



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 15, 2023

**TO:** Deschutes County Planning Commission

**FROM:** Peter Russell, Senior Transportation Planner

**RE:** June 22, 2023 work session on Draft 2020-2040 Transportation System Plan (TSP)

The Road Department, with the assistance of the Community Development Department (CDD), has prepared an update of the 2010-2030 Deschutes County Transportation System Plan (TSP). The new TSP will cover the years 2020-2040. The TSP focuses on County arterials and collectors as well as bicycles, pedestrians, transit, and other modes. The work session provides an overview of the updated TSP and the process to create it. The Planning Commission (PC) will hold a public hearing on August 10, 2023, on the draft 2020-2040 TSP. The PC will ultimately make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) and the Board will hold its own work session and public hearing.

### I. BACKGROUND

The County selected Kittelson & Associates Inc. (KAI) as the consultant for the 2020-2040 TSP. The County and KAI prepared the draft of the 2020-2040 TSP based on technical analysis, public comments, and internal staff review. During the plan development process, KAI and County staff from the Road Department and Planning Division have coordinated with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and staff from other local jurisdictions. KAI and County staff reviewed a proposal from the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on future road improvements and connectors. Additionally, KAI and the County held an on-line presentation from April 27 to May 14, including an online public meeting on May 4, to solicit public comment. The on-line presentation included technical memos on plans and policy reviews, goals and objectives, and needs analyses of existing and future conditions.

The background materials were posted at the following link:  
[Deschutes County TSP Update \(kaiproject.com\)](https://www.kaiproject.com)

## **II. KEY ASPECTS OF THE 2020-2040 TSP**

The TSP's major component is a list of future projects categorized into high, medium, or low priority. These appear in Chapter 5 with a brief description of the project. The relevant project tables are for improving roadway intersections; roadway changes; changes to functional classifications; ODOT intersections and roadways; pedestrian facilities on County roadways; bicycle facilities, bridges, Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) roadways, transit, and Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) projects. Many of the roadway projects also benefit bicyclists by widening shoulders, for instance. The financial portion benefitting bicyclists is provided in the cost estimates.

The TSP also presents goals and policies to achieve the vision of the County's transportation system over the next 20 years. The seven goals are:

1. Coordination and Collaboration
2. Safety
3. Mobility and Connectivity
4. Economic Development
5. Equity and Accessibility
6. Sustainability and Environment
7. Strategic Investments

## **III. INTENDED OUTCOMES**

The 2020-2040 TSP will result in a list of prioritized projects, updated goals and policies, changes to functional classifications of selected County roads, a better network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit stops in the unincorporated communities, and an improved transportation system for all modes.

The TSP will assist the Board in determining projects to fund in the Road Department's annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as well be a reference when pursuing state and federal grants to fund transportation projects. Planners cite the TSP when reviewing land use applications for developments that involve a plan amendment or zone change.

## **IV. TENTATIVE ADDITIONAL PC MEETINGS**

The PC will hold a public hearing on August 10. The PC has several options at the conclusion of the staff presentation and public comments. The PC may:

- Hold the oral and written record open and continue the hearing to a date certain
- Close the oral record and hold the written record open to a date certain
- Close both the oral and written record and set a date certain for deliberation
- Close both the oral and written record and begin deliberations

## **V. NEXT STEPS**

Staff will submit a 35-day Post-Acknowledgement Plan Amendment (PAPA) notice of the draft TSP to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) by July 6, 2023. Staff will publish notice at least 10 days in advance in a local paper of the hearing to comply with the County's public notice requirements as set forth in Deschutes County Code (DCC) 22.12.020 for a legislative amendment.

Staff will hold a work session with the PC on July 27 about the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant, which funded the Tumalo Community Plan (TCP) and rural trails in the Sisters Country. These elements will be an Appendix to the TSP. The public hearing on August 10 will include these materials.

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

KAI or staff is prepared to answer any questions.

*Attachment: Draft 2020-2040 Transportation System Plan*