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**\*\* Douglas County Updating Transportation System Plan \*\***  
**County Hosting Online Open House #2**

(Douglas County, Ore.) In the Fall of 2020, Douglas County began a process of updating the County's Transportation System Plan (TSP). Much has changed since the current TSP was created in 1998, and the County is now updating the plan for the next twenty years. The TSP provides the policy framework, planning direction, and projects and programs to meet the transportation needs of all people in Douglas County. The plan will cover all areas outside incorporated city limits, and a focus on the County's many unincorporated communities.

**Updates Since our First Open House**

Douglas County held the first open house in January/February 2021, in order to gain public input on the existing transportation system to better understand the key transportation needs and priorities in our communities. Now, potential solutions have been developed based on community engagement from the first open house, business and stakeholder input, and a technical analysis of future and existing conditions. The proposed transportation solutions will address safety, mobility, and access across Douglas County.

**Opportunity Once Again to Provide your Feedback!**

Douglas County is once again asking for public input on our TSP with a second [Online TSP Open House](#). This time feedback is being requested from residents about the proposed improvements that have been developed. Please visit the project website at [www.DouglasCountytsp.org](http://www.DouglasCountytsp.org) and follow the link to the Online Open House #2. The Online Open House #2 will also ask for public input via a short survey and interactive comment map. The input provided will be used in order to ensure that the plan reflects the needs and values of County residents.

**What Will the TSP Do?**

The TSP is a County-wide plan that will recommend policies, programs, and physical improvements to county roads, streets and sidewalks to address current and future transportation needs in Douglas County. In close coordination with ODOT, the plan will also consider state-owned transportation facilities in the County. The TSP is focused on improving connections and safety conditions for all travelers including those who drive, walk, take transit, bicycle, use a wheelchair or cane, or deliver freight. The TSP will also address ports, rail, freight, and bridges.

The TSP will help achieve multiple goals. One goal is to help Douglas County become a safer and more comfortable place to walk and bike for people on their way to school, jobs, parks, and other destinations in the community. The TSP will also focus on addressing safety and traffic needs, emergency lifeline routes, intersection and crossing improvements, access to transit, as well as new connections for all means of travel.

The Douglas County TSP is being updated in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation. To learn more, visit the project website at [www.DouglasCountytsp.org](http://www.DouglasCountytsp.org) or contact the Douglas County Planning Departments TSP project team via email at [TSP@co.douglas.or.us](mailto:TSP@co.douglas.or.us).

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