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# Lexington Safety and Multimodal Transportation

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Town Council Presentation

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# Project Management Team

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## Session Outline

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- Project Context
- What We've Heard
- Potential Solutions
- Next Steps and Closing



# Transportation & Growth Management Program

*A joint program between DLCD and ODOT*

## MISSION:

- Link land use and transportation planning
- Create livable places where people can walk, bike, take transit, or drive where they want to go
- Expand transportation choices



# TGM Programs

## Planning Grants

- Transportation System Plans
- Modal Plans
- Area Plans

## Community Assistance

- Quick Response (design assistance )
- Education and Outreach
- Code Assistance
- TSP Evaluations

### St. Helens Transportation System Plan Update

ORDINANCE 3150

City of St. Helens, Oregon



August 2011



Valley Concrete Site Concept Plan & Report

Independence, Oregon







# Lexington Downtown Improvement Plan

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“This project addresses the following needs for:

- 1) Appropriately sited, designed, and managed local, regional, and state transportation facilities such as roadway and sidewalk improvements.
- 2) A balanced, interconnected, and safe transportation system that provides a variety of transportation options such as walking and biking paths, safe crossings, and public transit access.



## Education and Outreach

### Lexington Downtown Safety and Multimodal Transportation

- Purpose: bring community members together to discuss needs, identify critical areas of concern, and develop a strategy to improve safety in the Lexington downtown project area.
- Objective: create a report of recommendations for safety and multimodal transportation improvements in the Project Area.





