

A scenic photograph of a beach with waves crashing against a dark, forested mountain in the background under a cloudy sky. The text 'Seaside Transportation System Plan' is overlaid on the top left of the image.

Seaside

Transportation System Plan

Welcome to

Transportation Summit #1!

**What you can
do tonight**



Take a handout
Listen to the presentation
Ask questions about the project
Join a small group discussion
Fill out a comment form

Tonight's Goals

Tonight's summit will:

Provide an overview of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) project

Present the **results** of the **Community Survey**

Help start a community discussion of what transportation projects are **important** and **needed**



Project Overview

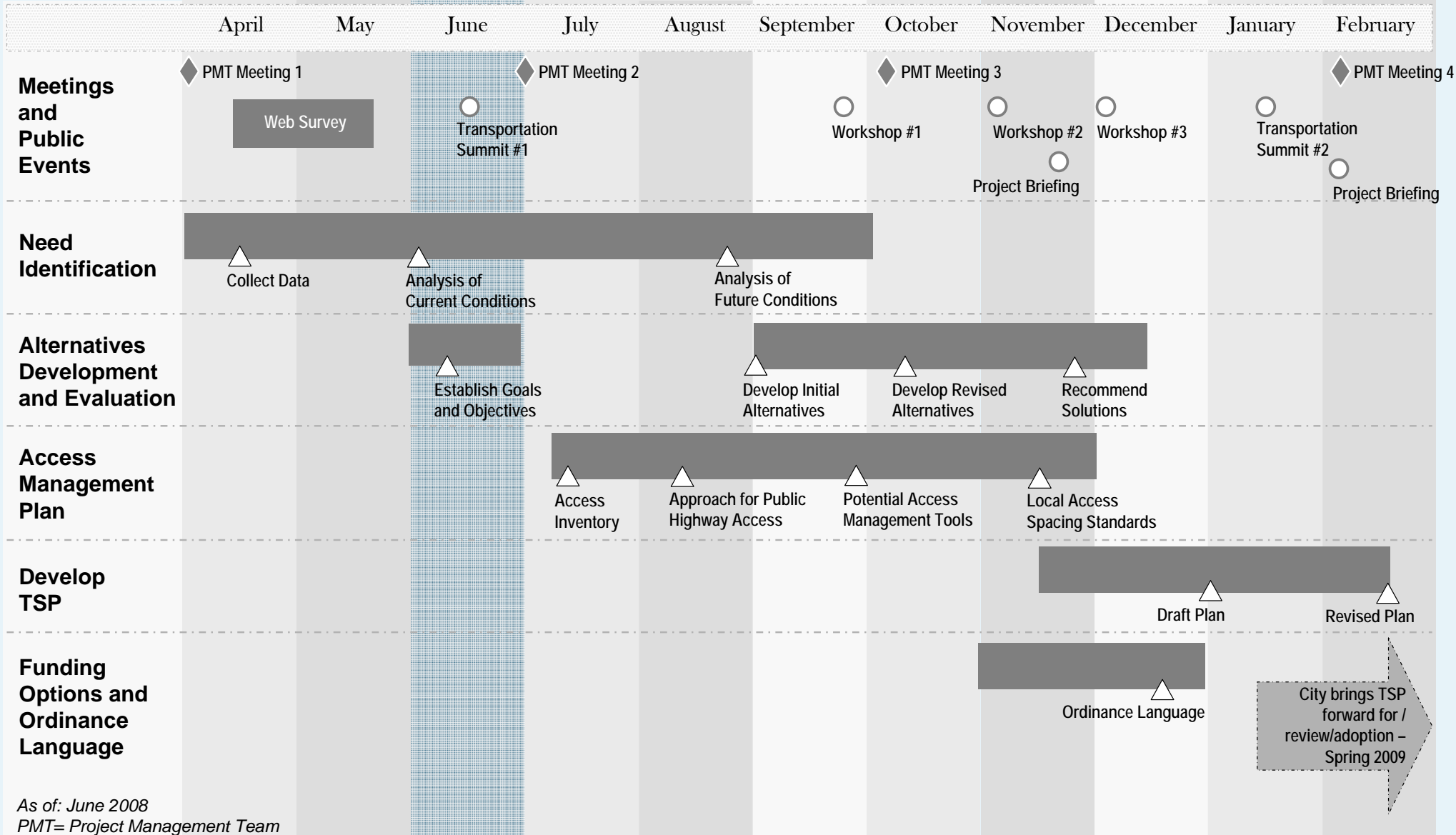
The **City of Seaside** is beginning a long-range planning project to determine transportation improvements needed to address **current** (2008) **and future** (2030) **needs** of residents, businesses, and visitors.

