

Community Meeting #1 Summary

Molalla Transportation System Plan Update

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cc: Project Management Team



Meeting Date: December 7, 2017

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Molalla Adult Community Center

Community Meeting #1 included a brief presentation to provide participants with introduction to the project and an overview of the planning process. The meeting also included a poster board session with approximately 23 boards containing information about the project and the existing and future needs of the pedestrian, bicycle, transit, motor vehicle, and other transportation systems within the City. An on-line version of the presentation that included the same materials and offered the same opportunities to

provide input was available on the project website (www.molallatsp.com) from December 7, 2017 through December 31st. The following provides a summary of the comments received at the in-person and online meetings.

COMMUNITY MEETING #1 PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENT

- Roundabout at Mathias Road
 - Generally well received by emergency services (Molalla Fire)
 - Suggestion that roundabout will calm traffic, address driver confusion, and serve as gateway to City westbound.
 - Suggestion to include statue representing Molalla in the middle such as the “burning white horse,” or logging memorabilia.
- Molalla Forest Road
 - Concern was raised from the emergency services (Molalla Fire) regarding the existing gates limiting access along Molalla Forest Road.
 - Location of gates as it relates to access to residential properties is difficult to determine when response calls are made.
 - The future of Molalla Forest Road was discussed as being a potentially good alternative route for freight vehicles.
 - If not a bypass for all vehicles, Molalla Forest Road could be a dedicated freight route requiring trucks, heavy vehicles to take and mitigating the impacts to roadway service damage and increasing safety within the downtown urban core.
 - Heavy trucks along OR 211 in the downtown area hurt business, are not perceived well by residents, and are damaging recent roadway capital project along Molalla Avenue.
 - If Molalla Forest Road is to be repaved, it should be constructed in concrete to extend the lifespan of the road.
 - The City expects to route freight traffic away from Molalla Avenue through signage and coordination with the Motor Carrier group.
- West Main Street (OR 211)
 - Sidewalks along West Main Street were supported although concern was raised regarding right-of-way and the ability to fit sidewalks and/or bike lanes, along West Main Street (OR 211).
 - General consensus was agreed that multimodal facilities would require a roadway widening.
 - Language in the Comprehensive Plan was discussed that would require developers or redevelopment to install sidewalks in front of their property with the turnover of a property or change in land-use.

- Toliver Road
 - Multiple additional transit stop locations were identified along Toliver Road.
 - Reconfiguring the Toliver Road/OR 213 intersection to mitigate rear-end crashes was discussed.
 - Lowering speeds along OR 213 was suggested.
- Active Transportation
 - The multi-use path parallel to Shaver Street was noted as a good idea however emergency services noted that it would need to be wide enough to allow for emergency vehicle access to address potential crime or transport someone who is injured in the area.
- General Discussion
 - Speed bumps severely limit response time for emergency personnel and have damaged emergency vehicles in the past.
 - Suggestion to provide speed bumps with cut-out tire groves for heavy vehicles i.e. fire trucks.

ONLINE COMMUNITY MEETING #1 AND INTERACTIVE ONLINE MAP



ID	Location Name	Travel Mode	Comment
1	OR213 at Toliver Road	All	This intersection is so dangerous. The visibility is not up to par. You cannot get a good view of 213 traffic in either direction when crossing Toliver or making a turn. Not only the brush but the very deep ditches and sunken grade at corners make this a terrifying experience. Wish there was a way to continue Molalla Forest Road from Toliver on through to either 211 or possibly behind Safeway where dental office is located. May help to take a lot of left turns from off of Toliver south onto 213. Since many are going to Safeway, McDonalds, etc.
2	OR211 at Hezzie Lane	Pedestrian	There needs to be a crosswalk with blinking lights right at the Stone place apartments. Way too many kids out there trying to cross in the dark.
3	Molalla Forest Road	All	When this Property was Purchased in 1996 we had been told That this would be the corridor to the Molalla river. We became light industrial in appx. 2003 (15 years ago) with a program developed to create sidewalks bicycle lanes, walking paths. Where did The S Molalla Forest rd. Plans go? We continue to develop all these plans which are huge cost but are never followed through.
4	N Molalla Avenue	Motor Vehicle	This road is supposed to be 25mph. Trucks and cars are constantly speeding through here. Families live on this street - with young children. The truck route needs to go straight down main street to the light at HWY 211 & 213. A median or speed bumps would help.

NEXT STEPS

Participants were asked to support Online Community Meeting #1 by asking friends and family to share their comments online. The next Community Meeting is planned to occur in May 2018.