

US 101/OR 6 Alternatives Study Open House

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Overview

ODOT held a public open house from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at the Tillamook Library. The purpose of the open house was to:

- Share information about environmental existing conditions.
- Share information about existing and future transportation conditions.
- Gather input on the project's problem statement and evaluation framework.
- Share concepts forwarded from the TTRP and gather ideas for new concepts.

The open house was advertised through an announcement on the project web site, and a newsletter mailed to all households in the Tillamook zip code. More than 50 people attended.

The meeting was an open house format where members of the public had the opportunity to discuss the project with staff members, review displays and complete a comment form.

The following information was provided:

- Project area zoning, land use, wetlands and parklands
- Existing and future traffic volumes
- Problem statement
- Project goals and objectives
- Concepts advanced and set-aside from the 2006 Tillamook Transportation Refinement Plan

Comment Summary

Attendees were invited to complete a written comment form. Twenty forms were completed.

Problems at study area intersections

The first question on the comment form asked respondents what they thought problems at the intersection of 1st Street and Main Avenue, 1st Street and Pacific Avenue, 3rd Street and Main Avenue, and 3rd Street and Pacific Avenue were. They were provided with a list of seven problems and asked to add any problems that were not captured in the list. The most frequently mentioned problems included:

- Traffic congestion (13 responses)
- Pedestrian safety at crosswalks (13 responses)

- Back up from one signal stopping traffic at adjacent signals (13 responses)
- Safety and convenience of on-street parking (11 responses)
- Safety for cars and trucks using Main Avenue, Pacific Avenue, 1st Street and 3rd Street (10 responses)
- Confusing street system for tourists or newcomers (10 responses)
- Narrow streets (10 responses)

In addition to indicating which problems they thought were the worst, respondents were asked to identify other problems. Many of the respondents wrote about on-street parking reducing visibility and narrowing the roads. A few respondents suggested taking away parking on one or both sides of the main roads through downtown. One respondent suggested that sight distance deficiencies caused cars to pull into crosswalks to see oncoming traffic, and another respondent suggested that the narrowing and then expanding of lanes caused congestion and safety issues. One respondent noted that traffic problems in downtown make it difficult for businesses to thrive.

Goals

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee proposed the following five goals for the project:

Goal 1: Improve mobility in downtown Tillamook for all users including cars, trucks, bicyclists and pedestrians

Goal 2: Provide for improved safety for all users in the study area

Goal 3: Support economic vitality in Tillamook and the coastal region

Goal 4: Construct a project that is sensitive to the community and natural environment

Goal 5: Provide for a cost-effective solution that can be implemented in phases

Respondents were asked which goals were important to them.

- Goal 2, safety (8 responses)
- Goal 1, mobility (8 responses)
- Goal 3: economic vitality (7 responses)
- Goal 5, Cost-effective solution (5responses)
- Goal 4: Sensitivity to the community and natural environment (3 responses)

In addition to indicating the goals that were important to them, respondents were asked to provide additional goals they would like to see considered. Suggestions included considering public transit mobility and safety, and considering short-term solutions that could contribute to a bigger project. Both of these ideas are captured in the project's objectives. Add public transportation mobility, safety and involvement (bus turnouts, etc)