The planning efforts will result in a Transportation System Plan (TSP) for Seaside. The TSP will **recommend improvements to all modes** of transportation in Seaside, including:

- Local and State **Roads**
- **Bicycle** Facilities
- **Pedestrian** Facilities
- **Transit** Facilities
- **Rail** Facilities and the **Airport**



Seaside TSP Timeline



As of: June 2008
PMT= Project Management Team

Who is Involved?

- **City of Seaside**
- **Clatsop County**
- **Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)**
- **Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCDD)**
- **You, the public**



Get involved today!

- Sign up for the **workshops**
- Join the **mailing list**
- Fill out a **comment form**



What is a TSP?

- Serves as the **transportation element** of a **local comprehensive plan**.
- Serves as a **resource** for staff, policy makers, and the public as the principal document used to:
 - Identify the **function**, **capacity**, and **location** of future transportation facilities;
 - **Direct resources** to transportation projects;
 - Provide the community with the **level of investment** needed for transportation facilities to support anticipated development impacting the community;
 - Provide **long range direction** for all facilities and all modes;
 - Ensure transportation improvements meet the future **land use** needs;
 - **Ensure** transportation **options** for **all users**; and
 - Provide a **link to the** State Transportation Improvement Program (**STIP**) **process**, which **makes projects eligible** for future State funding.



What must a TSP do?

- TSPs must be **coordinated and consistent** with the State TSP (Oregon Transportation Plan and the Modal elements, such as the Oregon Highway Plan) and the county TSP (Clatsop County TSP).
- TSPs must **comply** with **state**, **county**, and **city** rules, policies, and regulations.
- TSPs must contain the following elements:
 - A **road** plan, for all city, county, and state roads;
 - A **bicycle** and **pedestrian** plan;
 - A **public transportation** plan;
 - An **air, rail, water, and pipeline** plan;
 - Determination and explanation of **transportation needs**;
 - **Policies** and **regulations** to implement the TSP; and
 - A Transportation **Financing** Program.



What Does a Successful TSP Look Like?

A successful TSP is one that:

- Supports the community's current and future **vision** and **expectations**, while providing a plan that complies with state and regional transportation plans;
- Reflects the **characteristics** of the community;
- Is **coordinated** among local governments and transportation service providers;
- Supports **transportation choices** and avoids relying on one mode of transportation for moving people and goods;
- Promotes a **safe** and **secure** transportation system and minimizes conflicts between modes;
- Supports the **local** and **state economy**; and
- Promotes solutions that minimize impacts to the **natural and built environment**.



