

# MEETING SUMMARY

## PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tillamook County TSP – Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #2

October 2, 2025

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

## Key Takeaways

The group discussion emphasized speed management, safer crossings, shoulders, and better multimodal connections between communities and key destinations. The feedback related to engagement stressed reaching residents through local channels (post offices, community associations, Facebook groups, schools) and highlighted importance of targeted outreach to Spanish-speaking and lower-income communities to ensure diverse input.

## Agenda

Purpose: Review the preliminary findings regarding existing & future baseline transportation conditions, discuss alternatives development, and prepare for Community Event #1.

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| <b>Welcome</b>                   | 5 minutes    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting purpose and goals &amp; roll call</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Project Update</b>            | 10 minutes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule</li> <li>Review of online survey findings</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Key Findings Presentation</b> | 20 minutes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing conditions</li> <li>Future growth forecasts</li> <li>Key findings</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Group Discussion</b>          | 30 minutes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you generally concur with the findings?</li> <li>What seems missing or unclear?</li> <li>What resonates with you?</li> <li>What should be priorities to address in alternatives?</li> <li>Are there community-specific concerns that should be highlighted?</li> </ul> |
| <b>Community Event #1</b>        | 15 minutes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule</li> <li>Getting the word out</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Next Steps</b>                | 5-10 minutes | Upcoming meetings / engagement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

# Meeting Summary

## Introductions / Attendees

### Tillamook County:

- Chris Laity, Public Works & County Project Manager
- Sarah Absher, Community Development & Communities Liaison
- Brian Olle, Public Works & County Deputy Project Manager

### ODOT:

- Caroline Crisp, ODOT Project Manager
- Arielle Childress, ODOT Region 2 Traffic

### David Evans and Associates, Inc.:

- Angela Rogge, Consultant Project Manager
- Don Odermott, Principal in Charge
- Rosemary Betros, Planner

### PAC:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brett Estes, NW Representative<br/>Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)</li> <li>• Brian Vitulli, Tillamook County<br/>Transportation District (TCTD)</li> <li>• Ed Wallmark, Oregon Department of<br/>Forestry</li> <li>• Jason Elkins, OPRD – Cape Lookout</li> <li>• Jon-Paul Bowles, Destination<br/>Management Advisors/ Salmonberry Trail</li> <li>• Karen Schank, Cape Meares Community</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristi Foster, Tillamook Estuaries<br/>Partnership (TEP)</li> <li>• Lisa Macy-Baker, Tierra del Mar<br/>Community</li> <li>• Matt Kelly, Tillamook County Sheriff's<br/>Office (TCSO)</li> <li>• Nan Devlin, Visit Tillamook Coast</li> <li>• Paul Fournier, Tillamook County<br/>Commissioner</li> <li>• Sonya Kazen, Cloverdale/Nestucca Valley<br/>Communities</li> </ul> |
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### *Invited but not present:*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michele Jenck, Adventist Health Wellbeing</li> <li>• Jenny Pool Radway, Consejo Hispano</li> <li>• Kurt Heckerroth, County Planning<br/>Commission</li> <li>• Jackie Hinton, Neahkahnie Neighborhood<br/>Association Rep.</li> <li>• Mark Everett, Neskowin Community<br/>Association Rep.</li> <li>• Susan Lynch, Netarts Neighborhood<br/>Association Rep.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terri Warren, Oceanside Neighborhood<br/>Association Rep.</li> <li>• Haley Cox, OPRD – Nehalem Bay State<br/>Park Rep</li> <li>• Marcus Hinz, Oregon Coast Visitor<br/>Association</li> <li>• Sharlys Leszczuk, Pacific City/Woods<br/>Community Association Rep.</li> <li>• Misty Wharton, Nestucca School District</li> <li>• Josh Venti, Tillamook Off-Road Trail<br/>Alliance (TORTA)</li> </ul> |
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## Project Update

Angela reviewed the project updates and work completed on the project so far. She covered:

- Schedule update – 2<sup>nd</sup> Open house scheduled for next summer, but could be Spring 2026
- Work completed so far –
  - Existing conditions analysis
  - Growth assumptions
  - Fall 2025 Open House event planning
  - Online survey has been open since May

## Survey Results

Reviewed the results of the online survey so far.