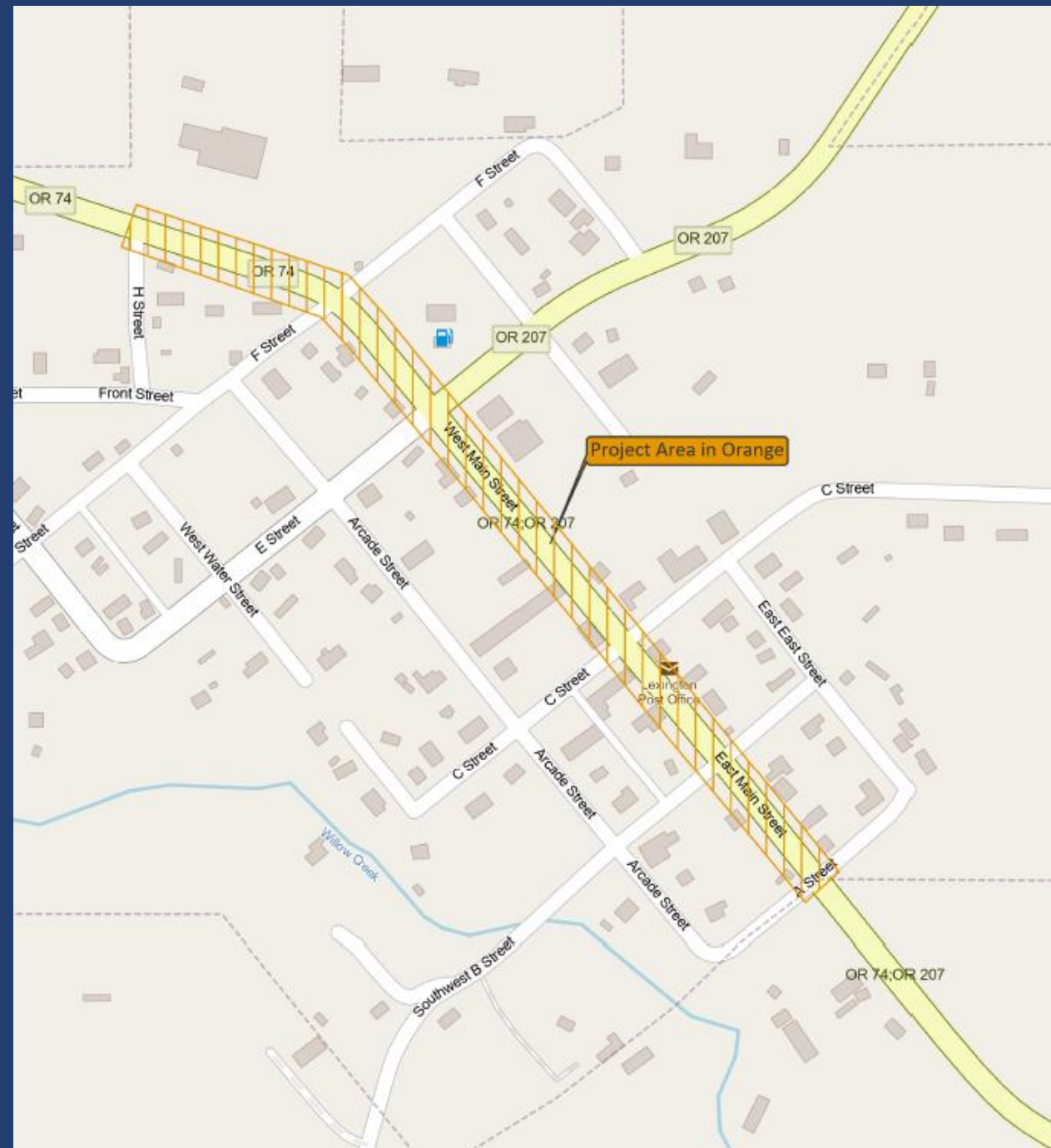
## Project Process

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- Kickoff
- Site Visit
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Community Forum
- Recommendations Report
- Town Council Presentation



# Project Area Map



## What We've Heard So Far:

- 1) Gaps in infrastructure for walking, biking, and transit



“Our Main Street is  
not friendly to walk  
on”



“Only one crosswalk  
at the corner near  
the school”





“There is an aging population and inflation has pushed the cost of vehicle ownership really high. People are trying to branch out and use public transit if its available”



What We've Heard So Far:

2) Lots of vehicles at dangerous speeds



“Cars fly through  
when they’re  
driving”



“Vehicle accidents...  
there will be more if  
things don't change”



“Trucks have overturned  
because they are not  
prepared to make the  
stop at the stop sign”





What We've Heard So Far:

3) Lack of Sense of Place and  
Community

“Downtown needs a  
facelift with safe  
places to gather”

