

**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 24, 2015**

ROLL CALL: **Present:** Greg Wasinger, Sandi Peterson, Ana Schlecht, Jes Walker-Wyse and Cecil Pierce **Absent:** Bruce Freeman and Mike Piccone
Staff Present: Development Services Director, Steve Powers; Senior Planners, Cac Kamak and Dennis Lefevre; Arnie Peterschmidt, Project Engineer
Transportation consultants: Kendra Breiland

Chairman Wasinger called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

MINUTES: MS. WALKER-WYSE MOVED, MRS. PETERSON SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 27, 2015 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None present for comment.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT – Public Meeting

Mr. Lefevre summarized the transportation consultant's activities since their previous presentation and introduced Arnie Peterschmidt and transportation consultant Kendra Breiland of Fehr & Peers.

Ms. Breiland displayed a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment 1) which outlined the project update, State guidance for goals and policies, proposed changes, implications for the plan and the next steps.

Planning Commissioners asked what will be changed so that our transportation becomes "connected and efficient" (Goal 2), what is included in "multimodal" (Goal 3) and who decides which roads have priority. There was some concern about the reduction of street width when adding bike lanes and sidewalks.

With regard to "connected and efficient", Ms. Breiland explained that the next stage of the process is to assess the projects and strive for a transportation network that doesn't dead-end. Goal 2 came from comments that the city streets are pretty complete but there are a lot of streets like 7th Avenue don't have the appropriate completion of facilities. Public input drives priority as well as how the project scores when compared to the goals.

2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – Public Meeting

Mr. Kamak displayed a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment 2) which gave the Planning Commission an overview of the Vision Survey data that has been collected so far. Mr. Kamak explained that the survey will be kept open for another two or three months and staff will make another push to get more public response to the survey.

Planning Commissioners asked about the ways that the survey can be accessed. Mr. Kamak indicated that the survey is on the City website, Facebook, Channel 10, surveys were mailed and an IR code link will be promoted.

ADJOURN: 8:09 p.m.

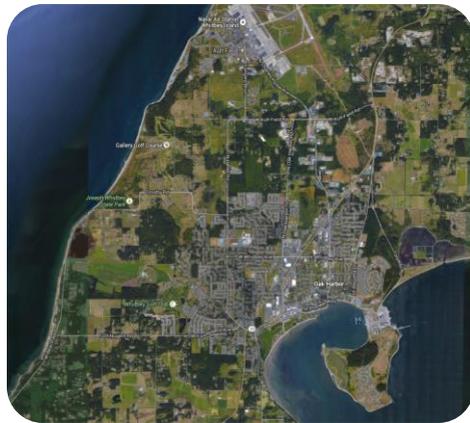
Minutes submitted by: Katherine Gifford

City of Oak Harbor Transportation Element Update



FEHR & PEERS

Overview of Topics



- **Project Update**
- **State Guidance for Goals and Policies**
- **Proposed Changes**
- **Implications for Plan**
- **Next Steps**



Work-to-Date: Data Collection and Analysis

- Collected data about existing conditions
- Conducted stakeholder interviews
- Worked with City staff to develop draft goals
- Developed future year traffic demand forecasts

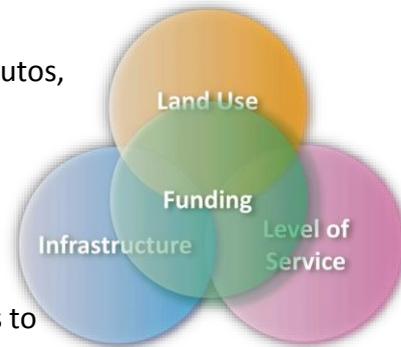


Work-to-Date: Engaging Public and Identifying Priorities



Goals and Policies: State Guidance

- Goals and policies define priorities in written terms.
- Address all modes of travel (autos, transit, walking, biking), transportation demand management, and funding.
- GMA requires development regulations, capital budget decisions, and other activities to be consistent with goals and policies.



Current Plan Goals

- **Goal 1** – Provide a safe, convenient, efficient, and integrated highway and roadway system for the movement of people and goods, one that is functionally well maintained, reflects the local environment, and meets the demands of the future, especially the growth anticipated within the Oak Harbor UGA.
- **Goal 2** – Promote a coordinated and integrated public transportation system within the City of Oak Harbor that is available to all residents, visitors, and those without personal transportation options.
- **Goal 3** – Provide safe, accessible, and convenient routes, trails, parking facilities, trail heads, and other amenities that promote the use of non-motorized travel in a manner that is integrated with other forms of transportation.
- **Goal 4** – Balance regional transportation strategies with the varied needs of different land uses within the City of Oak Harbor. Encourage land use types, mixes, and densities that promote efficient multi-modal transportation systems.