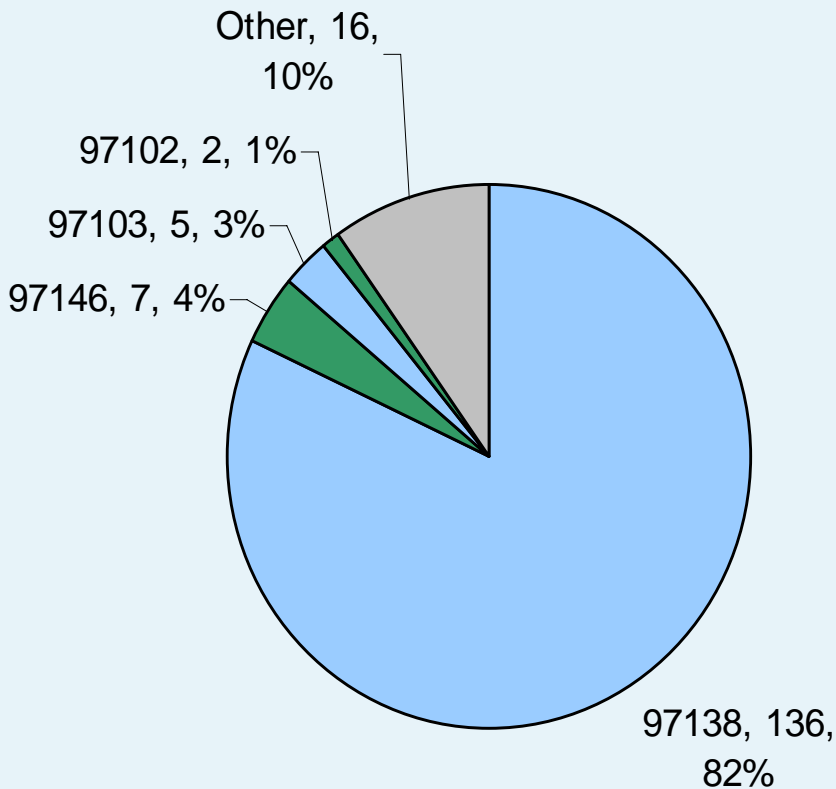
Community Survey

- The community survey **gathered thoughts** from Seaside residents, employers/ employees, and visitors on **how they view** the area's **transportation system**
- Available April 15 to May 15, 2008
- Most people took the survey from the project **website** (some people took the survey at Seaside City Hall)
- A total of **167 respondents**
- Information from the survey will be used to **help identify transportation needs** and **generate potential solutions**



Survey Results

What is your ZIP code?

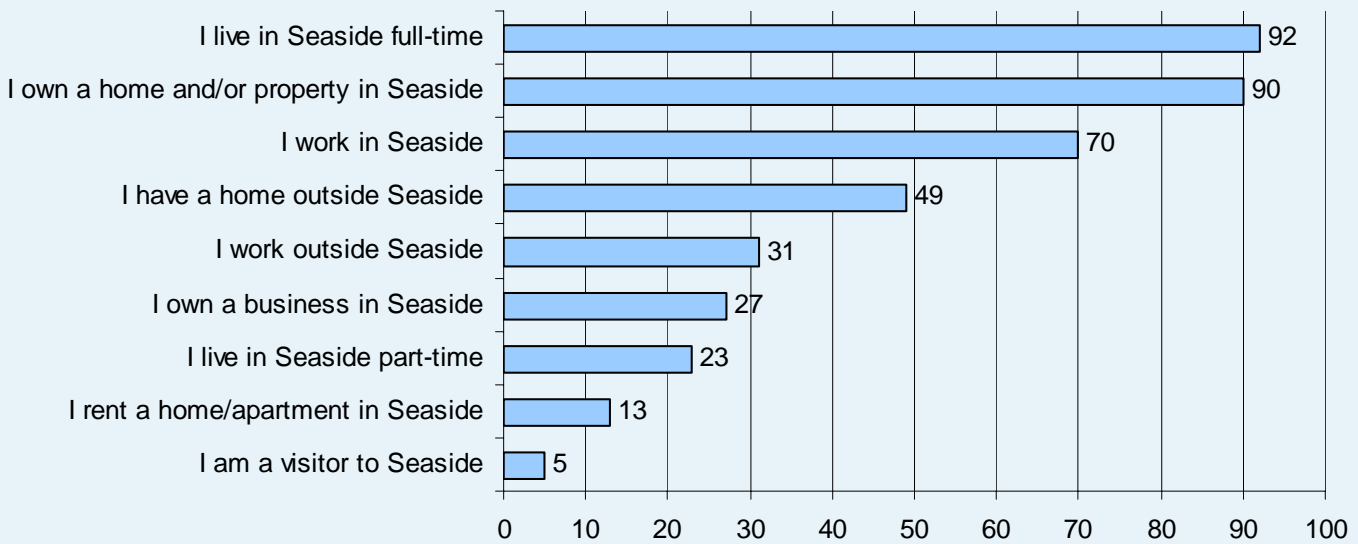


Observations: The **majority (82%) of respondents were from the Seaside** zip code (97138). The next largest bloc included the Astoria/Warrenton area (97103 and 97146) with 7%. “Other” responses included zip codes with only one respondent. Most of these respondents identified with the region surrounding the Portland Metro Area.