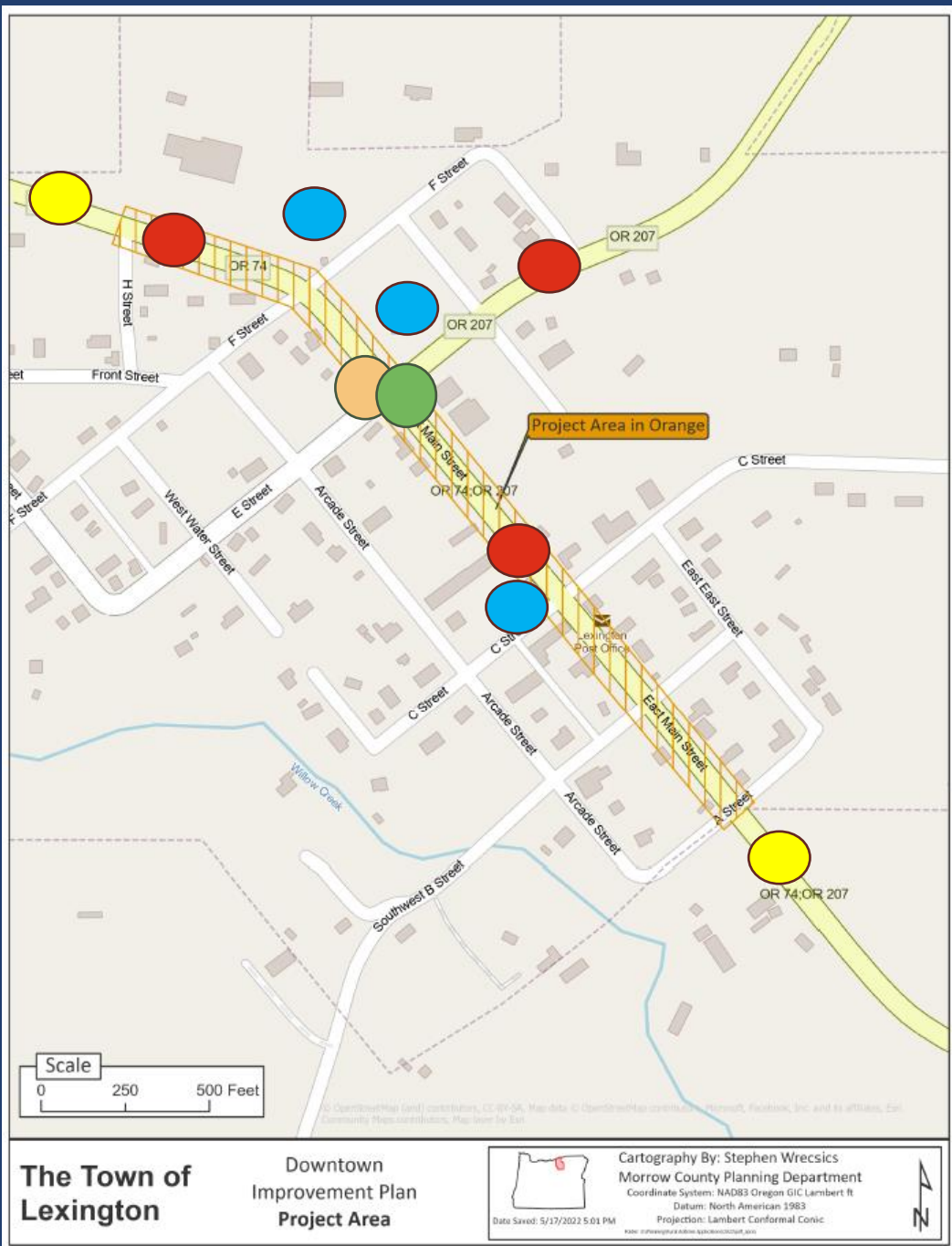


“Possibility of new  
businesses coming  
to the area”





Potential Solutions: Traffic Calming



**Reducing the posted speed limit to 25 mph and adding blinking signage on the streets approaching the project area to indicate the reduction in speed**



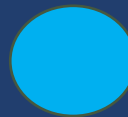
**Signage approaching the intersections of OR 74 with F and E street to indicate the stop sign ahead**



