

DEPOE BAY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN

PUBLIC EVENT #1 SUMMARY

Date: October 16, 2013

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Depoe Bay Community Hall
220 SE Bay Street

Agenda:

The open house followed a self-guided format with stations set up to:

- Introduce attendees to the Transportation System Plan Update Process
- Rate goals and objectives
- Contribute to existing and future needs assessment

Attendees

There were 8 attendees at the open house. According to their feedback, citizens from both north and south Depoe Bay, as well as the east and west sides of US 101 attended.

Transportation Goals

The public was asked to place dots for the goals that were most important to them in guiding the development and implementation of the Depoe Bay TSP Process. Only 2 dots were placed on the poster.

- Goal 1: Provide and maintain transportation system capacity and mobility. Dots: 0
- Goal 2: Increase the convenience and availability of pedestrian and bicycle modes. Dots: 0
- Goal 3: Provide transit service and amenities that encourage ridership. Dots: 0
- Goal 4: Provide an equitable, balanced and connected multi-modal system. Dots: 0
- Goal 5: Enhance the health and safety of residents and visitors. Dots: 2
- Goal 6: Ensure transportation supports the economic vitality of Depoe Bay. Dots: 0
- Goal 7: Foster a sustainable transportation system. Dots: 0
- Goal 8: Coordinate with local and state agencies and transportation plans. Dots: 0

Existing Conditions:

Walking

The public was asked to view a map of pedestrian facilities in Depoe Bay, and use markers to highlight needs or make comments. The following summarizes comments made on maps.

- Near Boiler Bay, there is a winter freeze hazard.
- There is a pedestrian connection to Boiler Bay State Park in the north of town, but the condition of the path is unknown.
- Suggestion for better signage for the trail that connects South Point Street to the Rocky Creek State Wayside.
- There is a need for the protection of pedestrians in the north of town.
- There is a blind corner at the intersection of Williams Avenue and Carson Street.
- At the intersection of US 101 and Bradford Street, there need to be signs directing visitors to public parking.
- Suggesting a sign for the underpass
- Wishes better sidewalks were on bridge
- There are crosswalks at Evans St and US 101, wants more speed limit signs
- The best place to invest in a pedestrian crossing south of the bridge is at Hawkins Street, followed by Evans Street.
- People walk Williams Avenue to get their mail at the Post Office
- Someone suggested a harbor pedestrian loop (around Depoe Bay), others thought any money should be used on new docks.
- Suggestion for pedestrian wayfinding to help promote local amenities.

Bicycling

The public was asked to view a map of Depoe Bay, and use markers to highlight needs or make comments. The following summarizes comments made on maps.

- Difficult to cross bridge on bike
- The majority of topography in the north of Depoe Bay Bridge and east of Williams Avenue is hilly terrain and narrow streets.

Motor Vehicle Operations

The public was asked to view a map of Depoe Bay with motor vehicle operating conditions, including summer conditions and average weekday conditions. Attendees were asked to use markers to highlight needs or make comments. The following summarizes comments made on maps.

- Off Highway 101, sight lines are not good at intersections.
- Proposed “park street” alignment along available right-of-way-west of SE Ainslee Avenue.
- Proposed street alignment from Lillian Lane in north Depoe Bay, through land targeted for future development.

Transit and Activity Generators

The public was asked to view a map of Depoe Bay transit and activity generators, and use markers to highlight needs or make comments. The following summarizes comments made on maps. More wayfinding at bus stops

- “I don’t always use the bus, but I like that it’s there when I need it”.
- Surprised there isn’t a more central transit stop downtown (such as near Bay Bridge)
- Lincoln Co. should test adding a central stop during summer months
- WorldMark resort is major activity generator; would guests use transit if stop nearby?

Public Parking

The public was asked to view a map of Depoe Bay transit and existing public parking, including lots, on-street and off-street. They were asked to use markers to highlight needs or make comments. The following summarizes comments made on maps.

- Boat trailer may work best along US 101 from School House Lane to Evans Street, and at parking lot near boat ramp
- RV Parking may work best at public lot off Davenport Avenue
- Private parking lots at intersection of Collins Street and Combs Avenue. Was formerly public, speculation there may have been issues with “camping” there.
- Parking lots make sense for Depoe Bay; how do we get people to use them?