- As of the date of this meeting, 700 people had responded (approximately 2.5% response rate of Tillamook County population)
- Recurring themes:
  - Seasonal congestion
  - Parking issues
  - Lack of walking/biking structures
  - Concerns with transit safety and access.
- Those present agreed that:
  - Survey results reflect reality
  - Next round of engagement should focus on identifying problem hotspots
    - E.g. Gaps between transit drop-off/pick-up points and active transportation facilities (last-mile connections)

## Existing Conditions: Draft Key Findings

Reviewed findings of the consultant team's existing conditions analysis.

- Background
  - County population has a relatively high percentage of older, white people
    - Reminder to elevate voices that are not as represented
  - Services (e.g. healthcare, community buildings, libraries, event centers) cluster in City of Tillamook
    - Key destinations to add:
      - North County Recreation District Building (Nehalem)
      - Pine Grove Community Center (Manzanita)
      - Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy (Wheeler)
      - Community Room (Hebo Fire District)
- Road Network
  - Roads under various jurisdictions – projects may require partnering

- Intersection capacity is not too much of a concern for the County; TSP will focus more on seasonal hotspots, conflict areas between cars, and active transportation.
- Natural Hazards
  - Identified state routes most likely to suffer damage from natural hazards
  - Important to prioritize infrastructure points critical for evacuation and getting around
- Crash History
  - Over the past five years, crash frequency has decreased but severity is trending up
  - On the state system, majority of the crash hotspots are in southern Tillamook County
    - May be related to narrower shoulders and geometry of roads there
  - Discussion around fact that near-misses, non-reported crashes, and crashes resulting in less than \$2,500 of damage are not captured in this data.
- Pedestrian / Bicycle
  - Few bike and pedestrian facilities in the County
    - Most pedestrians are around schools, community centers, and tourist centers
    - Most bicycling is done recreationally, rather than for commuting
      - Bike tourism, especially in summer – wider bikes (luggage) take up more room on the shoulder than a regular bike and create safety concerns
      - Following designated bike route that really should not be advertised as a route
  - Places in the County where people bike:
    - Netarts Bay Road – flat, one mile – dangerous because two lanes and people crabbing / fishing
    - Cape Meares – Bay Ocean Road and the Loop Road – especially e-bikes
    - In City of Tillamook
      - Commuters – only people who have had their license revoked
    - Within coastal communities (rather than between)
      - Bay Ocean Road and on the spit / jetty
      - Roads in Neskowin
      - Pacific City – tourists come expecting to be able to ride, so they do, but residents generally do not
  - OR 131 from Netarts is “terrifying on a bike” – twisty, windy, hilly
  - Lack of shoulders, lack of sight distance, high speeds – not inviting for cyclists
  - TSP needs to be strategic about placing active transportation facilities to maximize county health / quality of life. Get cyclists on safe routes as alternative to US101, help pedestrians safely cross US101
    - Old Woods Road between Pacific City and Cloverdale could be a designated bike route (low volume)
    - Dump Road (Eckroth Road) could be an alternative to OR 131, especially since e-bikes make the hills more manageable.
    - Mountain bike trail system between Sand Lake and Pacific City would be a good place to focus / connect (<https://www.tortamtb.com>)

- Consider adding Three Capes Scenic Loop as a state scenic route
- Salmonberry Trail (many OCT and OCBR segments align with proposed Salmonberry Trail)
- Transit
  - Transit exists throughout the County
  - TSP focus:
    - Improvements on supporting last-mile connectivity
    - Offset tourist congestion with improved transit options

## Group Discussion

- Discussed points of concern or need for specific communities
  - Tierra Del Mar
    - ADA concerns – mostly gravel, other than Sand Lake Road.
    - Would be good to have some kind of buffered and/or elevated sidewalk along the road
    - Improved safety for bikes
      - Bike lanes along Sand Lake Road (zero paved shoulder currently) and into Pacific City (e-bikes would love this route)
      - Decreased speed (radar signs?)
    - Safe crossing between east and west sides of Sand Lake Road, especially closer to the beach access
  - Cape Meares
    - Do not have transit service / Dial-a-Ride
      - Huge gap, especially considering age of population
    - Did not show up on hazard map, but would be inundated in a tsunami
    - Seasonal congestion negatively impacts local needs
    - Bike / ped safety
      - Speed management
      - Many people bike / walk Bayocean Dike Road - Lane expansions for bikes / pedestrians between Dike Road and the dock on Lake and the boat ramp and beach – congestion at the boat ramp and dock is dangerous for people walking / biking there
      - A parking location at the SW intersection of Bayocean Road and Cape Meares Loop Road would reduce congestion caused by people fishing and launching kayaks/canoes (would allow them to pull off the road)
  - Would be great to partner with Oregon State Parks to get transit through Cape Meares to access Cape Lookout, Cape Kiwanda, and Cape Meares – would help get cars off the road