**Converting the intersection of OR Highway 74 and E street to a four-way stop signal with blinking lights**



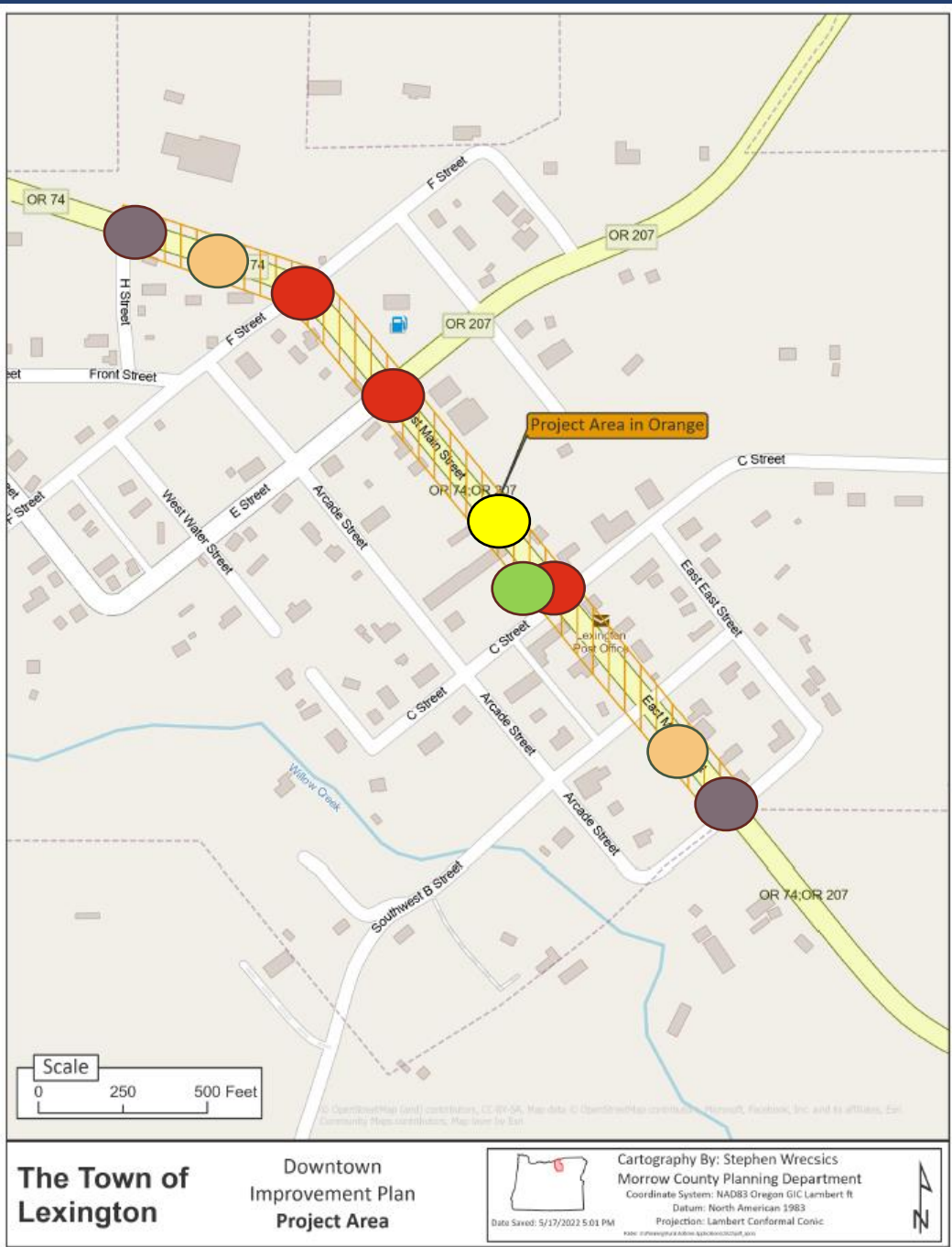
**Adding street trees at the intersection of OR Highway 74 and E street**



**Voluntary private property actions: installing trees and planters for outdoor seating and eating areas**

Potential Solutions: Streetscape





Sidewalks on both sides of the street along the length of OR 74 between H and A streets



