



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 2, 2022
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Peter Russell, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: February 10 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 mid- to late 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 and continue to meet 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 online presentation from April 27 to May 14, 2021, 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 \(kaiproject.com\)](https://www.kaiproject.com)

II. WORK IN PROCESS

KAI has prepared a draft project list for County roads, intersections, bike/ped projects, and bridge projects. Please refer to attached February 1, 2022, memo from KAI, which includes the list of draft projects and maps of their locations. (KAI also prepared a project list for State highways based on ODOT's facility plans, which ODOT is still in the process of reviewing and providing comments.) The draft County project list was prepared with input from the Road Department. Elements that went

into developing the 2020-2040 draft project list included analysis of 2040 traffic volumes, safety data, suggestions from BPAC, bridge sufficiency ratings, public comment from an earlier open house, and projects carried over from the 2010-2030 TSP project list. The draft project list includes planning-level cost estimates for each project and suggested prioritization. In a complementary task, KAI is reviewing the County's transportation system development charge (SDC) methodology and costs. The County uses SDCs in the funding of capital improvement projects.

After receiving ODOT's comments, KAI and County staff will schedule an Open House for the public to review and comment on the draft project list. 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.^{1 2}

III. INTENDED OUTCOMES FOR TONIGHT

The PC functions as the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) for the TSP update. The presentation tonight is to inform the PC about the draft project list and receive comments. The PC does not need to formally approve the project list at this time. KAI and staff will return to the PC after the online Open House and report on the public's comments.

IV. CONCLUSION

KAI or staff is prepared to answer any questions.

Attachment: KAI February 1, 2022, "Draft Alternatives Development & Analysis Memorandum"

¹ BOCC Res. 2006-049

² BOCC Res. 2009-118