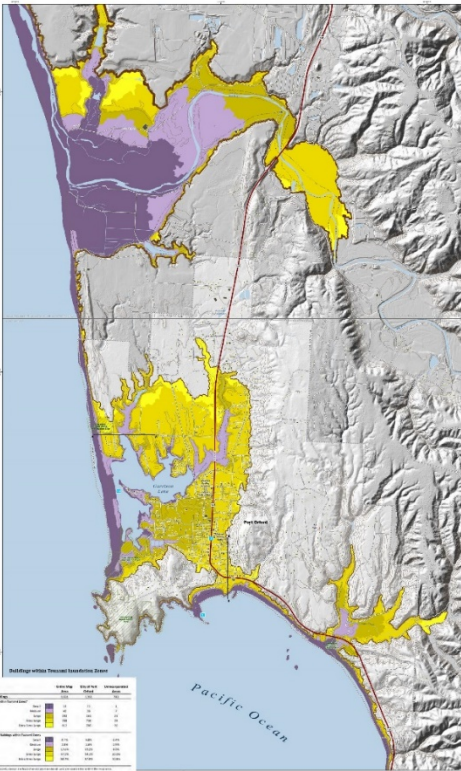


STATION 6: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES & SERVICES



What areas have the greatest need for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities and services?





STATION 7: TSUNAMI INUNDATION ZONES

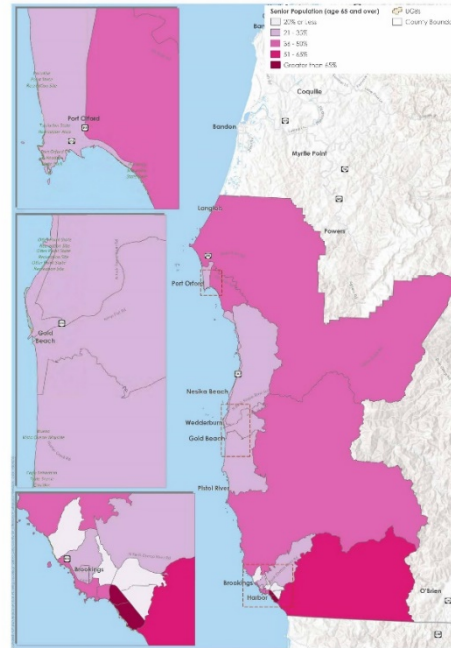
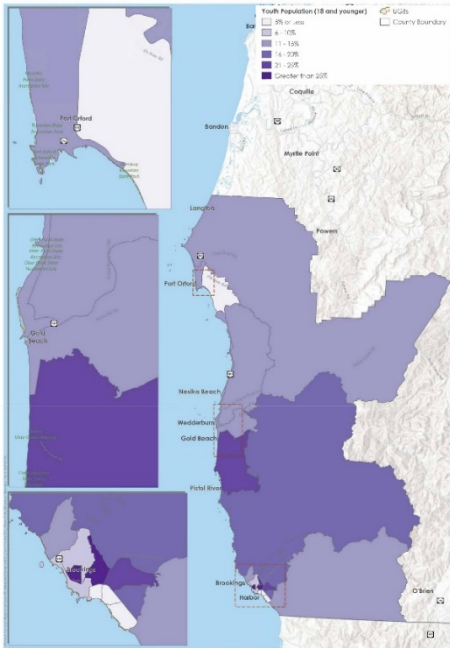
Are there roadways in the county that should be designated as evacuation routes?