Lighting along walkways



Crosswalks at the intersections of F, E, and C streets with OR 74

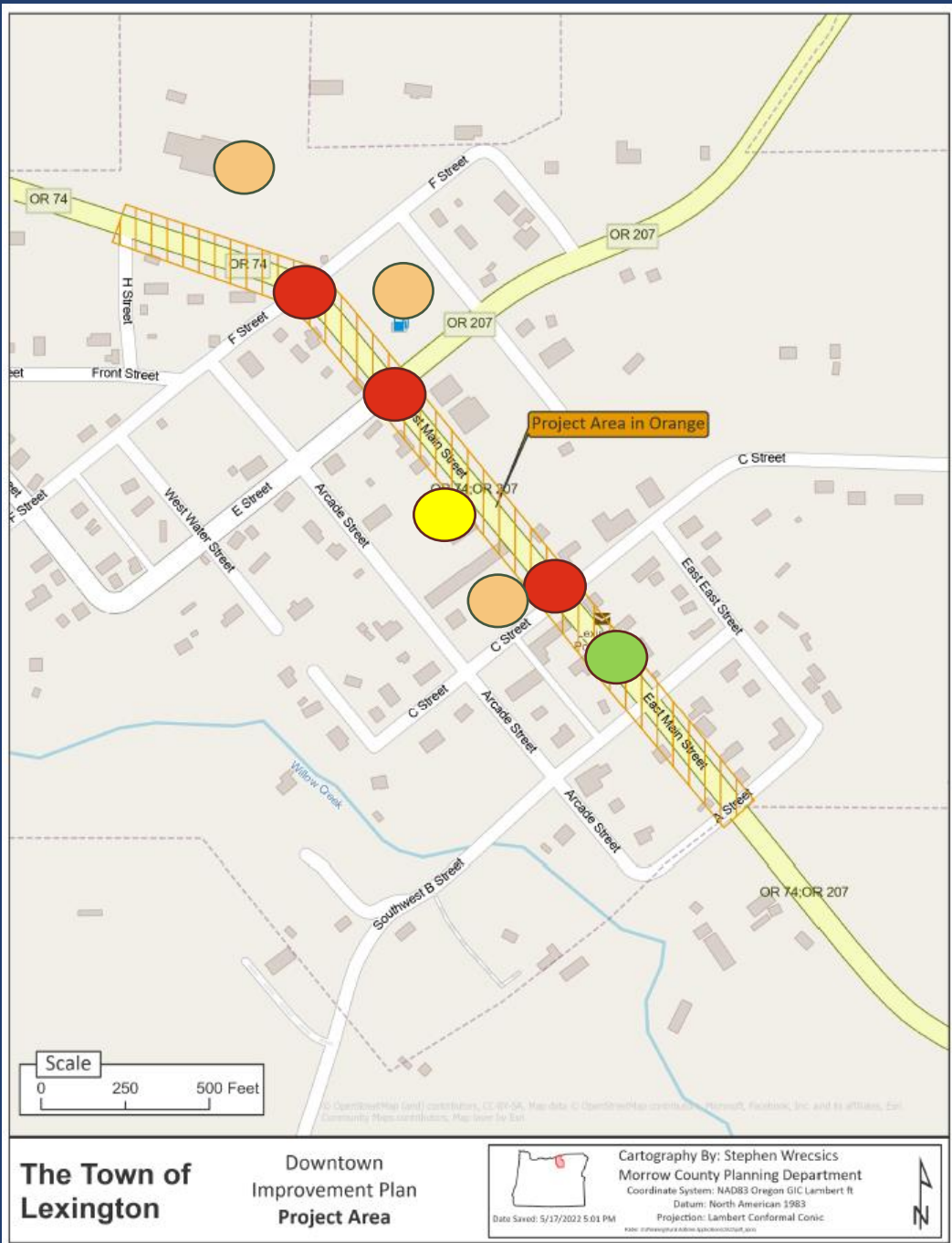






Protected bike lane along length of OR 74 between H and A streets



Consider good central locations for future transit stop where people are likely to be gathering, include seating, protection from sun and elements, signage, route schedule

Potential Solutions: Placemaking



-  Incentivize local businesses to have outdoor seating, murals, local music, programming, etc.
-  Partner with schools and youth organizations for public art in the new crosswalks
-  Local business temporary pop ups and vendor stands
-  Partner with schools and youth organizations for public art, plantings, programming, at Friendship Park





## What's Next?

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- Drafting the recommendations document, focusing on implementation steps, funding, timelines
- Project Webpage for more information

<https://lexingtonoregon.com/projects>

“We don’t want to  
reinvent the wheel, but  
we need to make it fit”



# Thank you!



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