



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners (Board)

FROM: Tarik Rawlings, Senior Transportation Planner

DATE: February 28, 2024

SUBJECT: Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance 2023-017 – Deschutes County Transportation System Plan Update

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) will consider a first reading of Ordinance 2023-017 on March 6, 2024 related to the Deschutes County Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update covering the years 2020-2040. The first reading of the TSP follows the conclusion of Board deliberations on February 14, 2024.

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, 2021, including an online public meeting on May 4, 2021, 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:

<https://kaiproject.com/websites/68/>

The full record including public and agency comments is included at the following project-specific website: <https://www.deschutescounty.gov/cd/page/transportation-system-plan-update-2020-2040-247-23-000507-pa-508-ta>

The Deschutes County Planning Commission (PC) held a public hearing¹ on August 10, 2023 and held deliberations on October 12, 2023². Ultimately, the PC issued a recommendation to the Board, which is reviewed later in this memorandum. Following a public hearing on November 29, 2023³, the Board extended the open record period until December 6, 2023 at 4pm to collect any additional testimony. On December 20, 2023, staff engaged the Board in a pre-deliberation update where the Board was asked to identify the pertinent issue areas they would like presented through a decision matrix during future deliberations⁴. On January 10, 2024, the Board elected to reopen the record through Board Order 2024-003, allowing for additional materials in record until January 31, 2024, at 4pm⁵.

Acknowledging the full TSP record including approximately 360 written comments, the Board held initial deliberations on February 7, 2024⁶ and continued deliberations on February 14, 2024⁷. Ultimately, the Board voted to approve the TSP as amended through their deliberative process. The final version of the TSP document, reflecting the Board's amendments, is included as Exhibit D to Ordinance 2023-017.

II. NEXT STEPS / SECOND READING

The Board is scheduled to conduct the second reading of Ordinance 2023-017 on March 20, 2024, fourteen (14) days following the first reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Ordinance 2023-017 and Exhibits

Exhibit A: Comprehensive Plan Section 23.01 (repeal)

Exhibit B: Comprehensive Plan Section 23.01 (adding)

Exhibit C: Comprehensive Plan Section 3.7

Exhibit D: Comprehensive Plan Appendix C – Transportation System Plan

Exhibit E: Comprehensive Plan Section 5.12, Legislative History

Exhibit F: TSP Findings

¹ <https://www.deschutes.org/bc-pc/page/planning-commission-38>

² <https://www.deschutes.org/bc-pc/page/planning-commission-41>

³ <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-139>

⁴ <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-145>

⁵ <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-146>

⁶ <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-150>

⁷ <https://www.deschutes.org/bcc/page/board-county-commissioners-meeting-154>