Current Plan Goals (continued)

- **Goal 5** – Provide additional roadway aesthetic features that are consistent with surrounding land use and the natural environment.
- **Goal 6** - Ensure that the City of Oak Harbor Transportation Plan is coordinated and consistent with the plans of state and regional governments.
- **Goal 7** – Provide transportation facilities and services that are energy efficient, protect and enhance the environment, and maintain the existing quality of life in the City of Oak Harbor. Reduce aesthetic and environmental degradation of transportation operations, installations and maintenance.
- **Goal 8** – Ensure that the City of Oak Harbor seeks out and evaluates all applicable transportation funding opportunities and receives their proportionate share of Federal, State, and private transportation funding.
- **Goal 9** – Prepare, implement and maintain a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program that is feasible and financially constrained and prioritizes improvement projects in a cost-effective manner, using fair and sufficient methods of funding.



Key Questions

- Are these goals meaningful?
- Are they memorable?
- Do they help make the City's transportation priorities more transparent?



Previous Plan Goals	Proposed
Goal 1 – Provide a safe, convenient, efficient, and integrated highway and roadway system for the movement of people and goods, one that is functionally well maintained, reflects the local environment, and meets the demands of the future, especially the growth anticipated within the Oak Harbor UGA.	Goal 1 – Safe for all users.
Goal 2 – Promote a coordinated and integrated public transportation system within the City of Oak Harbor that is available to all residents, visitors, and those without personal transportation options.	Goal 2 – Connected and efficient.
Goal 3 – Provide safe, accessible, and convenient routes, trails, parking facilities, trail heads, and other amenities that promote the use of non-motorized travel in a manner that is integrated with other forms of transportation.	Goal 3 – Multimodal offering user friendly transportation options.
Goal 4 – Balance regional transportation strategies with the varied needs of different land uses within the City of Oak Harbor. Encourage land use types, mixes, and densities that promote efficient multi-modal transportation systems.	Goal 4 – Financially and environmentally sustainable.
Goal 5 – Provide additional roadway aesthetic features that are consistent with surrounding land use and the natural environment.	Goal 5 – Complementary of the City’s land use vision and other adopted plans.
Goal 6 - Ensure that the City of Oak Harbor Transportation Plan is coordinated and consistent with the plans of state and regional governments.	Goal 6 - Integrated with the regional transportation network to address a diverse range of transportation interests.
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Goal 9 – Develop, implement and maintain a Six-Year Transportation	

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Draft Project Goals

1. **Safe for all users.**
2. **Connected and efficient.**
3. **Multimodal offering user friendly transportation options.**
4. **Financially and environmentally sustainable.**
5. **Complementary of the City’s land use vision and other adopted plans.**
6. **Integrated with the regional transportation network to address a diverse range of transportation interests.**



Input from the Planning Commission

- Do the proposed goals accomplish the City's overall vision?
- Are there any goals that we have missed?
- Are there any changes to the goals that you would like to see?



Implications for the Plan

Transportation Plan

LAYERED NETWORK

- Identifies priority users on individual streets
- Based on existing travel patterns and input from City staff and community

LEVEL OF SERVICE

- Auto
- Transit
- Pedestrian
- Bicycle
- Freight

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT LIST

- 20 Year List
- 6 Year (Capital Improvement Program)
- Concurrency
- Impact Fee Program

The Plan's goals lay the foundation for all of these steps.

Upcoming Meetings

Topic	Planning Commission	City Council
<i>Goals & Policies</i>	<i>November 2015</i>	January 2016
Level of Service Policy	December 2015	
Project List	February 2016	May 2016
Draft Plan	April 2016	



Questions?

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION SURVEY

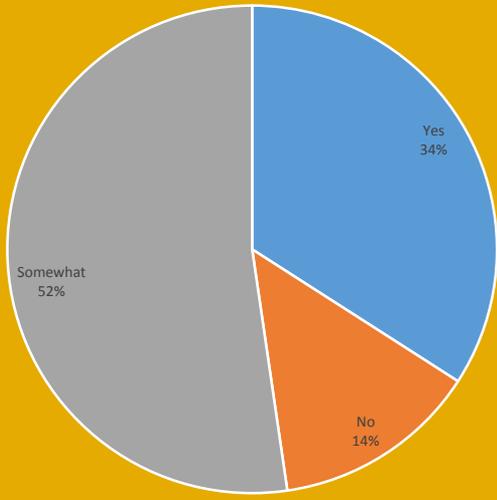


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Planning Commission

11/24/2015

1. Do you think that the new version of the Vision captures the spirit of the 1993 Vision Statement?



Response	Percentage
Somewhat	52%
Yes	34%
No	14%

Vision Survey



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