

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2004  
TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP  
MINUTES**

Chair Heckerorth called the workshop to order at 7:05 p.m.

Other Commissioners present were Merrienne Hoffman, Joan Marti, Bruce Lovelin, Gale Ousele and Terry Jones. Commissioner Charlie Swan was absent.

Staff present were Bill Campbell, Director and Bill Holmstrom, Associate Planner.

Guests present were Pat Oakes, Tillamook County Public Works.

Bill Holmstrom started the workshop by thanking everyone for coming. He talked about a survey that was sent throughout the state regarding how the TSP process was doing. Bill H. stated of all the cities and counties in the state, 80% had completed a transportation plan. Bill H. had asked representatives from ODT and the State to attend to answer questions however, none attended the workshop. Bill H. explained most of the TSP is boilerplate and not much is above and beyond what the state is requiring. Bill H. stated they did the public meetings and not much was changed. He encouraged the Commissioners to ask any specific questions they might have or suggestions they may have.

Bill Campbell stated this plan was completed in draft form in June 2003. He explained the original agreement between ODOT and the contractor was dissolved for some reason. The new contractor had to pick the plan up in mid-stride and take it forward. Bill C. said most previous plans main focus was highway. This plan includes rail, air and marine. He spoke about the many different groups that worked on the TSP which included an Advisory Group that was formed, there was the Safety Committee, the County Road Advisory Committee and three representatives from the NW Area Commission on Transportation. Bill C. spoke about one element of the Transportation Assistance Plan is a project list and that this is about money. Local projects are prioritized on an annual basis with Public Works and the Board of Commissioners. Bill C. explained further that once the projects are identified the search begins for hard to find funding. He spoke about Land Use Planning aspects of the plan. He talked about state standards, the many federally subsidized highways and state secondary highways. Bill C. explained the TSP provides a framework for consistency in bringing the necessary agencies together and that without this consistency funding is more difficult to obtain.

Bill C. talked about bikeways and byways and that they bring additional regulations not additional funding. He explained that while providing a framework consistent with the State TSP and the State Transportation Planning Rule, identification will also be made to the areas of concern for Tillamook County. He explained the TSP amends some

elements of the Transportation portion of the Comprehensive Plan, particularly Goal 11 Public Facilities and Goal 12, Transportation. He said there are also amended portions of the Land Use Ordinance and the Land Division Ordinance.

Bill C. continued by explaining that without the TSP being adopted there are two major refinement plans underway. One is in Hebo and is 50% complete. The other one is just getting started and is in the City of Tillamook addressing pedestrian safety, parking and truck traffic. He stated an advisory group had been formed for the city plan and that the first meeting would be September 28<sup>th</sup>. They will identify areas for off street parking that can open up the highway for more travel space.

Commissioner Lovelin stated the TSP did not seem very aggressive to him and that it did not identify a bypass around Tillamook. Bill Campbell stated this is the county plan and that the cities have their own plan. Bill C. talked about ODOT slowing starting to look at other forms of transportation besides just on the highways. He also spoke about the benefits of moving products by rail vs. by truck. Bill C. spoke about designations made by the state that do not create funding but that put people at risk. Bill C. said the Advisory Group was uniform in their recommendation for adoption of approval of the TSP.

Bill Holmstrom explained the recommended changes of staff are listed in the staff report. These would be the changes to the Comprehensive Plan Goal 11, the Land Use Ordinance and the Land Division Ordinance. Commissioner Lovelin asked if upon approval of the TSP would it change the Ordinances or would this be brought up at a separate time. Bill H. answered there are three different Ordinance Amendments being considered. He explained one amends the Comprehensive Plan, another makes changes to the Land Use Ordinance and the third one makes changes to the Land Division Ordinance.