STATION 8: COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS



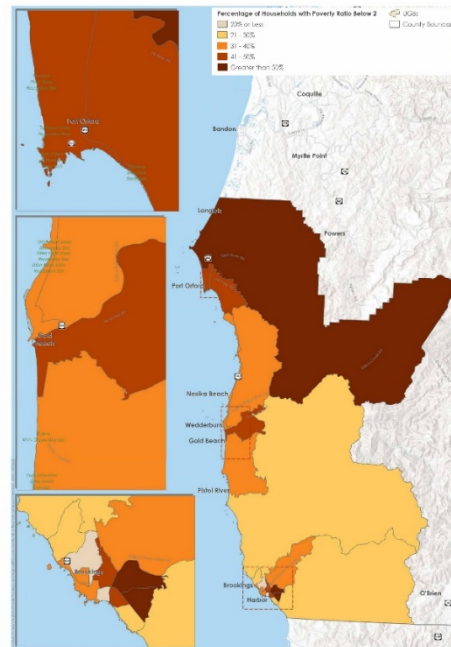
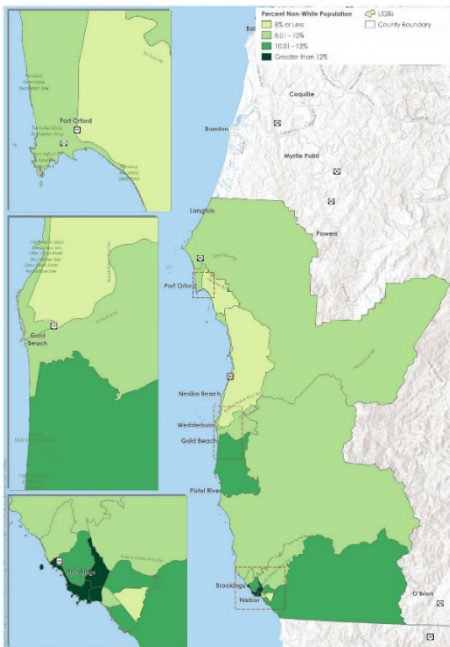
Which areas have the greatest need for alternative travel modes?



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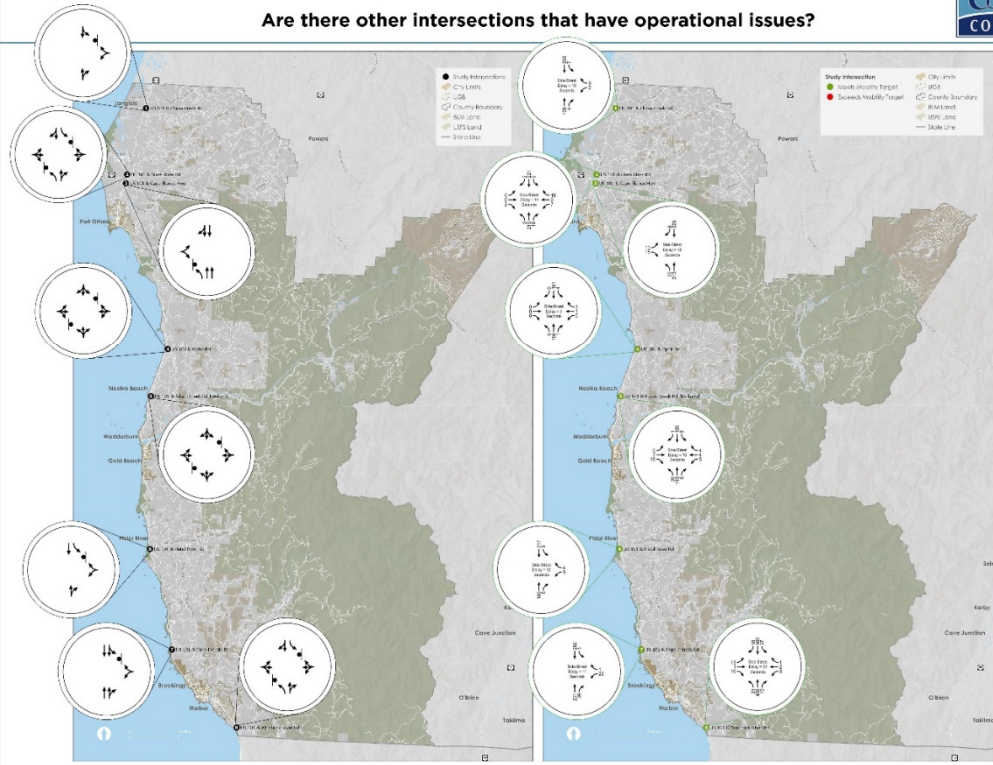
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STATION 9: STUDY INTERSECTION OPERATIONS



