

# Highway 138 Corridor Solutions Study



## Summary of Discussion

### Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Kick-Off Meeting

6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

December 5, 2006

#### **Attendees**

Georgia Stiles, Property Developer

Mike Parker, Local Engineer

Brett White, Downtown Small Business

Michael Widmer, Economic Development Commission

Art Adams, Nordic Veneer

Neal Hadley, At-large Citizen

Gary Crowe, Chamber of Commerce

Sande Dixon, Umpqua Transit

Chad Ambrose, Bike-Pedestrian Advocate

Mike Baker, Project Manager, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

John Raasch, ODOT Environmental Project Manager

Jennifer Danziger, David Evans and Associates (DEA), Inc. Senior Project Manager

John Wiebke, DEA Project Manager

## **Introductions and Project Overview**

Following introductions of those present, Mike Baker (ODOT) opened the meeting by providing a brief summary of the corridor study to the committee members. He added that the study will be conducted in the context of early phases of a NEPA study. Afterward, John Wiebke (DEA) gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the existing conditions within the corridor study area, an initial study purpose and list of transportation system deficiencies that impact the corridor, study goals and objectives, summary of work tasks, public participation plan, and preliminary future meeting dates. He also displayed locations throughout the study area where peak three-hour turning movement counts (TMCs) were collected in May 2006 and where origin-destination license plate surveys were being conducted on the same day as the meeting.

The preliminary study goals were presented as follows:

- 1. Maintain highway performance and improve safety by improving efficiency and management*
- 2. Enhance through-traffic circulation and accessibility while mitigating impacts to downtown Roseburg and local neighborhoods*
- 3. Improve access to the transportation system for other modes of travel including bicycles and pedestrians*

## **Project Discussion Items**

The committee endorsed the purpose; need and goals statements forwarded by the SC and presented the following comments and questions.

- Are the study boundaries too constrained? What happens past Fulton Street where most of the potential future development lies?
- Buses (transit and school) are a safety issue with a high need for bus stop accessibility.
- Neighborhoods such as Laurelwood, Jackson, Klamath and Mill/Pine are sensitive to discussions of adding a bridge in their vicinity.
- Aesthetic/visual issues are a key component that should not be overlooked in the study process.

## **Next Steps**

The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2007 and will discuss the Task 4 data collection items as well as fine tune the purpose and need statement and goals and objectives.