Survey Results

Tell us about yourself

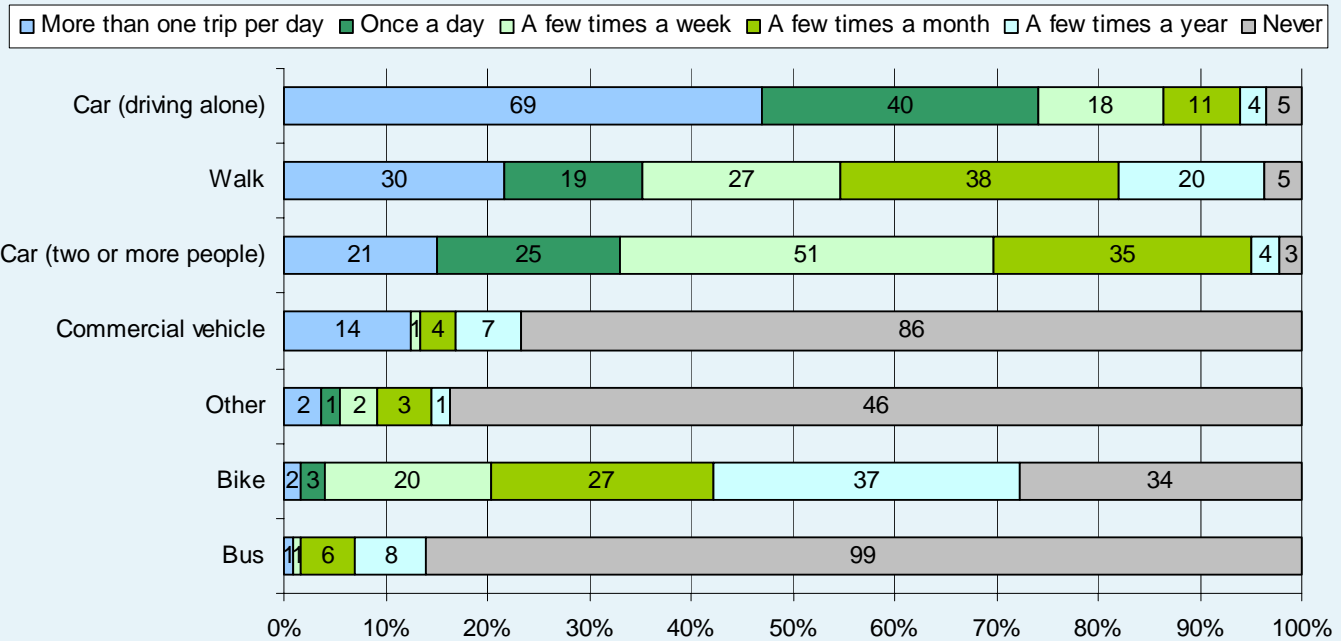


Observations: Most survey respondents identified themselves as **full-time Seaside residents** who own a home and/or property in Seaside. Relatively few respondents who completed the survey identified themselves as visitors only. Due to the small number of respondents living in Seaside part-time or visiting Seaside, it is expected that the community survey **findings more closely represent the opinions of year-round residents.**



Survey Results

How often do you use the following methods to get around or through Seaside?

