



Project:	Corvallis TSP Update and TDP
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Subject:	Winter 2016 Outreach Summary

Overview

The Corvallis TSP and TDP project team provided outreach opportunities this winter. The following is a summary of these activities and the feedback we received through February 29, 2016.

Information Booths

Project staff hosted information booths at Linn Benton Community College – Benton Center and Oregon State University on February 10, 2016.

We asked students and faculty about issues and opportunities that the TSP and TDP updates should consider. A large project area map was available for participants to provide comments at specific locations. An interactive comment map was also available online via tablets. Project materials were available in English and Spanish. Staff spoke with nearly 50 people total at these events.

Following each event, staff posted posters on campus promoting the online comment map.



Key Themes:

- *LBCC Benton Center has very limited parking for students and faculty and finding parking in the surrounding neighborhood is challenging.*
- *There is a lot of interest in taking public transportation, but the bus schedule doesn't coordinate well with class schedules. We heard several times that the lack of service at night prevents students from taking the bus.*
- *Several attendees suggested adding a sheltered bus stop in front of the LBCC Benton Center.*
- *Transit connections between campuses (LBCC Benton Center and OSU) could be better coordinated to transport more students, be more frequent and add service.*
- *Many people expressed interest in having Sunday service on the Linn Benton Loop since students take the train to Portland and Eugene on the weekends but have to return on Saturday due to the lack of Sunday service.*

- *Additional street lighting would encourage people to walk more at night.*
- *Many commented that it is challenging to cross the streets near campus due to a lack of marked crossings.*
- *Many students ride their bikes to campus and feel that there are ample bike facilities.*
- *Of the students we spoke to at LBCC Benton Center, the majority of them drive to campus. Students that we spoke with at OSU primarily live on campus and are able to walk or ride their bikes to class.*



In addition, Sharla Joseph, LBCC faculty member, was very excited about the project and used the comment map as an activity in her English as a Second Language (ESL) evening class on February 10. She said that the project and its tools would be helpful in talking with students about their barriers to taking the bus.

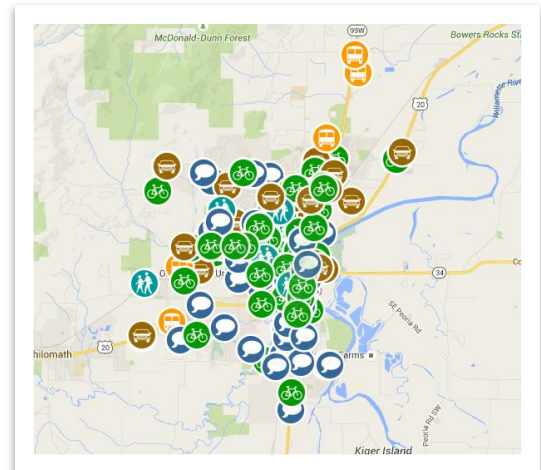
Comment Map

The comment map included in the project's first public survey (summer 2015) was relaunched on the project website this winter (original comments were retained). Once relaunched on the website, the map was promoted in a stakeholder email that was sent on February 3, 2016. 32 additional comments have been submitted. Several of the new comments are in response to the original comments.

Key Themes:

Note: These key themes are in no particular order. The complete list of comments can be found in the Appendix.

- *A Park and Ride should be located near Midge Cramer Path.*
- *There were several comments about unsafe sidewalks and crossings.*
- *Street lighting is needed in several areas, especially to help the visibility of pedestrians and cyclists.*
- *Improve the crosswalk at Garfield and the Porter Park path.*
- *Several comments asked for better transit facilities (sheltered bus stops) and service hours (long hours) for LBCC Benton Center.*
- *Bus shelters are needed at Avery Square, 9th Street and at the intersection of Hayes and Kings.*
- *The possibility of widening Harrison in lieu of extending Circle has not adequately been presented to the public.*
- *The intersection of Monroe and Kings is dangerous. Curb extensions could help this intersection by slowing down traffic and reducing pedestrian crossing distances.*