## Community Event #1

Reviewed details of the upcoming Community Event #1:

- October 22, 2025 at Hebo Fire Station Community Room: 5:30 – 7:30 PM
  - Anyone can attend
- Focus group intent
  - Find out WHERE problem spots / concerns are
    - Online open house will have an interactive map tool
  - Working with Spanish-speaking, underserved community outreach subconsultant
- How to get the word out:
  - Post flyers in:
    - Post offices
    - Community centers
    - Libraries
    - Local papers (Pacific City Sun)
    - Grocery stores
    - School newsletters
    - Tillamook County Chamber of Commerce
    - Tillamook County Visitor Association social media
    - What's Up Tillamook Facebook page
    - Road department Facebook page
    - Community association emails / newsletters

## Next Steps

- Share Existing Conditions Memo with PAC in October after online Open House and Community Event
- Public Open House: October 22, 2025
- Online Open House: October 20 – November 7 (link will go live on the project website on the 20<sup>th</sup>: <https://tinyurl.com/TTSP-2025>)
- Next Advisory Committee Meeting: Early 2026 – Date TBD
- Virtual Town Halls (x4): Early 2026 – Date TBD
- As of October 13, 2025, Online public survey still available on project website

## Action Items

### Consultant:

| Item                                                                                                                                                             | Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Send link to community-specific feedback excel document to PAC members                                                                                           | ✓ <a href="#">Brainstorming Tillamook Co TSP.xlsx</a>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Share raw survey data with PAC                                                                                                                                   | ✓ See Excel Spreadsheet attachment                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Share larger scale maps from Existing Conditions analysis to PAC members                                                                                         | Will be included in Draft Memo                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Share breakdown of crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists with PAC members                                                                                 | Will be included in Draft Memo<br>✓ ODOT Crash Data Viewer (anyone can access/filter):<br><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/odot/data/pages/crash-data-viewer.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/odot/data/pages/crash-data-viewer.aspx</a> |
| Share a list of PAC members and their affiliations with PAC                                                                                                      | ✓ See invitees/attendees listed on page 2 of this meeting summary                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Look into overlap between high crash areas and areas that lack cell phone coverage                                                                               | In process                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Pull in projects from current TSP and SRTS plans that have not been completed                                                                                    | Will be included during alternatives development                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Provide details to the PAC on how to share information for the Open House                                                                                        | ✓ Included in email                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Change wording in Community Event question so that it is more open-ended – instead of asking for top three transportation “projects,” ask for top three “issues” | ✓ Done                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

# Microsoft Team Meeting Chat

read.ai meeting notes (Unverified) 10/2 1:31 PM

 Brian and Brian added read.ai meeting notes to the meeting (recording enabled). View Privacy Policy: <https://www.read.ai/pp>. To opt out and delete this recording, click here: <https://app.read.ai/analytics/opt-out/01K6K9DEF4ABYYNDG63TVVQGRGM>

CHILDRESS Arielle (External) 10/2 1:32 PM

 As a heads up I have another meeting of high importance that got scheduled from 2- 2:30 PM. Unfortunately I will need to leave during that time but will be back after that meeting finishes.

Lisa Macy-Baker (Guest) (Unverified) 10/2 1:44 PM

 Tierra Del Mar shared in their community association emails/newsletter

Tierra Del Mar folks would love to see sidewalks/bike lanes on our stretch Sandlake Road plus better bikes lines to Pacific City.

 

Don Odermott 10/2 1:48 PM

 Tillamook County population 27,300

approx 2.6% response rate

Jon-Paul (Unverified) 10/2 1:49 PM

 Where can we get more survey results and analysis?

Sonya Kazen (Unverified) 10/2 1:53 PM

 Latino population?

Jon-Paul (Unverified) 10/2 1:53 PM

 NCRD (North County Recreation District) building in Nehalem

Unknown User 10/2/2025 1:53 PM  
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Needs to be added to "services and institutions"

 

Pine Grove Community Center in Manzanita

Sonya Kazen (Unverified) 10/2 1:54 PM

 Are we going to be sent larger scale maps that we can review? eg. the community services map?