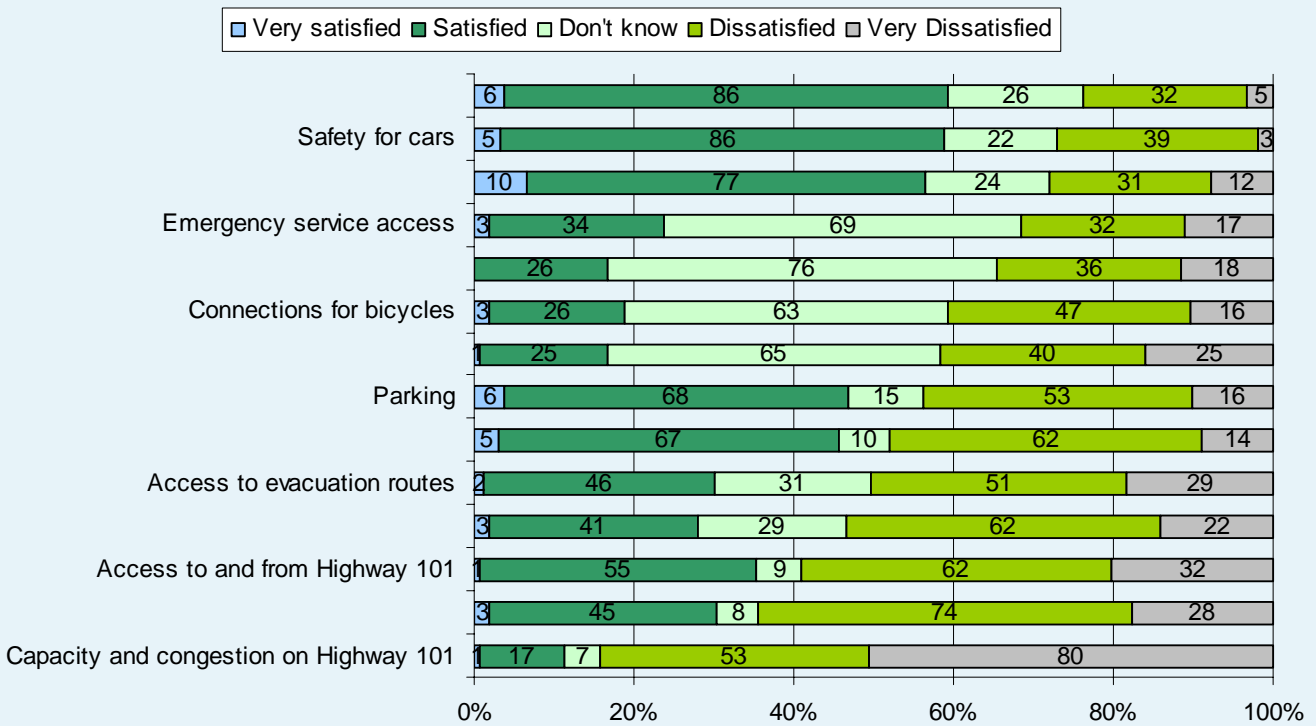


Observations: Most respondents indicated that they **typically drive on their own**, although a significant number reported **walking on a daily or weekly basis**. Notably, a large percentage of respondents reported that they **use bicycles for transportation**, if less frequently than other modes. “Other” responses included skateboards, motorcycles, RVs, and taxi services.



Survey Results

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of Seaside's current transportation system?



Observations: Capacity and congestion on **Highway 101** **rated poorly**, as did **east/west connections** across Highway 101, access to and from Highway 101, **safety for bicycles and pedestrians**, access to **evacuation routes**, and sidewalks and pedestrian facilities.



Survey Results

What other aspects of Seaside's transportation system should be reflected in the TSP?

Top five issues:

1. Improvements to **Highway 101**
2. Added **Public Transportation** Services
3. Addressing **Congestion** and Traffic Flow
4. Improved **Evacuation Routes**
5. Enhanced **pedestrian** facilities

Observations: Respondents listed a **variety of issues specific to Highway 101 as their top concerns**. Public transportation issues were the second most common theme, and respondents suggested a variety of improvements such as better stations and ticket affordability. Other concerns included improvements to evacuation routes, enhanced pedestrian facilities, roadway improvements, public parking, and bicycle facilities. A number of comments noted that improvements could be made to signal timing, enforcement of existing traffic laws, and simplification of area speed limits.



Survey Results

Twenty years from now, how will we know if we've done a good job planning Seaside's transportation system?

Top five issues:

1. **Traffic flows smoothly** year-round
2. **Decreased reliance** on cars
3. More **bike and pedestrian** traffic
4. **Visitors and tourists** still come to Seaside
5. **Alternate routes** are available through/around town

Observations: Although the first and last items above are consistent with the two major priorities listed earlier, other items commonly cited denote a reduced reliance on automobiles (decreased reliance on cars, more bike and pedestrian traffic). Respondents **envisioned a successful TSP** as one where **Seaside was still a tourist destination, but was safe and accessible via all modes of travel.**



Small Groups

We want to talk about **specific transportation priorities and needs** that are important to the community.

These small groups will work together to **review the community survey findings** and will provide **recommendations** to the Workshops in the following topic areas:

1. Local Connectivity
2. Pedestrian Issues
3. Alternative Modes of Transportation

**Sign up tonight to be part of
future workshops**

(location, date, and time to be determined)

Workshop #1 – September 2008

Workshop #2 – November 2008

Workshop #3 – December 2008



Local Connectivity

What Did We Hear from the Survey?

- There are only **two true east/west streets** through town (12th, Broadway)
- Locals have to **use highway to get around**, even if going just a short distance
- **Moving through traffic** should have some priority
- Need to **move traffic through and into Seaside**
- **Highway access** is an issue – safety, congestion
- Look out for line of sight at **intersections** (shrubs, parked vehicles, signs) – can't see to turn safely!
- Lot of **congestion** around the outlet mall
- How would **moving schools** to a different site (or any major shift in land uses) affect traffic flow?
- Potholes, deteriorated pavement on **local streets**
- Concerns about **bridges** (not enough, not sufficiently enforced) to cross during **evacuations**
- **Traffic signals** are not coordinated
- **No alternate routes** to the highway for **locals** (periods of traffic, flooding)
- **No alternate routes** for **regional** traffic



Local Connectivity

Do You Agree? What Would you Add?