Concepts

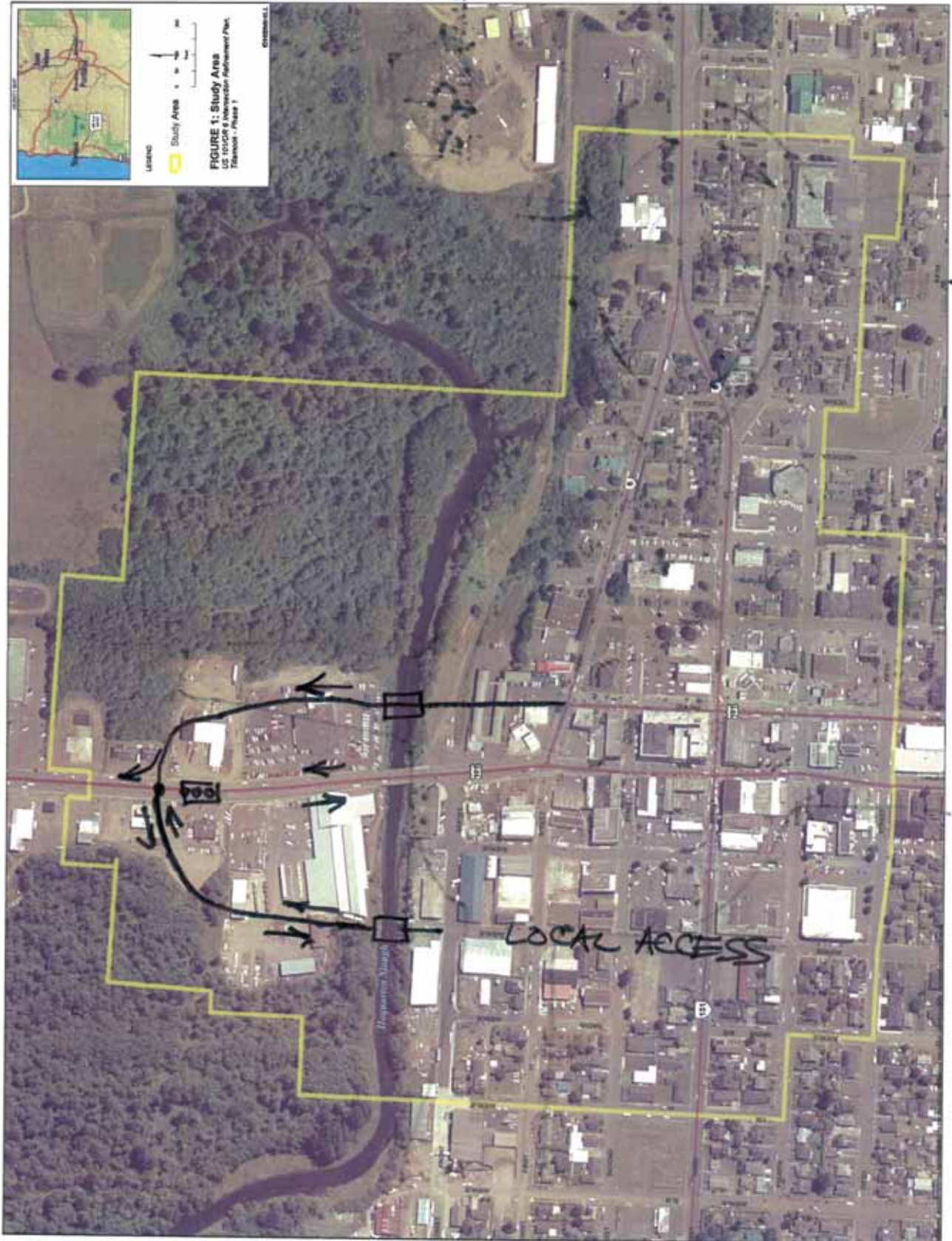
Respondents were asked to review the concepts presented at the open house and suggest their own by drawing on a map on the back of the comment form. Nine people indicated that the set of concepts advanced is complete, and two respondents drew their own concepts on the back of the comment form. These suggestions have been combined with the

other ideas drawn at the open house and are documented in an attached spreadsheet of ideas generated at the open house.

