
Meeting Minutes

Jackson County TSP Update

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #3

Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Jackson County Roads – 200 Antelope Road, White City, OR 97503 – Conference Rooms B and C

Meeting Organizer: Mike Kuntz, County Project Manager

Attendees: Paige Townsend, Josh LeBombard, Alex Georgevitch, Matt Samitore, Robert Miller, John Krawczyk, Dan Moore, Allie Coates, Craig Anderson, John Vial, Mike Kuntz, Susan Wright, Matt Bell.

Meeting Purpose: The purpose of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #3 was to provide an overview of Tech Memo 5 (Alternatives Analysis) to the TAC, obtain feedback on the alternatives presented, and determine if there are additional alternatives that should be considered.

General Discussion

- Paige – Very thorough review of bicycle infrastructure, curious about the functional classification changes, what it means, if level of services changes will be required, and if lane configurations and widening will be considered.
- Matt – Focused on intersections specific to central point.
- Kelly – Hit the high points, simple enough to understand, good to show general cost, help put some of the criteria into some context.

Evaluation Criteria

- Land use criteria, compliance, curious how that works, what it pertains to. We are interested in your feedback specifically on compliance, Title VI, and Environmental Impacts.

Intersection Alternatives

Hamrick and East Pine Street-Biddle Road

- City is actively trying to make this neighborhood more livable
- Have plans for traffic calming, want to push more traffic to Table Rock Road
- Preference is to do more work on Table Rock Road
- Want to look at alternatives to not use Hamrick as by-pass

- Central Point TSP has this in TSP
- Costco will take access off of Hamrick Road south of Biddle
- Gebhard Road will extend south to E Pine Street – this should provide another north-south connection to relieve traffic on Hamrick
- City could help off-set the cost of improvements at Table Rock Road
- **Do not include dual EBLTs in preferred alternative for the Hamrick Road/East Pine Street-Biddle Road intersection. Review model to determine if Gebhard considered in travel projections. Shift EBLTs to Table Rock/Biddle in analysis.**

Table Rock and Biddle

- Pork chop on southwest corner
- **Include an alternative for a southbound right-turn trap lane and an eastbound free flow right-turn lane for the Table Rock Road/Biddle Road intersection**

Table Rock and Vilas

- City wants to restrict heavy vehicle traffic from continuing west to Hamrick Road. This could warrant dual WBLTs even if analysis doesn't warrant it. **Include note in text for the Table Rock Road/Vilas Road intersection on City's desire to restrict access to Hamrick Road for Heavy Vehicle access.**

Table Rock and Gregory

- Roundabout would require a lot of new infrastructure. **Include note in text on potential infrastructure needs associated with the roundabout alternative at the Table Rock Road/Greggory Road intersection.**

Kershaw/OR140

- ODOT has submitted an ARTS application for Kershaw and 140 – may end up with a roundabout to Foothill and Atlantic. **Include reference to ARTs application.**
- If ODOT does not decide to do a roundabout at Foothill and Atlantic, they may choose to do access management at Kershaw/OR140

OR62/OR140

- This is being addressed. **Include reference to improvements that are currently underway at the OR62/OR140 intersection.**

OR62/OR234

- No Comment

OR62/Vilas

- Operations are dependent on OR62 by-pass and associated changes in traffic circulation

Foothill McAndrews

- No Comment

Foothill Lone Pine

- The city has a long range plan to make Foothill a 5-lane facility to Delta Waters, which is in the TSP. **Include reference to Foothill Road widening project in the Medford TSP.**
- Development planned to the east will ensure that the intersection will have high volume on the 4th leg

Other

- Traffic Operations at Table Rock/Antelope road is an issue in the peak time period. **Evaluate alternative peak operations at the Table Road/Antelope Road intersection.**

Safety Analysis

- Is there a way to include cross street traffic/street locations in place of MP. **Update SPIS table in include cross streets.**

Bike Alternative

- Are we looking at routes that would continue in to the Cities? This will largely be the focus of the County ATP.
- What is the best way to get from the Eagle Point to the Greenway?
- If there are any additional streets that connect the greenway to city's let us know
- Can't see the highlighting behind table rock to determine enhanced bikeway. **Improve coloring on maps to better highlight enhanced bikeways.**
- Would like to get a brief white paper on buffered bike lanes in rural areas.

Bicycle Alternatives

- Eagle Mill road – bicyclists on eagle mill road
- Why would you have eagle mill as a priority if it is parallel to the greenway?
- Ashland's TSP has a discussion on Oak Street, Eagle Mill, and Nevada street being a bypass route for the city of Ashland – that would require eagle mill to come up to standards
- Eagle Mill Road would be a very low priority for the County. **Add language encouraging financial participation with the City to move Eagle Mill Road up in terms of priority.**
- **Note that Bear Creek Greenway offers parallel route to this section of Eagle Mill Road.**

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- **Show Foothill Road extension to OR140 with enhanced bikeway.**
 - Butte Falls is the only road in a city the county wants to maintain in the future.

Pedestrian Alternatives

- No Comments

Functional Classifications

- Some of the roadways were improperly classified in the previous TSP
- **e-mail/call Paige to explain classification changes**

Freight Alternatives

- Freight routes are on the RVMPO work plan for this year
- **Update freight Routes to include:**
 - **Kirtland Road from Blackwell Road to Pacific Avenue**
 - **Avenue G from Pacific Avenue to Agate Road**
 - **Agate Road from Avenue G to Leigh Way**
 - **Leigh Way from Agate Road to OR62**

Questions or Comments

- Need to clarify or provide consistency between where there are enhanced bikeways.
Update text and maps to provide more consistency between where there are enhanced bikeways.