Intersection Study Begins in Downtown Tillamook

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), along with the City of Tillamook and Tillamook County, is working to find ways to improve safety and mobility at the intersections of 1st and 3rd streets, as they connect with Main Avenue and Pacific Avenue in downtown Tillamook. These four intersections are not just busy intersections serving businesses and residents in Tillamook, they also comprise the intersection of two important highways: US 101 and OR 6.

The US 101/OR 6 Alternatives Study will identify possible improvements to these intersections to better serve everyone – local residents and businesses, visitors, and through-travelers – whether they are in a car, on a bus, in a truck, on a bike, or on foot.

The US 101/OR 6 Alternatives Study will build on work completed in 2006 in the Tillamook Transportation Refinement Plan. In fact, the study will begin by evaluating the alternatives advanced in 2006 before thinking about new alternatives. The project team’s goal is to efficiently complete this final study phase and identify a few promising alternatives for more detailed environmental analysis. Environmental analysis will likely be required before any improvement could be constructed in this area.

A Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the study began meeting in January. This committee, which is composed of City and County elected and appointed officials, business owners, and residents, will provide input and recommendations at each study milestone. Community members will also be invited to participate in two community open houses – one on February 4, 2009 and another in spring 2009.

US 101/OR 6 Alternatives Study Open House

Drop by any time between 5 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009
Tillamook Library
1716 3rd Street, Tillamook

The open house is your opportunity to:
• Learn about the study, as well as traffic and environmental conditions in the study area
• Provide input about study goals and the problem that needs to be solved
• Share ideas about concepts that should be considered
TIMELINE

The project team will spend about six months to develop and study alternatives. At the conclusion of this process, the team will evaluate a few alternatives that are still under consideration and determine if additional planning work needs to be completed, or if environmental documentation can begin. Depending on what the recommended alternatives are, the project could require additional planning level analysis and detailed environmental analysis in the form of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Visit the project web site at
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