Other comments

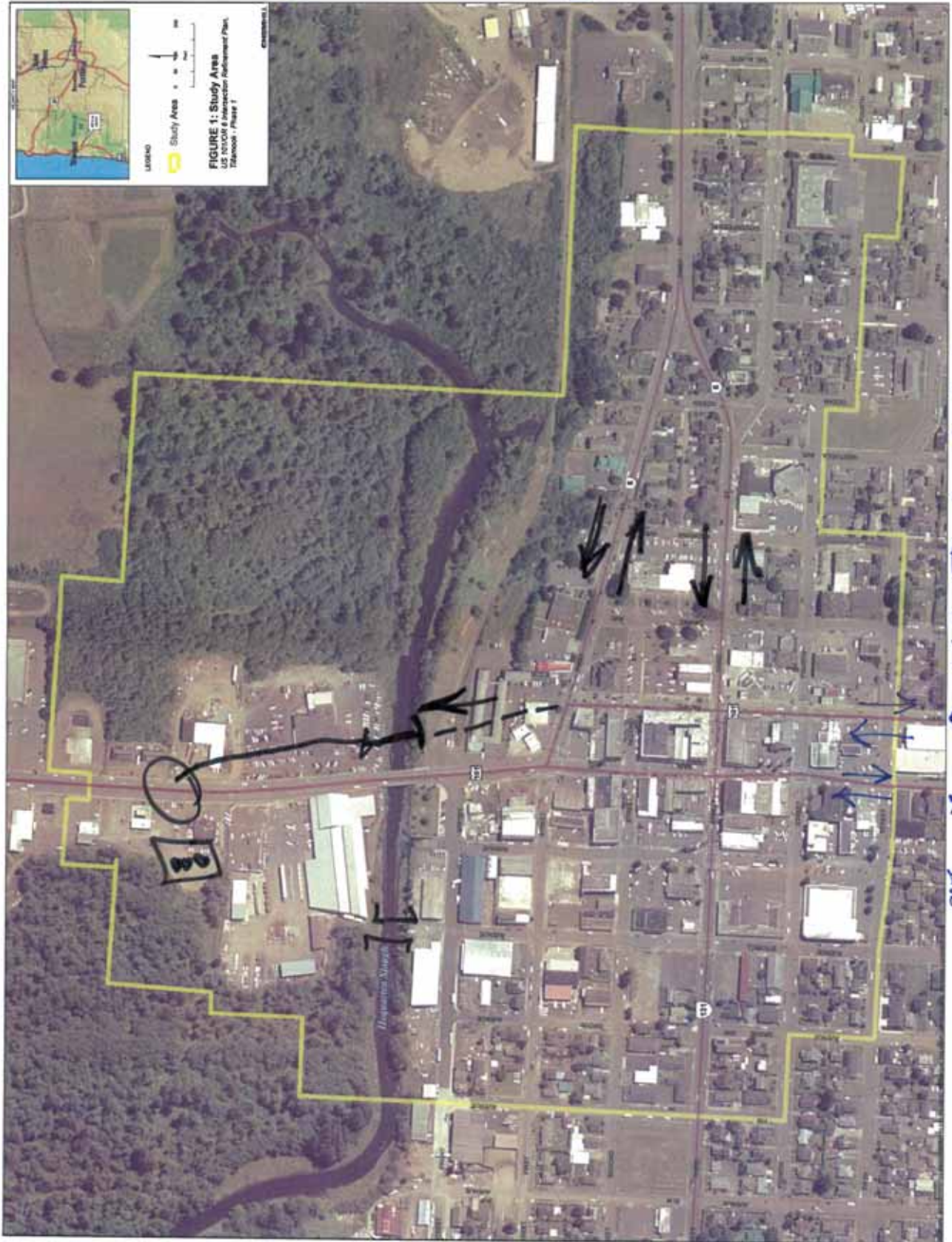
Respondents were asked to provide other comments. The comments collected are as follows:

- Narrow the sidewalks or take parking off Main and Pacific – remove street trees and other impediments, provide and advocate for parking on the blocks on the streets parallel with Main and Pacific. Round corners at 12th and Stillwell and 101 and Beach – elevate front slightly to allow for better vision north (remove shrubs and figure out how to improve view there or over bridge railing).
- Good luck. Challenging project, and lots of people to try to please.
- Separate destination traffic, makes less interchange at one intersection.
- Get timeline and estimate of cost.
- The Hoquarten Bridge seems very necessary to solve the problem. I would like to see the streets returned to 2-way traffic. I am not in favor of roundabouts because I think they add to the confusion, especially for tourist traffic.
- Do not study to death, keep it simple.
- Give serious consideration to a bypass system.