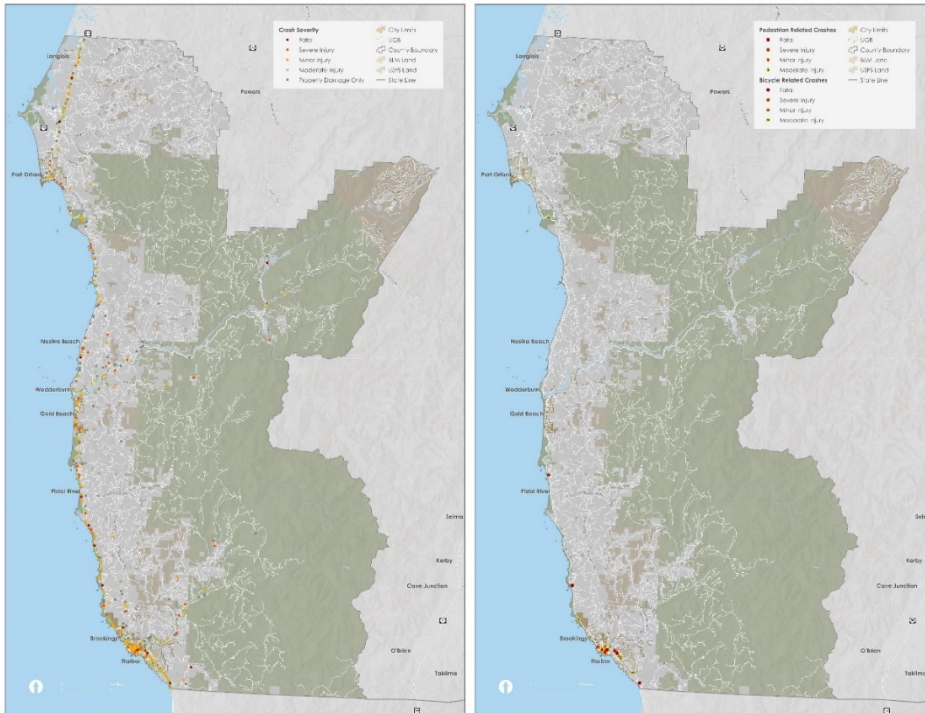
Are there other intersections that have operational issues?



STATION 10: COUNTYWIDE CRASH HISTORY (2016-2020)



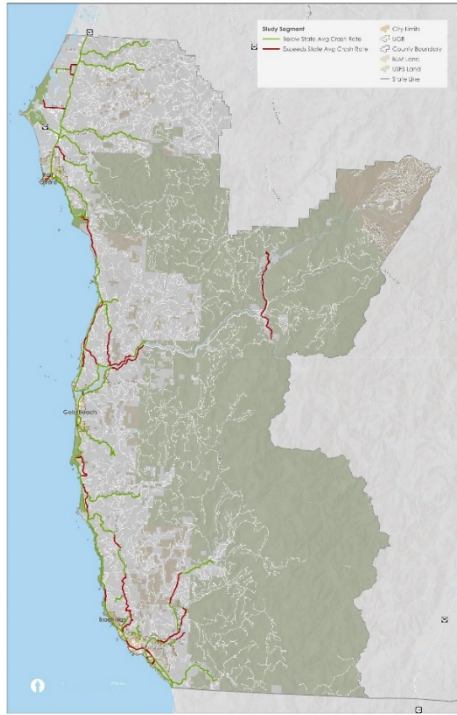
Where are your concerns regarding roadway safety?



STATION 11: INTERSECTION AND SEGMENT CRASHES (2016-2020)



Are there other intersections or roadway segments that seem unsafe?



