

Appendix E.1.
Public Involvement Plan
Approved by Lane County Planning Commission February 5, 2002

Background

Oregon Revised Statutes and the Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR 660-012), regarding transportation (Transportation Planning Rule (TPR),) require the county to develop an essentially new Transportation System Plan that complies with the state rule. Lane County's *Transportation Plan and Master Road Plan* now in effect was adopted in 1980. The 1980 plan is outdated as change has occurred over time and because the current state rule was adopted in 1991 and revised in 1993, 1995, 1998, and 1999. Lane County's new *Transportation System Plan* (TSP) is in the process of development and is nearly ready for public review. The TPR also requires code amendments to implement the new TSP.

Purpose

The purpose of adopting a new Transportation System Plan and associated code amendments is:

- to replace the outdated, 1980 *Transportation Plan and Master Road Plan*;
- to comply with the state Transportation Planning Rule;
- to update Lane Code to implement the TSP and make housekeeping improvements;
- to improve coordination between transportation system improvements and land use requirements;
- to help promote and facilitate the multi-modal transportation needs of county citizens; and
- to be a working document for county agencies, other local and state agencies, and developers.

Components of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

1. Staff

Staff from the county Engineering Division, Transportation Planning Section, will be responsible for coordination with other agencies, stakeholders, and the public. This will include coordinating public meetings, scheduling Roads Advisory Committee, Lane County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners work sessions and hearings, disseminating information to the public in general, as well as soliciting input, and communicating how comments are considered and dealt with.

2. Agency and Stakeholder Coordination

As the draft becomes ready, staff will request the involvement, review, and comment of agencies and interest groups whose interests and/or jurisdictions may be affected by the Transportation System Plan and associated code amendments. Agencies and interest groups include:

Airports
Department of Land Conservation and Development
Fire Protection Districts and Emergency Service Providers
Gears, a recreational cycling club that frequently uses county roads
Incorporated Communities
Lane County Land Management Division
Lane County Sheriff's Office
Lane Transit District
Oregon Department of Transportation
Oregon Division of State Lands
Port of Siuslaw

Recognized Neighborhood Associations throughout Lane County
Region 2050 Project
School Districts
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Utility and Service providers (telephone, gas, electric, cable, fiber optic, water, sewer)
Watershed Councils
Williamette Valley Liveability Forum

Notices of meetings and agendas will be sent to all persons who request it. An introductory letter will be sent to each of the above contacts requesting information about desired level of involvement. Parties will be given the option of participating in technical review, only receiving public hearing notices, or not participating. Parties will be involved in the process at the level they request. All agency and interest group comments will be considered in finalizing the TSP.

3. Interested Parties Mailing List

An interest parties mailing list will be developed from the following sources:

- a. agency and stakeholder contacts listed above
- b. Board of County Commissioners agenda mailing list
- c. Lane County Planning Commission agenda mailing list
- d. Roads Advisory Committee agenda mailing list
- e. Capital Improvements Program (CIP) mailing list
- f. any other party requesting to be added to the list.

4. Web Site

Once the draft is ready for public review, it will be published on the county's web site. The web site will encourage review of and written comment on the draft, provide information and updates about the public involvement process and adoption process, and provide staff contact information.

5. Public Meetings

In 1995 Lane County Public Works held a series of ten public meetings, including one each in Eugene and Florence and eight in rural communities around the county. No draft was ready for public review at that time. Instead, staff sought feedback to inform initial preparation of the TSP. A summary of the results of that effort is attached.

When draft materials are ready for public review, staff will schedule a second round of public meetings focusing on the following geographic areas:

- Lane County's coastal areas
- McKenzie River area
- South Lane County
- Lorane area

Meeting notices will be publicized in local newspapers, including information about the web site and how to contact staff for more information.

6. Public Hearings

Lane Code Chapter 12 provides procedural requirements for processing plan amendments. At least one hearing before the Planning Commission and one before the Board of County Commissioners is required

prior to adoption. The Roads Advisory Committee public hearing will be scheduled jointly with the Planning Commission. Hearings will be publicized in the following local county newspapers:

The Register-Guard
Cottage Grove Sentinel
Springfield News
Siuslaw News
River Reflections
West Lane News

After each hearing is concluded, staff will prepare written responses to issues raised. The draft TSP and associated code amendments will be amended as appropriate based upon direction of appointed and elected officials, and adopted by ordinance.