



Connected Community & Economic Vitality Open House

Thursday, April 12, 2012
West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way



GUIDE & COMMENT FORM

The purpose of the Connected Community /Economic Vitality Open House is to discuss and receive guidance from the Lake Oswego community on transportation and economic goals and policies for the Comprehensive Plan as well as to kick-off the update of the Transportation System Plan.

Please use this guide and comment form to navigate your way around the open house and to record your thoughts on specific topics. While doing so, it may be helpful to review the background information in your packet and to keep in mind Lake Oswego's four strategic Sustainability Questions:

- Q1 Does the policy move Lake Oswego toward the Community Vision?
- Q2 Is the policy consistent with the Sustainability Principles?
 - 1 What we take can be restored
 - 2 What we make does not build up in and harm nature or people
 - 3 We protect natural systems from degradation
 - 4 We support people to meet their own needs
- Q3 Is the policy a good financial investment?
- Q4 Does the policy provide a stepping stone toward the vision and sustainability?

These considerations are included in the background papers.

CONNECTED COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

We have safe, efficient and convenient transportation choices. There are frequent and reliable public transportation options that make it easy to move around our city and the region. Pathways, sidewalks, roadways and bike routes encourage residents of all neighborhoods to walk and bike safely.

STATION ONE: PURPOSE AND PROCESS

Orientation. Please review the information describing the:
Purpose and the process of the open house.

Relationship between the Comprehensive Plan and Transportation System Plan updates.

Schedules for Transportation System Plan update and Comprehensive Plan update.

STATION TWO: VISION AND GOALS

A preliminary draft of new goals for both the Connected Community action area as well as the Transportation System Plan were developed based on the vision statement for Connected Community.

QUESTION. Please rank the draft Connected Community goals in order of importance to you, with 1 being the most important and 6 the least important.

___ Goal 1. Safety: Improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and automobiles.

___ Goal 2. Transportation Choices: Increase opportunities to comfortably and conveniently walk, bike and take transit.

___ Goal 3. Efficiency: Optimize performance of the existing transportation system while providing adequate access to adjacent properties.

___ Goal 4. Convenience: Design and equip the transportation system to be easy, comfortable and intuitive to use for all travelers.

___ Goal 5. Accessibility: Create a transportation system that provides opportunities for all community members to reach daily needs and services.

___ Goal 6. Sustainability: Provide a transportation system that supports people, places and prosperity today and for future generations.

Wall Exercise

Please review the transportation goals in the current Comprehensive Plan and complete the "I would like to..." cards at the station.

STATION THREE: PLANNED PROJECTS AND FUNDING

This station provides a listing and map of planned improvement projects (funded and unfunded) and an overview of the funds generated to operate, maintain, and expand our local transportation system.

QUESTION. How should the City prioritize funding for transportation improvements? Circle your top 3 priorities:

- Constructing sidewalks/pathways where gaps exist
- Providing/Improving roadway crossings (e.g. crosswalks, curb extensions, signage, overhead lighting, pedestrian signals)
- Adding bike lanes to fill gaps and/or expand the bike network
- Enhancing transit stops/stations (e.g. shelters, schedules, real-time arrival information)
- Improving public transit options (e.g. more routes, expanded hours, better frequency)
- Improving locations with identified safety concerns
- Keeping all facilities in a good state of repair
- Keeping all facilities operating efficiently
- Widening roads and/or improving intersections to reduce congestion

Other _____

STATION FOUR: QUADRANT (NEIGHBORHOOD) CONNECTIVITY

This station is divided into four City quadrants. You can visit any quadrant you like and provide feedback on Connectivity, Safety and Congestion. Please comment on any or all quadrants.

Map Exercise

Posted are three maps for each quadrant of the City.

Map 1. Shows the existing sidewalks, pathways, transit routes, and transit stops.

Map 2. Shows the bicycle facilities and roadways.

Map 3. Use as a reference map that shows improvement projects that have been identified from earlier planning efforts.

This exercise is to map locations within neighborhoods that you think are (1) missing a link that interrupts continuous pedestrian, bicycle, and/or auto travel, (2) not as safe as they could be for travel, or (3) is heavily congested during a regular part of most days.

On Maps 1 & 2: Please place color-coded dots on the maps and write down your comment/concern about that location on your comment form. See questions below.



Connectivity: What are the two most important changes needed to improve access and connectivity (e.g. to walk, bike, take transit, or drive more easily)? (In the space provided below, please write down the number from the dot you placed on the map, and a brief description of the issue.)

NW _____

NE _____

SW _____

SE _____

STATION FOUR continued.....



Safety: Where are the two most important areas where safety improvements should be targeted? What types of improvements are needed to increase safety for walking, biking, taking transit or driving? (In the space provided below, please write down the number from the dot you placed on the map, and a brief description of the issue.)

NW _____
NE _____
SW _____
SE _____



Congestion: Where are the two most important changes needed to reduce congestion that negatively impacts the quality of our community and/or hinders growth of our business community? (In the space provided below, please write down the number from the dot you placed on the map and a brief description of the issue.)