Appendix: Winter 2016 – Complete List of Comments Received

Date	Location	Comment
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Parking at and around campus is fierce! There is parking available after 4:00 p.m., but that is useless for daytime classes.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	I take the bus to LBCC. It would be nice if there was a bus shelter and even better if it was near the Benton Center entrance.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	The bus schedule doesn't sync well with class schedules so it makes taking the bus hard. I have night classes and the bus doesn't run very often.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	A fee-based system would keep some people from riding the bus around all day for shelter.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	There are plenty of great transportation options in Corvallis!
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Can't take the bus because it doesn't align with my class schedule.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Bus doesn't run late enough for my class schedule.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	A Sweet Home bus connection would be nice.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Need better campus connections between LBCC (Albany) and the Benton Center that runs more regularly.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Philomath transit doesn't have a mid-day option which prevents students from taking the bus that may not need to be on campus all day. It works fine for faculty.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	The Benton Center should use the park space next door as a parking lot. It isn't currently used as a park area and parking is desperately needed.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	It would be nice to have a faster, more frequent bus option near the WinCo (buses 7 and 5).
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Night schedules don't work with the school schedule.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	There should be a Survey Monkey that goes out to students and faculty to ask them when they need the bus to campus - then base service to the Benton Center on that info.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	More street lighting is needed because people don't feel safe walking home or taking the bus after dark.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	A bus shelter would be nice in front of the Benton Center.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Crossing some streets is dangerous. At 17th and Circle there is no indication when the flashing beacon is on. Drivers can see it but the pedestrians can't see if it's flashing.

2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	At Garfield and Kings, tall landscaping that makes it hard to see cyclists going east. This area is dark and the speed limit of 35 mph is too fast.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Parking is unreliable. There should be faculty parking spots.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	The bus loop from Albany is not reliable.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Bus stops are too far apart around campus.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Hard to cross the street at busy intersections when riding a bike - especially when there isn't a light.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Students have to park on neighborhood streets.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Cars are more reliable than transit because you know it's going to be there on time.
2/10/2016	Linn Benton Community College - Benton Center	Better coordination with OSU and LBCC is needed - a shuttle route could be expanded to pick up more students.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	21st Ave. has a lot of cracks and bumps in the sidewalks which make it hard to skateboard on.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	The Albany - Corvallis loop doesn't run on Sundays which makes it hard for students without cars to take the train back to Portland or Eugene for the weekend. They have to come back on Saturday.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	Increase the frequency along 9th on the # 7 and # 2. It's hard to get north.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	I would be willing to pay for service if it meant expanded service and hours.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	Parking on campus is challenging.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	CTS are a great way to get around campus - esp. if you have to park far away.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	More frequent bus service in general would help build ridership.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	Monroe at the south side of campus needs a safer cross walk and markings. People have been hit trying to cross the street, especially at 26th.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	It is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians by Impulse Bar because people don't wait for cars to cross.
2/10/2016	Oregon State University	Is the bus fleet using biodiesel or considering solar energy to power them? If not, they should consider it.
2/3/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Midge Cramer Path, Corvallis: A Park and Ride here would work well with two other comments I've made on this map: one regarding a bus route from the hospital to Sunset Center via Western and 53rd, and the other a game day rail shuttle that could also serve the county fair.
2/3/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Sidewalk on the south side of Western Blvd: The sidewalk floods and the railroad tracks have large gaps. Walking here is very hazardous!

2/3/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	2801-2929 NW Harrison Blvd, Corvallis: A bike lane could be included to the left of the vehicle right turn lane. We want to be sure the solution is safe for bike/ped!
2/3/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Please do not. // Response to comment: "Extend Circle Blvd Right of Way to Harrison, install light here."
2/3/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Harrison and Van Buren: Study converting Harrison and Van Buren to two-way streets.
2/8/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Monroe & Kings: The CTS has several stops at this intersection and riders have to walk in the street to board. Vehicles driving westbound use the parking lane to turn right. High pedestrian traffic causes long delays. Many people speed through stop sign. Bicycles rarely stop at intersection. Curb extension could help this intersection by slowing down traffic and reducing pedestrian crossing distances.
2/8/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	11th Street: Street is too narrow for parking on both sides.
2/8/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Parking spaces are too narrow // This is a response to comment "26th and Dixon - This area is much too auto oriented for such a central area of campus."
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Benton Center, LBCC: Need bus service here, arriving shortly before the hour, departing shortly after the hour, 7:45 am - 9:05 pm M-Th, 7:45 am - 5 pm Friday. Need outbound service as well as inbound service that are well-connected to other routes. Need bus shelter.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	1546 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis: At night, it is difficult to see pedestrians and cyclists who are crossing Kings at this intersection. A crossing light would be helpful for safety.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	1546 NW Kings Blvd, Corvallis: The shrubs on the NE corner of this intersection make it difficult to see oncoming traffic when approaching Kings from the east on Garfield.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Pedestrian light at 17th & Circle Blvd.: There should be a sound or light indicating (to the pedestrian) when the pedestrian crossing lights are on.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Avery Square: There should be a bus shelter at Avery Square.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	822 NW 27th St, Corvallis: our street need more lights in the night.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Bus stop at 825 NW 29th St, Corvallis: I wish the bus no. 7 would come every 30 mins at bus stop.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	We need a big mall in the town.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	We need a free club for badminton game like a tennis club.

