



Summary of Feedback from Citizens on the “Transportation Priorities”

DRAFT 11/3/11

Overview

Over the past three months, Clackamas County staff has attended over 20 community meetings to inform people that the Transportation Systems Plan (TSP) is being updated and to get input from them what elements (goals) should be a priority when the transportation system is being planned and evaluated.

To get input from the public, a survey was developed that broke the concepts identified in the draft goals into simple language. People who attended the community meetings were then asked to mark what ever element they thought should be a priority when planning and evaluating the transportation system.

General Trends

Overall, the areas where there was strong support that the transportation system should:

- Fix existing roads first
- Build for the future, not just the present
- Provide choices for all – regardless of ability, income or age
- Connect people to jobs and services
- Support biking and walking
- Offer options for commuting to work

The items that had the least support were:

- Providing ways to maintain and improve health
- Enhancing the existing system
- Customizing solutions for local needs
- Supporting local business

Some of the major themes that can be gleaned from the comments are:

- There are strong differences in opinions about cyclists; both that facilities should be provided for them in rural and urban areas, as well as that there shouldn't be an emphasis on facilities for bicyclists.
- There are strong differences in opinion on green house gas.
- The need for transportation for frail and elderly was reiterated.
- A few items that were brought up that may not be adequately addressed in the goals include horses travel, and the impact of roads on the natural environment.

TALLY OF "TRANSPORTATION SHOULD ..." (AS OF OCT. 31, 2011)

	Molalla CPO	CCI	Cnty Fair	R&S Fair	TDC	TSP Xper	NCC PPC	Staff Hmlt	TSP PAC	CC HSTF	Mulino Hmlt	SUN CPO	GOC WC	OG CPO	ALL
GOAL SUMMARY															
Local Businesses and Jobs															
• Offer options for commuting to work	8	2	16	3	4	1	10 ³	2	3	13 ⁶	3 ¹⁶	2 ¹	5	12	83
• Support local business	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	6	0	10 ⁴	3	3	10	4 ⁸	2	4	11 ¹	56
• Move commercial freight	6	1	8	2	4	1	11	1	3	9	4 ⁹	2	5	9 ²	66
• Connect people to services and jobs	8	3	21	2	5	0	10 ⁵	2	1	11	2 ¹⁰	3	5	13	86
Fiscal Responsibility															
• Fix existing roads first	10	3	40	3	5	6	10 ⁶	5	6	15 ⁴	7 ¹⁷	5	5 ¹	15 ³	134
• Enhance existing system	5	0	10	2	2	0	7 ⁶	0	0	8 ^{5,7}	1	2	4	7 ³	48
Livability & Local Travel Options															
• Customize solutions for local needs	6	2	11	2	1	0	6	2	3	8	3 ¹¹	1	4	10 ⁴	59
• Support walking & biking	7	2	25	1	3	1	4	3	6	8	4 ^{6,12,18}	4	4 ²	14 ⁴	85
• Build for the future; not just the present	6	3	29	4	3	1	11 ⁷	3	3	15	1	5	4	13 ^{4,5}	101
Sustainability															
• Reduce reliance on foreign energy	8	1	26	1	1	2	4 ⁸	2	1	11	2 ^{4,7,21}	3	4	10 ⁶	76
• Identify ongoing source of funds	8	2	9	2	2	0	7	1	2	12	3 ¹³	1	4	7 ⁷	60
• Decrease greenhouse gas emissions	4	3	13	2	2	2	5 ⁹	2	3	9	0 ^{3,22}	1	4	12 ^{8,9}	61
Health & Safety															
• Provide ways to maintain & improve health	6	2	8	1	1	2	2 ¹⁰	2	3	4 ⁸	0	0	4	7 ¹⁰	42
• Offer increased safety for users	7	2	14	2	3	1	8	1	2	8 ⁹	1 ¹⁴	3	4 ³	12 ^{11,14}	67
• Offer access for public safety & services	6	3	14	3	3	0	5	1	2	13	2	2	4	7 ¹²	65
Equity															
• Provide choices for all - regardless of ability, income, age	6	3	36	2	2	2	9	2	6	10	4 ^{5,15,19}	3	4	10 ¹³	99
• Give people options for getting where they want to go	7	2	16	3	7	2	7	1	3	9	3	3	4	15	81

