



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 15, 2021

**TO:** Planning Commission

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

**RE:** September 23 update on 2020-2040 Transportation System Plan (TSP)

The Road Department, with the assistance of the Community Development Department (CDD), has initiated 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 draft 2020-2040 TSP will include work sessions and public hearings before the Planning Commission (PC) and the Board of County Commissioners (Board). Adoption is slated for early to mid-2022.

### I. BACKGROUND

The County selected Kittelson & Associates Inc. (KAI) as the consultant for the 2020-2040 TSP. To date, KAI and County staff from the Road Department and Planning Division have met with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and staff from other local jurisdictions. KAI and County staff are also reviewing a proposal from the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on future road improvements and connectors. Additionally, KAI and the County held an online presentation from April 27 to May 14, including an online public meeting on May 4, to solicit public comment. The online presentation also included technical memos on plans and policy reviews, goals and objectives, and needs analysis of existing and future conditions.

The materials and future meetings can be found at the following link:  
[Deschutes County TSP Update \(kaproject.com\)](https://www.kaproject.com/DeschutesCountyTSPUpdate)

### II. WORK IN PROCESS

KAI is conducting a solutions analysis to document projects needed to support the County's growth during the next 20 years. KAI is focusing on County arterials and collectors, as the TSP will defer to ODOT plans and projects for the State highway system. KAI will prepare planning-level cost estimates for each project to understand the financial needs to support the transportation network.

(In a complementary task, KAI is also reviewing the County's transportation system development charge (SDC) methodology and costs.)

KAI and County staff will schedule an Agency Coordination meeting to review the draft project list. Subsequently, there will be an Open House for the public to review and comment. Due to the continuing pandemic, the Open House will be held online. KAI and County staff will review financial projections for the next 20 years and how that forecast relates to the draft project list. Finally, KAI and County staff will review the existing Road Moratorium, i.e., a prohibition of adding roads into the system of County-maintained roads. The Board enacted the moratorium in 2006 and updated it in 2009 in response to loss of timber revenues and changes in gas tax revenues.<sup>12</sup>

### **III. TENTATIVE ADDITIONAL PC MEETINGS**

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at its June 2, 2021, work session selected the PC to act as the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) for the TSP update. KAI and County staff will thus return to the PC at key portions of the TSP process. A general timeline is provided below with approximate dates:

- October 28 to review the draft Solutions, which includes the draft project list
- February 24, 2022, to review the draft TSP
- March 10, 2022, for a work session prior to formal adoption
- March 24, 2022, for first evidentiary hearing for the PC's recommendation to the BOCC

### **IV. INTENDED OUTCOMES**

The process to prepare the 2020-2040 TSP will result in a list of prioritized projects, updated goals and policies, changes to functional classifications of selected County roads, revisions to the bicycle and pedestrian section of the TSP, and transit stops in the unincorporated communities, among the major elements.

### **V. CONCLUSION**

KAI or staff is prepared to answer any questions.

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<sup>1</sup> BOCC Res. 2006-049

<sup>2</sup> BOCC Res. 2009-118