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WHAT ABOUT A BYPASS
FOR $\uparrow^N \rightarrow^E$ BOUND TRAFFIC?
(HWY 6 TO 101)



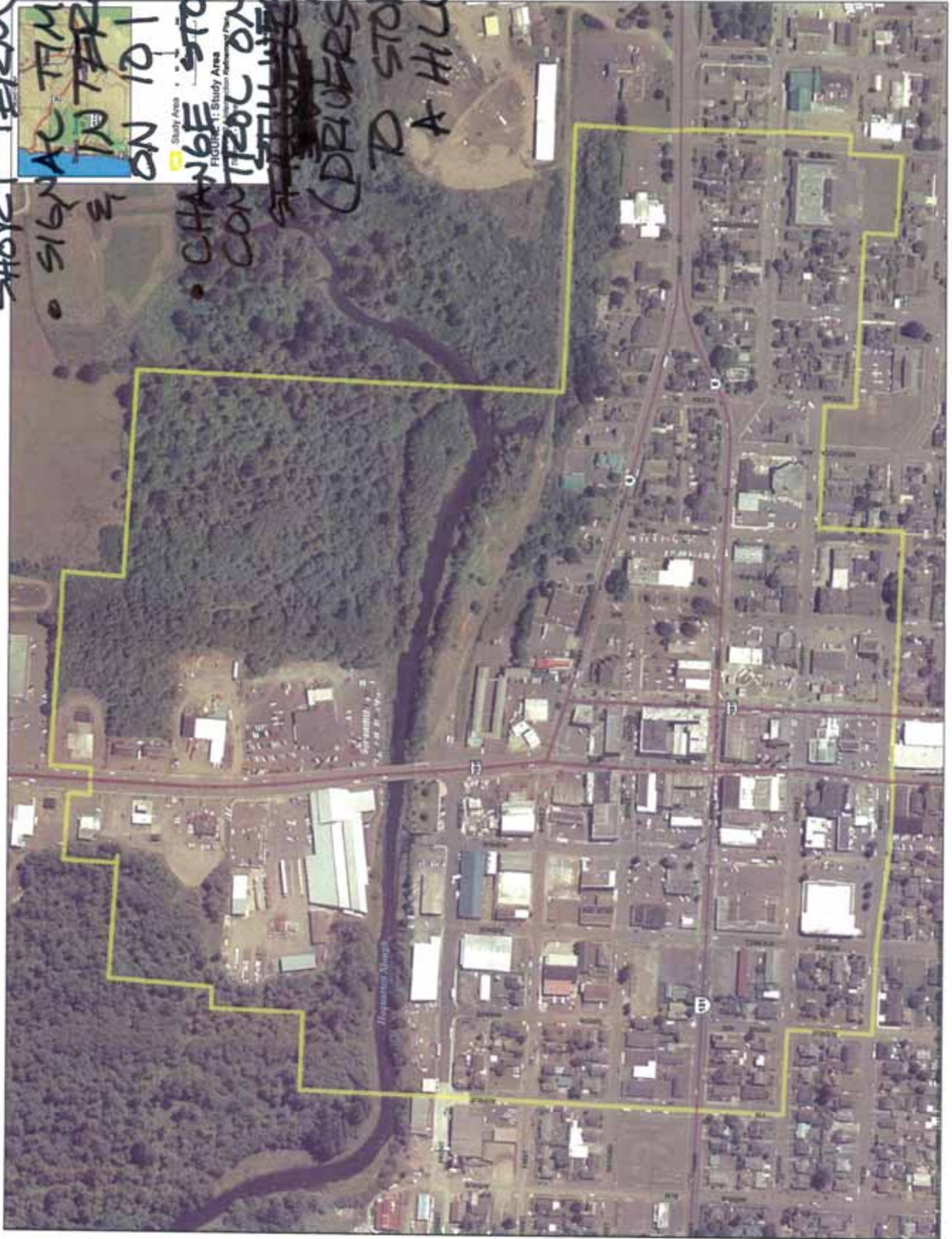
SHORT TERM

• SIGNAL TIMING
IN ORDER TO CONNECT
ON 101

• CHANGE STOP
CONTROL ON

~~STOP WITH FIRST~~
(DRIVERS HAVE
TO STOP ON
A HILL)

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ONE WAY
ACROSS
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(PATTERN
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US 101 @ SR 6 Improvement
04 February 2009



Objective:

- Reduce Congestion
- Improve safety – driver & pedestrians
- Improve line of sight at intersection and thru downtown
- Freedom of movement for tourists, visitors, truckers, transit and locals
