

MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 25, 2022
To: CAMPO TAC
From: Nick Meltzer, CAMPO Staff
Re: CAMPO 2043 RTP Comments

This memorandum contains a summary of the comments received on the Draft 2043 Regional Transportation Plan. The full list of comments is found attached. CAMPO received over 140 comments from stakeholders, community groups, and members of the public.

Background

The Draft 2043 Regional Transportation Plan was available for comment from December 10, 2021 through January 24, 2022. It was posted on CAMPO's website, noticed in the local newspaper, distributed through an interested parties list, and shared via local list serves and community groups. A summary of comments from each category of stakeholder is provided below.

City of Corvallis

- Revisions to transit service language
- Revise some projects to "studies," including Walnut Blvd road diet and Kings/Walnut intersection
- Clarify project descriptions

Benton County

- Revise transit language to updated BAT
- Include Benton County TSP Projects

Philomath

- Strongly Consider capacity project on Philomath Boulevard
- Consider neighborhood impacts to not expanding Philomath Boulevard

FHWA

- Add in clarifying language
- Add in additional RTP requirements in table
- Relate to other plans/policies as appropriate
- Include additional work on crash data analysis

ODOT

- Text, grammar, consistency edits
- Limiting number of significant digits in tables of model results
- Updating tables with more recent model data
- Suggestion of removing Circle Blvd Corridor and adding West Hills Corridor
- Revising projects to be more vague, less location specific
- Adding in aspirational projects
- Inclusion of projects from 99W

Public

- Support for adding capacity project to Philomath Boulevard Corridor
- Support for Walnut Boulevard road diet
- General text/figure/table edits
- Incorporation of Owen’s Farm plan into RTP
- Specific inclusion of bridge over 99W to connect shared use path from Adair to Corvallis to NE Corvallis
- Consideration of prioritizing corridor projects
- Concern about closure of Coffin Butte Road
- Support focus on safety and bicycle transportation projects
- Crossings on Philomath Boulevard

CAMPO Staff Recommendations

Comments from Corvallis, Benton County, ODOT, FHWA, and the public have predominantly been included in plan revisions. For Philomath Boulevard, staff are adding in a capacity project to be consistent with local TSPs, and including a discussion on modernizing West Hills Road/Western Boulevard, as well as tracking volumes/safety annually to monitor the need for the capacity project.

Some topics arose that require TAC discussion. These include:

- A suggestion that projects be less specific about type and location. Staff recommend the more specific the projects the better.
- Staff look to ODOT for how to include 99W planning study—previous discussions have included incorporating it as an Appendix after it is complete. Perhaps the RTP should be revised once it’s complete?
- Whether Financially Constrained or All TSP projects should be included. Staff recommend only financially constrained projects.
- Should Owen’s Farm trails plan be included as a referenced plan? Staff recommend it should.

Attachments: CAMPO 2043 Comment Tracker (40 pages)