Community Values Statements

Community values tell us what’s important to people who live and work in Washington County. The Transportation Futures Study will incorporate community values into a set of evaluation criteria. The criteria will be used to evaluate alternative transportation investments to see how they support these values, and to assess tradeoffs between alternatives.

Cities and communities in Washington County have done a lot of work over the past few decades to identify the values of area residents. The Transportation Futures Study team reviewed dozens of community plans, visioning documents, and local transportation plans as a starting place to determine Washington County community values and goals. A review of these studies and documents paints a picture of Washington County’s core community values for land use and transportation. Some common themes have remained constant over time, while others have emerged more recently, like prioritizing an integrated multi-modal transportation system and the link between transportation and public health.

The values statements below are the result of this research, and will be refined based on public input in order to serve as a guide for the Transportation Futures Study.

**DRAFT VALUES STATEMENTS**

Washington County residents, businesses and visitors value a community that:

- Provides easy access to destinations essential for daily needs, goods, services and activities. *(CONNECTIVITY)*
- Promotes efficient and reliable movement of people, goods, and services. *(EFFICIENCY)*
- Encourages viable transportation options, including private automobiles, transit, bicycling, and walking. *(TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS)*
- Promotes community design that reflects the unique needs and desires of urban, rural, and suburban communities, including compact, multi-modal, and vibrant communities in urban areas. *(GEOGRAPHIC EQUITY)*
- Ensures equitable benefits from transportation investments wherein groups and neighborhoods have a fair share and there is no discernible disproportionate impact on any one group. *(SOCIAL EQUITY)*
- Protects air, climate, water, open space and other natural resources from the impacts of growth and transportation. *(ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY)*
- Uses public funds wisely. Protect investments by maintaining the current transportation system and using technology to improve efficiency. *(STRATEGIC INVESTMENT)*
- Supports job growth and strong urban and rural economies. *(ECONOMIC VITALITY)*
- Ensures that all travelers get to their destinations safely. *(SAFETY)*
- Encourages citizens to become more active and healthy by providing alternative transportation modes. *(HEALTH)*
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These draft values will be further refined based on input from the Study Advisory Committee, key stakeholders, representatives of historically underrepresented communities, as well as input from the general public through an online open house. The Study Advisory Committee will review the refined set of values before they are finalized. The final values statements will be used by the Study team to develop a set of criteria to evaluate alternative transportation investments.

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

The following documents, studies and plans were reviewed in developing the draft values statements:

City Plans and Documents

- Aloha-Reedville Baseline Report Summary – Washington County, September 2011
- Banks Sustainability Strategy – City of Banks, October 2011
- Banks Comprehensive Plan – City of Banks, August 1979 (Amended April 1989)
- Beaverton Community Vision – City of Beaverton, Spring 2010
- Beaverton Community Vision 2014 Annual Report – City of Beaverton, February 2014
- Comprehensive Plan for the City of Beaverton: Volume 1 – City of Beaverton, Updated 2002
- Cornelius Comprehensive Plan – City of Cornelius, Adopted 1978 (Amended multiple times, most recently 2005)
- Forest Grove Comprehensive Plan: Volume 1 – City of Forest Grove, January 2014
- City of Forest Grove 2014 Citizen Attitude Survey Summary Report – City of Forest Grove, 2014
- Hillsboro Comprehensive Plan – City of Hillsboro, Adopted 1997 (Amended April 2013)
- 2035 Renewing the Vision: Community Profile Snapshot – City of Hillsboro, Spring 2013
- King City Town Center Plan and Implementation Strategy Charrette Report – City of King City and multiple project partners, May 2014
- North Plains Comprehensive Plan – City of North Plans, Revised 2010
- North Plains Vision Statement Review – City of North Plains, October 2014
- Sherwood Comprehensive Plan, part 2 – City of Sherwood, Adopted 1991
- Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Task Force Final Report – City of Tigard, December 2012
- City of Tigard Strategic Plan 2014-2034, Draft Working Document – City of Tigard, November 2013
- City of Tigard Comprehensive Plan – City of Tigard, Adopted 2007 (Amended 2010)
- City of Tigard 2035 Transportation System Plan – City of Tigard, Adopted November 2010
- Tualatin Tomorrow Vision and Action Plan Five Year Update – City of Tualatin, February 2014
- City of Tualatin Transportation System Plan Update – City of Tualatin, February 2014
- Linking Tualatin, Community Involvement Ideas Report – City of Tualatin, May 2013
- Citizen Participation Survey Summary – City of Tualatin, March 2011
- City of Wilsonville Comprehensive Plan – City of Wilsonville, Updated July 2013

County, Regional and State Plans and Documents
• Washington County Community Plans (11 individual plans developed for different areas of Washington County) – Washington County Land Use & Transportation Department, 1983 and beyond
• Washington County Transportation Survey (input for Washington County Transportation System Plan update) – Washington County Land Use & Transportation Department and DHM Research, April 2013
• Washington County Transportation System Plan Update – Washington County, Adopted in October 2013
• Community Values: Washington County Transportation System Plan Update – Washington County, 2014
• Regional Transportation Plan 2014 – Metro, Adopted July 2014
• A Future Vision for the Region – Metro, 1995
• Metro 2040 Growth Concept – Regional Framework Plan – Metro, Adopted in 1995 and effective January 2011
• A Values & Beliefs Profile of Metro Area Residents for Transportation Policy-Making and Planning – TriMet, October 2014
• Millennials and Housing – TriMet and ECONorthwest, 2014
• Oregon Transportation Plan: Volume 1 – ODOT, Adopted September 2006
• Envision Oregon Round 1 – Values and Vision Final Report – Multiple sponsors (including 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Bus Project, SOLV, League of Women Voters of Oregon, and the Oregon Business Association), April 2007
• Blueprint for Oregon’s Future, Strategies and Actions to Help Meet Oregonians Shared Goals – 1000 Friends of Oregon, January 2008
• The Big Look Final Report to 2009 Oregon Legislature – The Big Look Task Force, January 2009
• DHM Survey of Oregonians Priorities and Values – DHM Research, conducted for Portland General Electric and Portland Business Alliance, September 2014

Other
• Making the Connections: A Summary of the LUTRAQ Project – 1000 Friends of Oregon and multiple sponsors, February 1997
• Southwest Corridor Plan Recommendations to Begin DEIS Phase – Metro and multiple project partners, June 2014
• Executive Summary, Western Bypass Study - Alternatives Analysis – ODOT and Washington County, May 1995