Jon-Paul (Unverified) 10/2 1:55 PM

 The Nehalem Bay Health Center and Pharmacy new location on 101 in Wheeler

Sonya Kazen (Unverified) 10/2 1:56 PM

 At some point the team will need to inventory road ownership. For example, in Cloverdale, ODOT only has the section between the curbs. The sidewalks are the responsibility of adjacent property owners or the county - so no one is maintaining them as far as I can see.

Hebo Fire District has a community room.

Don Odermott 10/2 1:58 PM

 The maintenance of infrastructure behind the curb being the responsibility of the fronting property owner is very common throughout Oregon. Getting maintenance accomplished by private property owners is a common challenge to local agencies.



Sarah Absher (External) 10/2 1:58 PM

SA

Great question, Karen!

Sonya Kazen (Unverified) 10/2 1:59 PM

SK

The County needs to have clean standards for sidewalk construction and maintenance, and followup with enforcement.

CHILDRESS Arielle (External) 10/2 2:00 PM

CA

I need to hop off for 30 minutes, but I will be back at 2:30 PM



Sonya Kazen (Unverified) 10/2 2:00 PM

SK

Did your team review the Safe Routes to School plan for Nestucca? I don't know if Neahkahnie or Tillamook district also did Safe Routes plans.

Cape Kiawanda Drive, a major tourist route is within the tsunami zone. There is a bridge over the Nestucca River very close to the beach.

A safety concern is the lack of maintenance of sight distance/corner vision standards. Trees, shrubs, fences block clear vision.

When there is a high volume of tourists, cell service becomes spotty as the towers are jammed, and give preference to Verizon customers.

I don't think the schools give classes in bicycle and pedestrian safety....which would encourage biking and walking.

Jon-Paul (Unverified) 10/2 2:12 PM

J

I can't think of anywhere people can safely walk or bike safely as commuters in north county.

Sonya Kazen (Unverified) 10/2 2:17 PM

SK

Can you please send us a list of PAC members and their affiliations? Thanks.

Old Woods Road could be the designated bike route between PC and Cloverdale instead of the highway. It is very low volume.

Paul Fournier (External) 10/2 2:22 PM

PF

[Guide to Road Biking on the Oregon Coast - Travel Oregon](#)

Chris Laity (External) 10/2 2:23 PM

CL

Consider adding "Three Capes Scenic Loop" added as a state scenic route.

Lisa Macy-Baker (Guest) (Unverified) 10/2 2:24 PM

LM

Aforementioned mtn bike trails: <https://www.tortamtb.com>

Sonya Kazen (Unverified) 10/2 2:25 PM

SK

There was a seasonal tourist bus in PC for several years. It was discontinued.

ELKINS Jason \* OPRD (External) 10/2 2:25 PM

EJ

Something to consider related to bicyclists on the Three Capes Scenic Route is that we have a very popular Hiker/Biker Camp area at Cape Lookout State Park.

CRISP Caroline (Guest) 10/2 2:26 PM

CC

Hi there, I need to drop off due to a conflict. I'm sorry. If you have any ODOT specific questions please email me at [caroline.crisp@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:caroline.crisp@odot.oregon.gov) and I would be more than happy to answer your question. Thankyou so much for joining!

Huge thankyou to Tillamook County and David Evans for doing a fabulous job with our PAC.

Paul Fournier (External) 10/2 2:33 PM

PF

I need to jump on the same meeting as Brian. I mostly wanted to mention the Netarts Bay Rd which I was able to do. Thanks everyone for participating.

- Lisa Macy-Baker (Guest) (Unverified) 10/2 2:38 PM
-  one more consideration for Tierra Del Mar: some sort of safe crossing between east side of Sandlake road and west, particularly closer to the beach access
- Sonya Kazen (External) 10/2 2:41 PM
-  Will the comments from the Chat be put into the feedbackspreadsheet?
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- Rosemary Betros 10/2 2:42 PM
-  Yes Sonya - I am taking notes and will make sure they make it into the spreadsheet
- Sonya Kazen (External) 10/2 2:43 PM
-  Doubt if you are going to get a lot of Spanish speaking people coming to a public meeting right now due to fear of ICE.
- Jon-Paul (Unverified) 10/2 2:45 PM
-  I have to go. Good to see you all.
-  Jon-Paul (Unverified) left the chat.
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