None of the above	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Additional suggestions	-	-	-	-	-	-	$X^{1,2}$	-	-	$X^{1,2,3}$	$X^{1,2,20}$	-	$X^{4,5}$	X^{15-20}	

COMMENTS

R&S Fair -- Road & Safety Fair, 08/11

CCI -- Committee for Citizen Involvement, 08/11

County Fair -- 08/17-18/11

Molalla CPO -- 08/11

Tourism Development Council – 10/11/11

Sunnyside United Neighbors – 10/11/11

1 – Priority to bus

TSP Experience -- 10/13/11

Fiscal Responsibility

- Transportation costs should be shared by everyone on the road. If you use it you should pay for it. Motorists shouldn't have to pay for bike lanes and vice-versa.
- Suggestions: Allow volunteers to help. Accept donations that have been offered.

Livable and Local Communities

- Safety for bicyclists on rural roads (and pedestrians and equestrians)
- Suggestions:
 - Seattle model: on narrow roads, make bike line (striped) extra wide
 - Concerns about the safety of cyclists along major roads like Johnson Road and Willamette Falls Drive, Borland, Rosemont
 - Safety in general for cyclists on rural roads
 - Sign rural roads for peds, bicyclists and equestrians (don't postpone after urban areas)
 - Utilize for peds, bicyclists, equestrians those ignored, mapped, unpaved public roads, trails, railroad right-of-way

Other: Concerns about congestion

Health & Safety: Islands on Hwy 99 like on Oregon City's 7th St -- have volunteers put them in.

Local Businesses & Jobs

- We need to bring people and jobs closer together.
- We need to listen when communities say no to rail.

Equity

- We need to give people options.
- Non-motorists need full safety & good statistics (no more accidents than cars)

- Treat bicyclists like 1st class citizens
- We need balance between motorists and bicyclists; not special accommodations for bicyclists
- Not 1% for bikes -- bikes 1st.

Sustainability

- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions -- if we don't do this, the world will be a desert
- Our best climatologists say time is running out for our climate.
- ...And our pocket books say time is running out for our budgets
- Suggestions:
 - Job exchanges (like Craig's List) to get people near their jobs; work with employers, too
 - Carbon tax

North Clackamas Chamber Public Policy - 10/17/11

- 1 – Include communications infrastructure
- 2 – Contiguous bike lanes through Jennifer St. industrial area, light rail safety and neighborhood sidewalks for unincorporated suburbia.
- 3 – Provide for pedestrian, vehicle and bicycle system
- 4 – No, not with road funds
- 5 – Yes, through the transportation system
- 6 – Both need to be done. Relieve congestion first; fix roads second; health vs. convenience
- 7 – Costs less today than in the future and we will need it.
- 8 – No, not with road funds
- 9 – Maybe, if it is through the types of construction
- 10 – Only if it is through types of construction of the transportation system

Stafford Hamlet -- 10/17/11

CC Homeland Security Task Force – 10/19/11

- 1 – What a great outreach & opportunity to have a voice!
- 2 – Increase the gas tax!
- 3 – Explore mass transit options (outside the box)
- 4 – Most important!
- 5 – Balance between fixing existing roads first and enhancing the existing system
- 6 - Match community needs to location and stops served (majority of traffic is people going to work or seeking services, not shopping)
- 7 - Of roads
- 8 - Expand options to frail, elderly and handicapped
- 9 - Increase security and fare verification

TSP Public Advisory Council -- 10/19/11

Hamlet of Mulino – 10/19/11

- 1 – What about horses? Trails/bridges horse-friendly
- 2 – We need horse access.
- 3 – Bunk
- 4 – Why?
- 5 – Yes, driving is a basic freedom.
- 6 – Minimal – no fancy bike highways when roads are falling apart.
- 7 – Come on . . . Fix the damn roads before you save the world. When every county road is in A+ condition, then do this other crap – but not until the roads are perfect.
- 8 – Important issue
- 9 – Allow this; increase weight mile tax
- 10 – No!
- 11 – Horse needs
- 12 – Register bikes for road use
- 13 – Where? Amount? Distribution of funds?
- 14 – What does this mean?
- 15 – Important
- 16 – Unreasonable in rural areas
- 17 – Fairly! Lake Oswego always have paved, repaired roads. We wait forever!
- 18 – Unreasonable in rural areas on major roads
- 19 – Elderly or disabled people don't have a way to get around
- 20 – Horse uses not included
- 21 – I thought we were already doing this dept of energy
- 22 – Sounds good, but . . .