 - Including assisting trucks around present tight corners
- An affordable workable solution for 10 – 20 years, at most
- Provisions for business deliveries
 - Vans, UPS, dually Pickups, Bob tail trailers
- Ease of parking downtown
 - Swing radius improvement
 - Improved freedom of getting in & out of parked vehicles
- A straight forward traffic solution – for the near term
- Drop Main Avenue moniker of "Mirror Busting Alley"

Project Recommended:

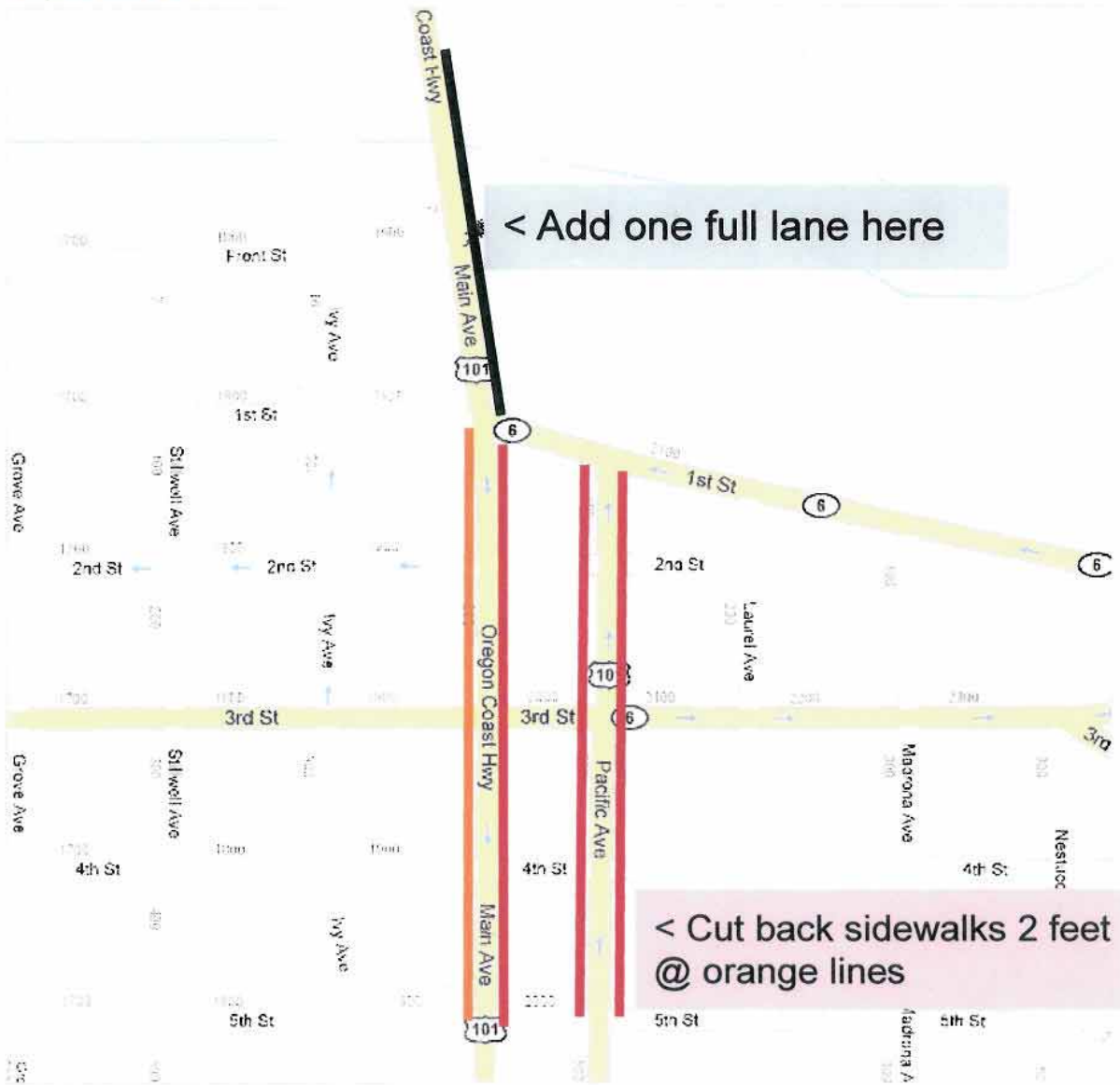
- Make US 101 North from SR 6 a full four lanes to Hayward Motors.
- Shave back sidewalks on Main & Pacific from SR 6 to at least 5th Street up to 2 feet
- Move bicycle traffic to Stillwell Ave.
- Improve tourist and unfamiliar visitors travel lane signage
- See map

