

**DATE:** 21 September 2017

**TO:** Oregon Transportation Commission

**FROM:** Matthew L. Garrett, Director

**SUBJECT:** **Adopt the US 101 Corridor Plan as an amendment to the Oregon Highway Plan**

**Requested Action**

Adopt the US 101 Corridor Plan as an amendment to the Oregon Highway Plan; and Adopt the Findings of compliance in support of this action, located in Exhibit B.

**Background**

Coordinating closely with the City of Brookings and Curry County, ODOT developed the US 101 Corridor Plan (Plan) to manage a portion of US 101 extending from the southern end of the Brookings, Oregon (Mile Point 357.98) to the Oregon/California Border (Mile Point 363.11).

The Plan assessed existing and future roadway conditions, and identified solutions for improving highway deficiencies. Corridor needs were evaluated in a multi-modal approach, including motor vehicle, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian modes. The Plan examined how the highway operates both now and in the future, and identified strategies to preserve and improve highway safety, operations and capacity. The Plan includes goals and objectives to promote highway safety and efficiency, and maximize constructability of transportation improvements.

The Plan identified thirteen (13) projects, and developed a project sheet for each that includes:

- Name
- Location
- Recommended Improvement
- Project Purpose
- Result of Improvements (i.e., how it addresses deficiencies)
- Considerations/Potential Impacts
- Cost Estimate
- Implementation (priority, phasing, triggers)
- Illustration

A notice of intent to adopt and a copy of the Plan were sent to the City of Brookings, Curry County, and DLCDC on August 1, 2017. No comments were received.

**Exhibit A  
Staff Report**

**US 101 Corridor Plan  
September 2017**

**Requested Action**

Region 3 requests the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) adopt the US 101 Corridor Plan (Plan) as a facility plan to implement Policy 3C of the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP), and the related findings in Exhibit B. The adoption of the US 101 Corridor Plan will constitute an amendment to the OHP.

**Background**

This Plan focuses on the US 101 segment that extends from the south-end of the Chetco River Bridge (Mile Point 357.98) in Brookings, Oregon south through unincorporated Brookings-Harbor to the Oregon/California Border (Mile point 363.11).

The Plan was developed in coordination with the City of Brookings and Curry County. The City adopted the Plan in August 2017 as an amendment to the Brookings Transportation System Plan (TSP). The County adopted the Plan in September 2017 as an amendment to the Curry County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element. A Notice of Intent to Adopt was sent to affected local and state agencies on August 1, 2017, pursuant to the Statewide Agency Coordination Program (Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 731-015), and no comments were received.

**Plan Purpose and Function**

The Plan's purpose is to assess existing and future roadway conditions, and identify potential solutions for improving roadway deficiencies. A multi-modal approach was taken for the evaluation of corridor needs that included the motor vehicle, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian modes. Bridge conditions are also identified. It examines how the highway operates both now and in the future, and identifies strategies to preserve and improve highway safety, operations and capacity consistent with a Statewide Highway classification.

**Plan Goals and Objectives**

The Plan includes corridor goals and objectives to identify actions and achieve desired outcomes. The goals describe the desired outcomes for future improvements in the corridor. The objectives identify specific actions to be taken to accomplish the goals.

The Goals of the Plan are to:

- Goal 1 - Promote the safety of travel modes for all users.
- Goal 2 - Promote the efficient operations of travel modes for all users.
- Goal 3 - Maximize constructability of transportation improvements,

The Objectives of the Plan are to:

- Identify roadway improvements that potentially reduce crash rate/severity.
- Evaluate roadway improvements that improve roadway geometrics.

## **Exhibit B Findings**

### **US 101 Corridor Plan September 2017**

ODOT's State Agency Coordination Agreement requires that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) adopt findings of fact when adopting facility plans. The adoption of facility plans is governed by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 731-015-0065, Coordination Procedures for Adopting Final Facility Plans. A "facility plan" is defined by OAR 731-015-0015 as "... a plan for a transportation facility..." This US 101 Corridor Plan (Plan) is a long-range management plan for the US 101 transportation facility. As such, it meets the definition of OAR 731-015-0015, and OAR 731-015-0065 applies.

Pursuant to these requirements, ODOT provides the following findings to support the OTC amending the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP) to adopt the US 101 Corridor Plan I-5 as a facility plan. This facility plan shall be adopted into the OHP.

#### **731-012-0040 Reduction of Vehicle Carrying Capacity**

This OAR prescribes a review process of potential permanent Reduction of Vehicle-Carrying Capacity for all Proposed Actions located on a Reduction Review Route.

***Finding:** US 101 is an Oregon Reduction Review Route. The Plan does not include any projects that potentially reduce the vehicle carrying capacity of US 101.*

#### **OAR 731-015-0065 Coordination Procedures for Adopting Final Facility Plans**

Except in the case of minor amendments, [ODOT] shall involve DLCD and affected metropolitan planning organizations, cities, counties, state and federal agencies, special districts and other interested parties in the development of amendment of a facility plan. This involvement may take the form of mailings, meetings or other means that [ODOT] determines are appropriate for the circumstances. [ODOT] shall hold at least one public meeting on the plan prior to adoption.

***Finding:** Development of the Plan included a public and agency involvement process. The process used a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), open houses, and sending draft plans and notices of intent to adopt to local, regional, and state agencies.*

*A combined TAC and CAC was formed to provide technical direction and guidance during the course of the planning process. The TAC included representatives from the City of Brookings, Curry County, ODOT, local citizens and business owners. The combined TAC/CAC met during the planning effort on December 14, 2016. The meetings included presentations and facilitated discussion to solicit input.*

**Exhibit C**  
**US 101 Corridor Plan**

Copies of the US 101 Corridor Plan can be obtained by at:  
[ftp://ftp.odot.state.or.us/outgoing/US101\\_Corridor\\_Plan/](ftp://ftp.odot.state.or.us/outgoing/US101_Corridor_Plan/)

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