Greater Oregon City Watershed Council -- 10/25/11

- 1 - Maintain to avoid future expenses
- 2 - Small percentage
- 3 - Provide handguns! ☺
- 4 - Impacts to impervious surfaces, providing reserves to deal with roadway runoff. Dealing with elements like copper from brakes in fish.
- 5 - Stormwater management integration

Oak Grove Community Council -- 10/26/11

- 1 - What other kinds of business is there?
- 2 - On highways, interstates; not neighborhood thoroughfares

- 3 - Seems to be very costly. Better management and less grandiose efforts should be emphasized.
- 4 - These often are monuments that waste taxpayer money.
- 5 - Very important, but not unnecessary roads like the Sunnybrook Extension was
- 6 - Support hydro
- 7 - That doesn't seem to be a problem
- 8 - Mostly fraud
- 9 - Make diesel trucks go through DEQ
- 10 - That's government's responsibility? Nanny state?
- 11 - At what cost?
- 12 - Access -- not sure of the question. I think you are asking someone to pay for someone else's service . . .??
- 13 - Encourage self-reliance, not dependence
- 14 - What does this mean?
- 15 - Hire according to zip code
- 16 - Consider all people/all income levels _____ need transportation
- 17 - Get rid of studded tires; all trucks to get emission (DEQ) control; make developers pay; create tolls; fees from bikes
- 18 - Support for small electric vehicles -- support with ordinances
- 19 - River transportation (taxi, etc.)
- 20 - Tax studded tires

TALLY OF... "WHO SHOULD HELP PAY FOR ROADS?"

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Property owners	3	2	0	1	0	0	4 ⁷	0	0	0	0 ^{1,2}	0	2	7 ¹	18
Businesses	4	1	1	1	1	0	6 ^{1,8}	0	0	1	0 ^{3,4}	0	2	8 ²	24
Everyone	6	2	31	3	5	2	7	3	5	14 ^{4,10}	3	5 ¹	4	13 ³	102
All road users	5	2	17	3	1	3	11 ^{2,9}	7	1	10 ⁸	5 ^{5,6,7}	2	3 ¹	8 ⁴	78
• With purchase (like gas)	5	0	23	1	5	1	13 ^{3,17}	6	6	10	6 ^{8,9}	3	3 ^{2,3}	12 ⁵	93
• With use (like tolling)	3	0	12	0	1	2	5 ¹⁰	0	1	6 ^{5,9}	2 ^{10,11}	1	3	8 ⁶	43
• Monthly (like utility bills)	2	0	9	1	0	0	3 ^{14,18}	0	0	3	1 ^{12,13}	0	1	3 ⁷	23
• Annually (like property taxes)	2	1	4	1	0	0	5 ^{4,11,14,18}	2	3	3	1	2	2	8	33
Developers (one-time payment)	8	2	13	1	3	1	9 ^{5,12}	6	7	6	5 ¹⁴⁻¹⁷	4 ²	4 ⁴	14 ^{8,9}	82
Bicyclists	5	1	7	7	3	2	8 ^{6,15}	0	1	5 ^{6,7}	7 ¹⁸⁻²³	3 ³	3	13 ¹⁰⁻¹²	64
Heavy commercial vehicles	8	2	6	2	5	2	9 ^{13,19}	3	7	4	4 ²⁴⁻²⁷	5	4	16	76
Additional suggestions	-	-	-	-	-	-	X ¹⁶	-	-	X ^{1,2,3}	X ²⁸⁻³¹	X	-	X ¹³	

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1 – How to administer?