STATION 12: PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE



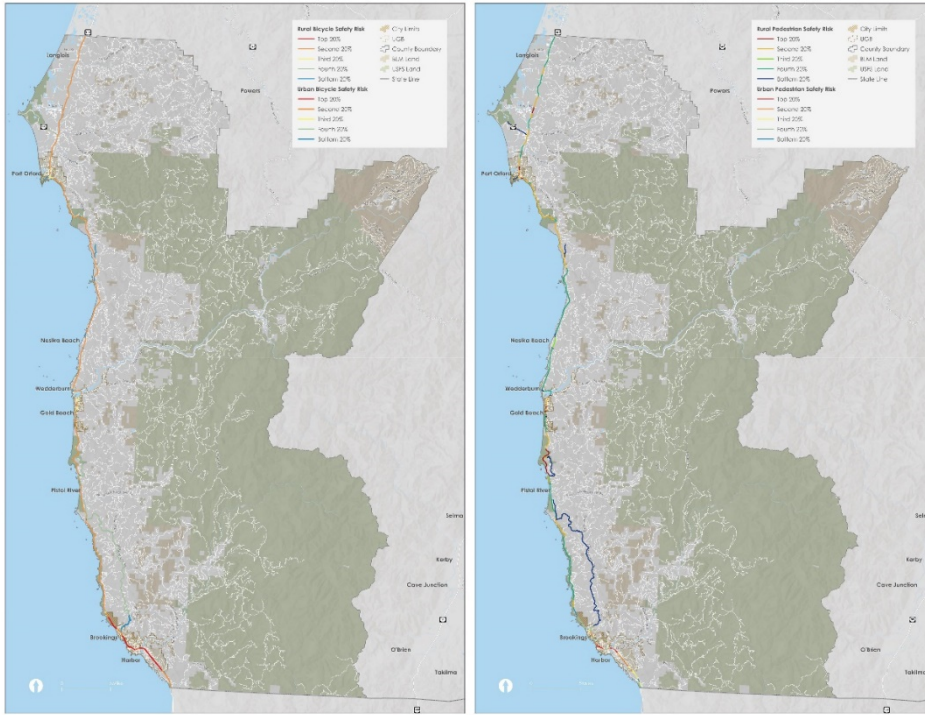
Where could the pedestrian and bicycle system be improved?



STATION 13: PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SAFETY RISK



Where is the least safe place for pedestrians and bicyclists?



STATION 14: CLOSE-OUT INFORMATION

PROJECT NEXT STEPS

Over the next 5 months, the project team will be evaluating how the transportation system performs in 20 years. This evaluation, in combination with the current transportation needs that you told us about today, will help us identify potential solutions. These potential solutions will be refined through guidance from the project Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which we will present to you at Public Meeting #2.

PUBLIC MEETING #2

September 2023 (Tentative)
 Time/Location To Be Determined
 Topic: Potential Transportation Solutions to Identified Existing and Future Needs

STAY INVOLVED

For updates about how the Curry County TSP Update is progressing and how you can stay involved, visit the project website! Right now, the project website contains a path to Virtual Public Meeting that presents the same information as this in-person event, if you would prefer to provide your comments in a virtual format.

[PROJECTCOMMENT.COM/
CURRYCOUNTYTSP](https://PROJECTCOMMENT.COM/CURRYCOUNTYTSP)

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any other questions or comments after participating in the Public Meeting, please contact the project team at the project website:

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Public Meeting Comment Form



Public Meeting #1

Curry County Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update

March 15, 2023 | 5:30 to 7:30 PM

County Chambers: 94235 Moore St, Gold Beach, OR 97444

COMMENT FORM

Welcome to the first Public Meeting for the Curry County Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update! The purpose of this event is to:

1. introduce you to the project and its goals,
2. get your on-the-ground perspective about transportation needs in Curry County, and
3. inform you on how to stay involved throughout the project.

This comment form gives you an opportunity to provide us with your input! It includes questions for you to consider as you make your way through the Public Meeting Stations set up around the room. Begin with visiting Station 1 to learn about the project.

