

# Seaside Transportation System Plan

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## Meeting between ODOT and the City of Seaside

Tuesday July 7, 2009  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Seaside Public Library

## Participants

Kevin Cupples, City of Seaside

Mark Winstanley, City of Seaside

Neal Wallace, City of Seaside

Theresa Carr, CH2M HILL

Ingrid Weisenbach, ODOT

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## Summary

This document summarizes the key discussion and action items for the July 7, 2009 meeting between the City of Seaside and ODOT, and does not document details of presentations made.

### 1. Website/Recommendations Update

Theresa reported that the site had received about 300 hits since May 29<sup>th</sup> (the first week of the recommendations rollout). The team has received 25 comments through the website.

Brandy Steffen (CH2M HILL) has placed the TSP website link onto Wikipedia, and has begun emailing the interested parties list each time the site has been updated.

### 2. ODOT, City of Seaside Update

Ingrid shared that ODOT was ready to send their letter to the City, and would have very few changes from the draft Jamie sent on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mark shared that he was meeting with City Councilors and the Mayor to review the draft letter Jamie sent, and would have an update by the middle of next week (week of July 13<sup>th</sup>).

### 3. Methodology for Alternate Mobility Standards

Theresa presented a workplan for developing alternate mobility standards between July and the end of 2009. The workplan has three tracks – technical, policy, and meetings/decision points. The group identified two critical times in the workplan:

1. **September** – timing for a technical review meeting with ODOT staff to discuss how various options are performing. Depending on how the agency responds to actual

concepts that use alternate mobility standards, additional work may need to be done before moving forward with concepts.

2. **November** – timing for community workshop. As this is the first time some members of the community will see how the draft highway concepts perform, additional work may be needed following this meeting and before the next step (transportation summit).

To be sensitive to the schedule risks the team agreed to wait to schedule the City Council presentation until after the ODOT technical review meeting, and will wait to schedule the transportation summit until after the community workshop.

Theresa then presented the traffic findings (v/c, queuing) to date for the following scenarios:

- Future no build
- Highway 2 lane with improvements to local street network
- Highway 4 lane
- Highway 2 lane for typical weekday conditions

The group discussed the following:

- Support lower density land use adjacent to the highway i.e. the redevelopment of the High School if it is moved to higher ground.
- Support access control in combination with any future land use change that increases density.
- Explore alternative access to the High School now to reduce trips on the highway.
- Need commitment to local network from the city – critical to removing trips i.e. Holliday flyover. Seems a bit far fetched but is actually an important connection for the local system.
- Look at opportunities for dedicated turn pockets to help clean out intersections in combination with changes to the street grid.
- Explore a bicycle lending program at the hotels to encourage guests to bike rather than drive.

#### 4. Next Steps

1. The group supports the “typical weekday” approach
2. Mark – has meetings scheduled with councilors regarding the letter
3. Theresa/Sumi - analyze a 4 lane section up to F & G; 2 – 3 lanes at 12<sup>th</sup>. Analyze in segments. Recognize that there is less of a need for a 4-5 lane section closer to 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. Kevin – identify more land use ideas to reduce traffic on highway
5. All – continue the creative thinking of how to remove local trips from the highway

6. Neil – coordinate with Theresa/Sumi regarding engineering analysis.
7. Theresa/Sumi – take another look at the US 101/24<sup>th</sup> intersection. Can't be 1.72!

The next agency meeting was scheduled for August 4, 2009 from 2-4pm at the Seaside Public Library. Agenda items to include:

1. Outcome of analysis of ideas to date
2. Other ideas to analyze
3. Status of letters
4. Follow up on 24<sup>th</sup> numbers
5. How to address/respond to feedback received on recommendations.