Pedestrian Issues

What Did We Hear from the Survey?

- Sidewalks stop and start, and are **not continuous** along highway
- Some sidewalks are in **poor condition**
- Need for improved pedestrian conditions along Wahanna Road. Many **new homes**, several pieces of sidewalk, but nothing continuous
- Difficult pedestrian **crossings** on highway, Lewis & Clark Road, Neawanna Creek, need for crosswalks or **better connections** at key intersections (outlet mall)
- **Lack of enforcement** of jaywalking
- **Curb ramps and audible signals** missing at locations make crossings difficult for those with disabilities
- Integrate **greenspace** planning so that pedestrian routes are more appealing, especially along river, stream and beach corridors
- **Connect** urban and rustic walking trails
- Consider closing some key streets to autos and encourage **pedestrian malls**



Pedestrian Issues

Do You Agree? What Would you Add?



Alternative Modes of Transportation

What Did We Hear from the Survey?

Public Transit

- Public transportation is a **challenge for staff** working in Seaside (hotels, restaurants, some stores) and living elsewhere
- Current transit system **does not allow transfers**
- Desire for “**better**” **transit stops and a transfer station** (to other local routes, to Portland). A small transit center near the center of town would be terrific
- Transfers **between cities** and **hours** of operation are a struggle
- Desire for **covered bus shelters**
- Need for “clearer” transit **information** (on website, at stops)
- Need for **local shuttle** to take people around the community (residents, visitors)



Alternative Modes of Transportation

What Did We Hear from the Survey?

Bicycling

- There are some **gaps** in availability of bicycle lanes on **US 101**
- There is a need for additional bike lanes on **local roads** (such as Wahanna Road)
- **Bike safety** is an issue – passing on right, turns, narrow shoulders
- **Shoulders on local roads** for bicyclists
- **Rules** for bike surreys
- **Obstructions** in bicycle lanes
- Lack of **signage** (wayfinding for cyclists, signage that bicyclists may be on the road)

Other

- Demand for **parking at either end of Seaside** so that people can avoid driving through downtown
- More/better parking needed
- Shifts in population between **summer** and rest of year should be considered
- Consider **funding options**
- Better **land use planning** to reduce auto demand
- Consider **seasonal flooding**



Alternative Modes of Transportation

Do You Agree? What Would you Add?



How to get involved in the future

April/May

June/August

September/October

November/December

January/February

Web Survey

Purpose:

- Provide introduction to project
- Answer Question: What is a TSP and Why is it needed?
- Gather interests/ concerns
- Gauge values/ interests
- Timing: April/May

Transportation Summit #1: Public Meeting

Purpose:

- Confirm input heard from Survey
- Request participation in Workshops
- Hold initial discussions on need
- Timing: After site visit, Web Survey - June

Workshops

Workshops to be organized by topic

- local connectivity
- pedestrian issues
- alternative modes

to be held simultaneously.

First Workshop to be held in September after traffic analysis is complete. Second two Workshops to be held in late fall or early winter.

Workshop #1

Purpose:

- Continue discussion of need Brainstorm solutions
- Timing: late September

Workshop #2

Purpose:

- Review potential solutions (alternatives)
- Provide input on alternatives
- Timing: early November

Workshop #3

Purpose:

- Review revised solutions (alternatives)
- Recommend set of improvements
- Timing: Early December

Transportation Summit #2: Public Meeting or Community Outreach

Purpose:

- Review preferred set of projects
- Set direction for TSP
- Hold after alternatives analysis, prior to developing TSP
- Timing: winter

Your Feedback

Thank you for attending tonight's transportation summit and we hope to see you at the workshop in September.

Your feedback is very important to us! Please fill out your **comment forms** and leave them here tonight.

Remember your assignment for the summer:

Try a different mode of transportation once a week (if you normally drive, try taking the bus! If you normally walk, try riding your bike!). Make notes on how this works for you. Was it **convenient**? Did it save you **time** or **money**? Did you feel **safe**? What **barriers** existed? Would you **do it again**?