NW _____
NE _____
SW _____
SE _____

STATION FIVE: CITY-WIDE CONNECTIVITY

Map Exercise

Posted are three maps for the City.

Map 1. Shows the existing sidewalks, pathways, transit routes, and transit stops.

Map 2. Shows the bicycle facilities and roadways.

Map 3. Use as a reference map that shows improvement projects that have been identified from earlier planning efforts.

This exercise is to map locations at the City-wide level that you think are (1) missing a link that interrupts continuous pedestrian, bicycle, and/or auto travel, (2) not as safe as they could be for travel, or (3) is heavily congested during a regular part of most days.

On Maps 1 & 2: Please place color-coded dots on the maps and write down your comment/concern about that location on your comment form. See questions below.



Connectivity: What are the two most important changes needed to improve access and connectivity with the City? (In the space provided below, please write down the number from the dot you placed on the map and a brief description of the issue.)



Safety: When traveling within the City, what types of improvements are needed to increase safety for walking, biking, taking transit, or driving? Where should safety improvements be targeted? (In the space provided below, please write down the number from the dot you placed on the map and a brief description of the issue.)

STATION FIVE continued....



Congestion: Looking at the projects identified on the city-wide map or thinking about other improvements that are needed, what are the two most important changes needed to reduce congestion that negatively impacts the quality of our community and/or hinders growth of our business community? (In the space provided below, please write down the number from the dot you placed on the map and a brief description of the issue.)

STATION SIX: REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

After reviewing the information provided regarding regional transportation connections, please complete the question below.

- Metro 2040 Growth Concept Map
- High Capacity Transit Map
- SW Corridor project map
- TriMet transit routes

QUESTION: What local transportation improvements are needed to ensure good connections to our regional transportation system (e.g. airport, and passenger rail, bus/streetcar/light rail, interstate freeways, regional trails system)?

Which three components should be the highest priority?

- Bikeways
- Sidewalks
- Locally provided buses connecting neighborhoods to commercial areas in the City
- Better TriMet service
- Shuttle service provided by major employers
- Direct access to high capacity transit service

Other _____

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STATION SEVEN: ECONOMIC VITALITY

ECONOMIC VITALITY VISION STATEMENT

We are a community where people can live, work, play and meet their daily needs for goods and services. We build upon the intellectual capital of the community to attract new ventures, retain local businesses and connect to the global economy. We are business-friendly and a regional model for employment and mixed-use centers that attract quality jobs.

1. Lake Oswego has a significant amount of redevelopment potential for commercial/mixed-use and industrial sites within its Urban Service Boundary (USB) but a limited (20-acre) supply of vacant land for employment use inside the USB. Potential redevelopment areas include more than 121 acres in Downtown, Foothills, Kruse Way and Lake Grove, and over 30 acres in the SW Industrial Area.

Map Exercise

Please review the Employment District map, placing a colored dot to answer this question:
Where should employment growth and redevelopment be focused?

- SW Industrial Area
- Downtown
- Foothills
- Lake Grove
- Kruse Way
- Mary's Woods/Marylhurst

2. **SW Industrial Area:** Current uses within the SW Industrial area include medical device manufacturing, electronics manufacturing, specialty food bottling, and other light industrial and accessory uses.

A. How important is it to maintain this area exclusively for industrial uses?

- Very important Comments: _____
- Somewhat important
- Not at all important _____

B. Should uses be expanded to include commercial offices and mixed-use development (retail and housing)?

- Commercial Office Comments: _____
- Housing
- Retail _____

3. **Kruse Way:**

A. Should housing or commercial uses be encouraged in infill areas (such as underutilized parking lots) in this employment area to make it a more full service district?

- Yes No Comments: _____

B. What changes are needed for Kruse Way office space and housing to successfully co-exist? (examples: market conditions, regulations, incentives, better transportation connections)

C. Are there additional services or amenities (e.g., retail, pathways, transit) that should be added?

4. What should be the City's role in encouraging redevelopment of employment land? Comments:

5. Transportation influences the attractiveness of a work location for employers, including the availability of multiple transportation choices for employees, clients and customers to access the location, and how the existing infrastructure facilitates the movement of goods and people.

What transportation improvements are needed to support current and future businesses in Lake Oswego?

- Filling gaps in the pedestrian network (sidewalks/pathway)
- Improving crossings at roadways (e.g. crosswalks, curb extensions, pedestrian signals)
- Additional bike lanes
- Enhanced transit stops/stations
- Improved public transit connections
- Roadway maintenance
- Other _____

6. How can the City encourage home-based businesses to grow and remain in Lake Oswego?

7. What else should the Citizens Advisory Committee or staff consider?

Thank you!

Please submit comments tonight or return to Laura Weigel via fax at 503-635-0269 or email at lweigel@ci.oswego.or.us by April 22, 2012. You also can submit comments through the "Virtual Connected Community & Economic Vitality Summit" available on the We Love Lake Oswego website through Sunday, April 22, 2012 at www.welovelakeoswego.com.