Long Term Transportation Planning:

- Reroute heavy truck and recreational user transportation traffic
 - Logging, chip, and lumber trucks
 - Milk tankers and other Agricultural related trucks
 - Fuel delivery tankers and trucks
 - Food & commodity delivery semi- trucks
 - Mail & parcel delivery trucks
 - Heavy haulers
 - Coastal semis passing thru
 - Utility service and special service vehicles
 - Trailered boats
 - Big motor homes
 - Including sand & gravel, cement deliveries, and other key commercial traffic
 - An established truck route, as much as possible



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A. D. "Gus" Meyer, 02/04/09

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Ideas for additional concepts

If you have an idea about an additional concept that you didn't draw at the open house, please draw it on this map. Don't worry about the details, just make sure to get your main ideas down.



What do you like about this idea?

- PROVIDES ALTERNATIVE TO 101 S FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC
- REDUCES CONFUSION AND INCREASES CAPACITY FOR 101 NB TRAFFIC.
- ROSENBERG BACKLOT CAN RELOCATE TO DAIRY QUEEN SITE.
- ONLY 2 BUSINESSES IMPACTED (HOTEL, APPLIANCE PEOPLE) IF NEW LIGHT ON NORTH END PLACED WITH CARE.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments? Is there anything else that you want to tell us?