2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Avery Square: Many people use LBCC (LINN BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE) to learn many things. But Public Transit (CTS) Route 2 only through NW 9th Street (LBCC located NW Polk Ave & 9th Street). So many people feel uncomfortable. I think CTS should rearrange the routes. Now many Routes 90 through downtown. Downtown lines should extend to 9th Street. So many people can easily reach LBCC.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	SW Alexander Ave.: As I have been filing a complaint, I hope you will work on Alexander Ave. parking issue, please extend the yellow line on the curb to make access to Alexander Court easier.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	NW 9th St, Corvallis: Many people use LBCC to learn many things. But Public Transit (CTS) Route 2 only through NW 9th Street (LBCC located NW Polk Ave & 9th Street). So many people feel uncomfortable. I think CTS should rearrange the routes. Now many Routes go through downtown. Downtown lines should extend to 9th Street. So many people can easily reach LBCC
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Bus stop near Hayes and Kings: This outbound bus stop should be closer to an inbound bus stop on the opposite side of the street. Sometimes it's hard to know whether the #5 has already gone up to Timber hill or not. If it has, there is not enough time to reach an inbound bus stop on the opposite side of the street in order to board the bus (after the inbound #5 turns onto Kings from Circle). All the outbound and inbound bus stops on this stretch of Kings Blvd. should be closer to each other for the convenience of inbound riders who would prefer to board the outbound bus rather than wait in the cold/rain, and would especially prefer not to miss the inbound bus.
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	The dirt rut worn across the grass from the end of 17th shows that many people use this pathway. It should be paved.// In response to comment "Widen walkway and add a connection from current paved path to north cul-de-sac on 17th Street south of Dixon. (Widen pathway to width of bridge)"

2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	There could be a crosswalk where this path meets Garfield. Perhaps one of the speed bumps in this block could be repositioned here and turned into a speed bump-cum-pedestrian crossing. Currently, the temptation is to ride on the sidewalk to approach the Porter park pathway from Garfield. // In response to comment" This path is used by pedestrians AND bicyclists, and as such is woefully undersized. Add to it the rundown playground where random toddlers are liable to wander out on the path, and it gets really tricky to navigate. And in the rainy season, the whole path by the playground is submerged, which doesn't work well for either pedestrians or bicyclists. And then there's the dirt path that peels off to 17th street, which could be formally acknowledged with pavement? The bridge is really narrow with blind spots, which is again very problematic for a multi-modal path. It would be nicer to have the path have a ramp directly across the sidewalk onto Garfield Blvd. A possible solution to all of this is to connect the north and south 17th cul-de-sacs with a wide multi-modal bridge/path (no cars!), making 17th street more of a bike through-way heading north/south, especially in combination with 16th street which cuts through the CHS/Franklin campuses until it runs into campus/Monroe. One more dogleg onto SW 15th St and one can make it all the way to Avery park on side streets. Let's strengthen these connections!"
2/10/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	BiMart parking lot entrance on Circle Blvd.: Heavy traffic on Circle makes it difficult to exit the parking lot.
2/12/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	4160 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis: Despite the Witham Oaks debate, the possibility of widening Harrison in lieu of extending Circle has not adequately been presented to the public.
2/12/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	7th Ward resident: All student housing projects away from campus should be halted until OSU commits to student housing development away from neighborhoods.
2/12/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	1675 NW Walnut Blvd, Corvallis: Kings extension should not be connected to Lester. The developers should have the right to develop single family housing, but connecting Kings to Lester would do more damage than good to home values. Instead Brandis and Chip Ross should be connected by a green way to create one large park. This would protect the neighborhood from traffic and create an even more impressive natural feature that would appeal to future and current residents. Existing roads (e.g., Highland) could be widened to accommodate the traffic flow.
2/12/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	OR-34: Replacing this bridge should be the single biggest transportation priority.

2/12/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	4301 NW Harrison Blvd: The option of widening Harrison in lieu of extending Circle to Harrison has not been adequately presented to the public.
2/12/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	Park path connection with no crosswalk or hump: Consider adding a cross walk here. Also consider beefing up the crosswalk at Lantana and Circle with a flashing light. Many people use this park and the curves, hill and weather can make crossing a bit precarious, especially in the evening.
2/12/2016	Comment Map - Project Website	All student housing projects away from campus should be halted until OSU commits to developing student housing away from neighborhoods.