

OR 99W South Corvallis Facility Plan

Local Access Survey Highlights

Introduction/Overview

Oregon Department of Transportation is updating the Facility Plan for the Highway 99W corridor in South Corvallis. Adjacent property owners along the highway were contacted for a Local Access Survey conducted to inform corridor planning and fulfill the requirements of Senate Bill 408.

Survey postcards were mailed on December 21, 2020 to the mailing addresses of everyone who owns property fronting the highway between Western Boulevard at the north end of the OR 99W corridor, to the Urban Growth Boundary (near Airport Avenue) at the south end. Survey responses were returned online through January 31, 2021.

Highlights

The following provides a recap of survey results.

- 21 respondents; most are residential property owners who live along 3rd Street.
- Safety is most important of the eight objectives tested. All objectives hold some appeal, with freight mobility, aesthetics and transit access rated as somewhat less important than others.
- The most important features for the future are *bicycle facilities* protected from motor vehicles, better *pedestrian crossings*, and more *trees* along the highway. Features that offer little/no appeal include buildings closer to the sidewalk, higher posted speeds, and on-street parking.
- Nearly all participants want to be kept informed as the project moves forward.
- Participants offer a wide range of observations and suggestions:
 - Prioritize traffic flow
 - Slow traffic – speeds are too high for this congested area: traffic calming, lower speed limits
 - Address safety issues around new Lincoln Elementary School
 - Improve street lighting
 - Extend transit service to new developments in the area
 - Divert bicycle traffic off of the highway
 - Install roundabouts
 - Mitigate highway noise; ban trucks' use of compression brakes
 - Solve drainage problems
 - Extend five-lane configuration to south