Once you've made your way around the stations and added your comments to this form, please drop this form in the comment box back at the welcome table.

Thanks for your participation!

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Please provide us with your input on the TSP Goals, the County's existing transportation facilities and services, and the transportation needs that you see.



Virtual Public Meeting Site (Welcome Page)

CURRY COUNTY TSP UPDATE - VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING #1 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

WELCOME	ABOUT THE PROJECT	TSP GOALS	ROADWAY SYSTEM	PEDESTRIAN SYSTEM	BICYCLE SYSTEM	PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM
FUNDING	COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS					

WELCOME!

Welcome to Virtual Public Meeting #1 for the Curry County Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update!



This Virtual Public Meeting provides community members with an opportunity to share their feedback on transportation needs they see in Curry County and follow the progress of the ongoing TSP Update. Your feedback is vital because it will help us create a transportation system that meets the needs of everyone in the community.

In each "room" (or tab) located at the top of this page, you will find various information that will collectively support updating the County's TSP. This is where we need your input. The rooms include:

- **About the Project:** provides general information on the project, including "What is a Transportation System Plan and why does it need to be updated?"
- **TSP Goals:** presents the goals and objectives developed for the TSP Update to ensure that the plan and the recommended projects it will contain align with the vision of the County and the community.
- **Roadway System:** presents information on the existing roadway system and its current performance.
- **Pedestrian System:** presents information on the existing pedestrian system and its current performance.
- **Bicycle System:** presents information on the existing bicycle system and its current performance.
- **Public Transit System:** presents information on the existing public transit system and its current performance.
- **Funding:** presents the existing means of funding and potential funding for future projects.

Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors about this site so we can hear from them before the Virtual Public Meeting ends **Friday, March 31**.

Project Website Interactive Commenting Map & Feedback To-Date

CURRY COUNTY TSP UPDATE

This map allows the public to provide thoughts and feedback on the current transportation system within Curry County.

[View a list of existing comments →](#)

Having trouble viewing or using the map? Please contact Miranda Barrus at mbarrus@kittelson.com with your comments.

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Satellite Topography **Map**

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INSTRUCTIONS
Double-click anywhere on the map to tell us about a transportation-related thought or concern you have about Curry County.

Google

1.



Added November 15 2022

Left turn into Co-op is problematic.

Liked 0 times

0 replies

2.



Added November 15 2022

Visitors to Secret Beach create issues on state highway.

Liked 0 times

0 replies

3.



Added March 16 2023

DelCur Supply - only one driveway in and no double lane to turn - have to pull into a turn lane going wrong way or cause a major backup on Hwy50 and unsafe passing on right

Liked 0 times

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4.



Added March 16 2023

Winchuck River Road to east and Oceanview to west - lots of traffic on both roads coming in and out both ways on 101 - may need traffic light?

Liked 0 times

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5.



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Humane Society Thrift Shop - inadequate parking causes patrons to park on shoulder of highway causing issues to traffic heading south, especially when they pull back out heading north across 4 lanes. Wider shoulder might help.

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6.



Added March 16 2023

Need better street lighting along here - lots of foot traffic going across bridge. Also, South Bank Chetco Road comes into 101 just before bridge and RV's turning onto the highway move directly into far right lane, causing slow ups (and they often do NOT stop!) Need a merging lane there.

Liked 0 times

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7.



Added March 16 2023

5th Street - two grocery stores, plywood mill off Railroad Street (BIG trucks), KFC/TacoBell, transit stop, doctors and clinics - major traffic. There is a 4-way light there but still a lot of accidents, near misses.

Liked 0 times

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8.



Added March 16 2023

Oak Street - major walking/biking site to and from schools. Lots of traffic entering 101. Needs a 4-way stop and signaled cross walks.

Liked 0 times

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9.



Added March 16 2023

Carpenterville/Dawson - site of Lumber Mill - very difficult area to enter Hwy 101 - needs a signal.

Liked 0 times

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