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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Transportation Advisory Board and the Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

FROM: Laura Weigel, Associate Planner

DATE: July 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Summary of Connected Community Citizen Feedback

ACTION

Review the citizen feedback for the Connected Community action area in preparation for the review of the draft goals and polices.

BACKGROUND

This spring, the CAC sought public input through the following methods to inform the update of the Connected Community action area:

- On April 12 the CAC hosted a community open house that was primarily focused on the topic area Connected Community (80 attendees) (47 comment forms received, but not all the questions on the forms were answered)
- Posted a virtual summit online (12 completed)
- Posted the following question on "Open City Hall" in April: "Getting to and from work: What improvements are needed to make it easier for residents and employees to get to their place of work, both inside and outside of Lake Oswego?" (17 comments were received)

WHAT WE HEARD

This memo provides an overview of the public comments received. There was also a mapping exercise at the open house where citizen placed dots on maps to identify areas in the city with safety, congestion or connectivity issues. These maps can be viewed online at www.welovelakeoswego.com.

Open City Hall

Of the 17 comments that were received, half of them identified the **need for pedestrian and bicycle improvements**. There were three comments regarding the need for **better traffic signal timing** to help with congestion. Three other comments recommended **improving street conditions**.

Comment Form and Virtual Open House

- A. Citizens were asked to rank Connected Community goals in order of importance. The results are as follows:
1. Safety
 2. Transportation Choices

- 3. Accessibility
- 4. Efficiency
- 5. Convenience
- 6. Sustainability

B. Citizens were asked “How should the city prioritize funding for transportation improvements?” Nine options were provided and citizens were asked to circle three.

- 1. constructing sidewalks/pathways where gaps exist.....20
- 2. adding bike lanes to fill gaps/expand the bike network.....13
- 3. improving locations with identified safety concerns.....12
- 4. providing/improving roadway crossings.....12
- 5. keep all facilities in a good state of repair.....9
- 6. keeping all facilities operating efficiently.....8
- 7. improving public transit options.....8
- 8. widening roads and/or improving intersections to reduce congestion.....4
- 9. enhancing transit stops/stations.....4

C. Citizens were asked to identify locations in the city that had safety, congestion or connectivity issues. The full results can be seen online by viewing a map on the We Love Lake Oswego website under:

<http://welovelakeoswego.com/lake-oswego-tsp-comment-map/>

There were also general comments made about safety, congestion and connectivity. Concerns were almost evenly distributed over the three categories. Congestion on State Street was the biggest concern.

D. Citizens were asked to look at a Regional Connectivity Map and were given six options to respond to the following question “What local transportation improvements are needed to ensure good connections to our regional transportation system (e.g. airport, passenger rail, bus/streetcar/light rail, freeways, regional trails system)?”

- 1. Locally provided buses connecting neighborhoods to commercial areas of the City.....20
- 2. Bikeways.....18
- 3. Sidewalks.....16
- 4. Better TriMet service.....15
- 5. Direct access to high capacity transit service.....6
- 6. Shuttle service provided by major employers.....2

Next Steps

TAB and the CAC should consider these themes while reviewing the Connected Community draft goals and policies. Public comments will also be considered when analyzing deficiencies in the system and identifying funding priorities.