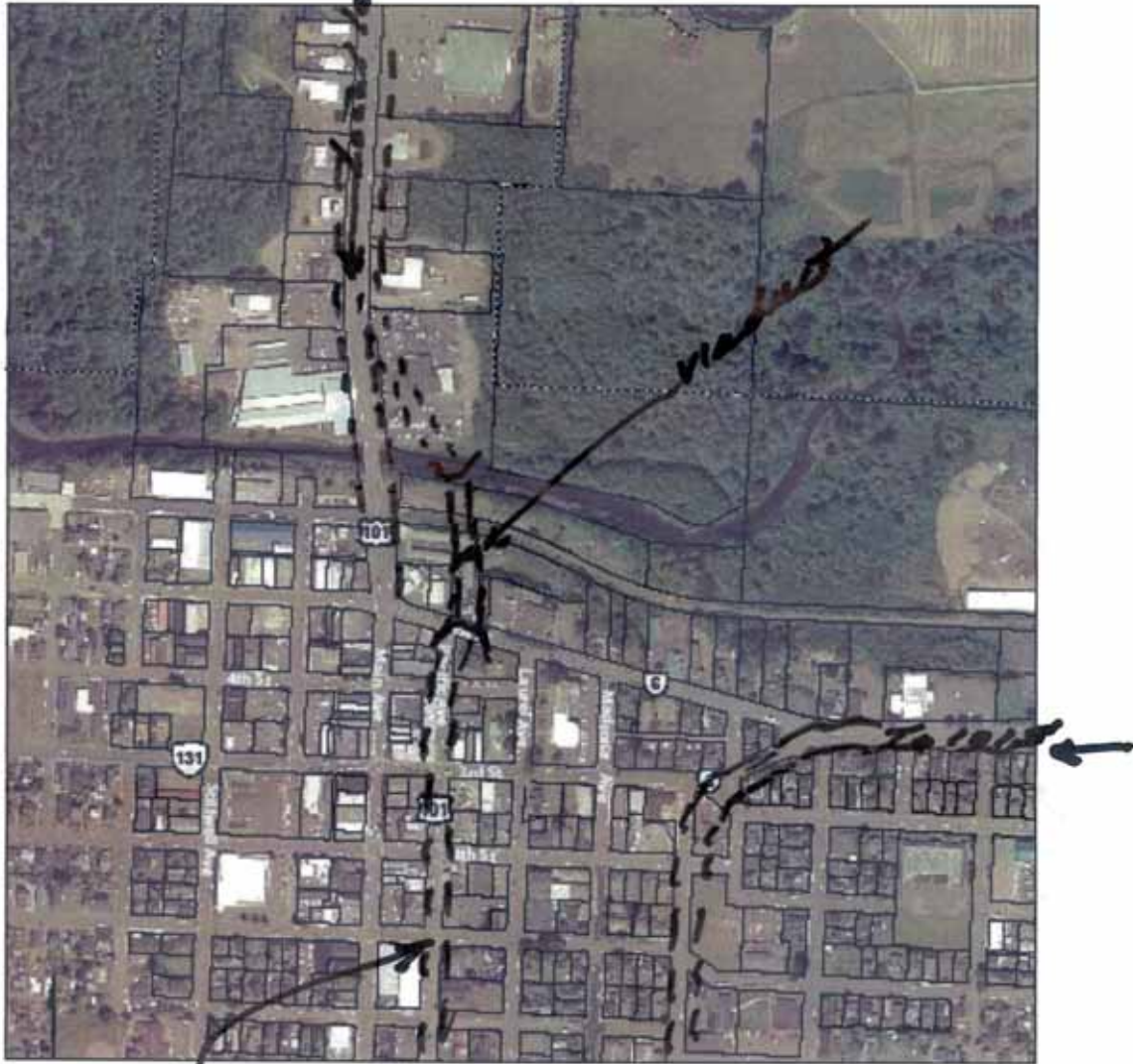
GOOD LUCK CHALLENGING PROJECT, AND LOTS OF PEOPLE TO TRY TO PLEASE.

Thank you for taking the time to give us your thoughts!

You can email, mail or fax this form to Kristin Hull, CH2M HILL before February 13, 2009: mail to 2020 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97201; fax to 503-736-1494; or email to kristin.hull@ch2m.com. You can also drop forms off at Tillamook City Hall.

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What do you like about this idea? **Traffic N and S.**

Move traffic off Main St. Increase N+S flow. Eliminate Hwy 101 / 131 bottlenecks. Use existing right of ways.