2 – Do pay by cost of streets they give to counties or cities

3 – Maybe or add bicycle purchase fee

X – Motor homes, travel trailers – maybe a tax

TSP Experience -- 10/13/11

North Clackamas Chamber Public Policy - 10/17/11

1 – Providing roads & streets produce a benefit to those businesses.

2 – Including bicycles

3 – Clackamas County needs a dedicated gas tax, dedicated to roads and bridges

4 – Maybe a small fee

5 – Through SDCs

6 – All – at least they should pay for bike lanes

7 – Yes, for local roads maintenance

8 – Yes, for local roads maintenance

9 – Yes, with gas tax – collectors and major arterials

10 – Delays traffic – not a good use

11 – For local roads, users pay with gas tax

12 – Only if creates safety issues – level of service

13 – Gas tax will affect

14 – Monthly or annually, not both

15 – Why not license bikes? Eugene does.

16 – Gas tax! Charge for parking! Employer fees. Charge for electric cars charging on County property.

17 – This is the fairest way – it is a user tax.

18 – Maybe

19 – These are the #1 impact that requires maintenance

Stafford Hamlet -- 10/17/11

TSP Public Advisory Council -- 10/18/11

CC Homeland Security Task Force – 10/19/11

- 1 – Need better earthquake resistance for bridges – especially since lots of utilities go over bridges.
- 2 – Fee imposed when studded snow tires are sold – at point of sale.
- 3 – Studded tire tax
- 4 – If you use public transportation, you're still using the road.
- 5 – NO!
- 6 – Yes, they want lanes – license them!!
- 7 – Tree hugging dirt worshippers
- 8 – Including bicyclists
- 9 – Perhaps on some bridges, but toll should be minimal (i.e., \$1 or less)
- 10 – Everyone has a stake in good roads!

Hamlet of Mulino – 10/19/11

- 1 - No -- taxes are too high already
- 2 - Maybe
- 3 - Already pay for South Clackamas bus
- 4 - Barely holding on as it is
- 5 - Yes, if bicycles are included
- 6 - Including bicycles
- 7 - Yes, fees through gas tax and registration fees
- 8 - Yes, the most fair way so long as funds are dispersed equally
- 9 - Gas tax already
- 10 - Limited
- 11 - NO!!!
- 12 - For everyone equally
- 13 - NO!!!
- 14 - OK as is
- 15 - Already pay
- 16 - Yes, SDC's are good revenue source
- 17 - Yes, SDCs
- 18 - Need to pay
- 19 - Need to pay fair share
- 20 - Annual registration
- 21 - Registration fee and user fee
- 22 - YES!!!
- 23 - Yes, they now pay nothing and get bike lanes for free
- 24 - No, they pay more than enough
- 25 - Do not pay fair share to the county

- 26 - Weight mile tax; special commercial fees
- 27 - Yes - more
- 28 - No more wasted funds on light rail
- 29 - Spend the money that is already taxed on the roads
- 30 - - Use LIDs. - Horse users.
- 31 - Thanks for asking!

Greater Oregon City Watershed Council -- 10-25-11

- 1 - Including bicyclists and pedestrians
- 2 - Not ideal as this only taxes those that use gas
- 3 - By mileage instead of gas -- difficult especially if go to electric vehicles
- 4 - Fee could be based on level of sustainability

Oak Grove Community Council - 10/26/11

- 1 - Soon we will face living overhead too high -- champagne tastes, beer budgets
- 2 - Included under all road users, trucks, etc.
- 3 - Everyone benefits
- 4 - All vehicles/bicycles on all roads.
- 5 - Probably most efficient
- 6 - Yes, in some areas like bridges
- 7 - No big bills
- 8 - Pay through road use
- 9 - As appropriate
- 10 - Of course, permit fee
- 11 - Small amount
- 12 - No charging; encourage bicycle use
- 13 - All fees should go to upkeep. Consider mileage fee for each vehicle.
- 14 - By vehicle weight -- more pounds = more \$
- 15 - Smiles for everyone
- 16 - Studded tire fee. User newer material on roads that doesn't break down so quickly.
- 17 - Metro