

# **GOALS AND POLICIES** **PUBLIC FACILITIES ELEMENT**

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

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The following goals and policies are intended to guide the decision makers and the development community in the administration of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and the development of applicable implementing ordinances consistent with the TSP. This section is not intended to provide review criteria for specific projects or to function as a capital improvement plan.

**Goal 1: Vision. To provide a safe, efficient, and convenient multi-modal transportation system consistent with the Transportation System Plan.**

Policy 1: Improve and maintain a transportation system that is consistent with the adopted 2022 TSP, as amended. The 2022 TSP may be updated with future refinement plans or other transportation studies. Such studies or plans shall be adopted by reference herein.

**Goal 2: Safety. Improve the safety of all users of the system for all modes of travel.**

Policy 1: Proactively improve areas where crash risk factors are present, with particular attention to high vehicle volume roadways such as US 101 and US 20.

Policy 2: Apply a comprehensive approach to improving transportation safety that considers engineering, education, enforcement, emergency medical services and evaluation.

Policy 3: Incorporate street and access spacing standards into the City's development codes as identified in the TSP.

Policy 4: Support development of a Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) program to identify a clear and objective process for collecting community input, assessing the prevailing concerns, and evaluating which, if any, NTM solution is appropriate to be installed.

**Goal 3: Mobility and Accessibility. Promote efficient travel that provides access to goods, services, and employment to meet the daily needs of all users, as well as to local and regional major activity centers.**

Policy 1: Support the expansion of the local and regional transit network and services consistent with the TSP considering funding limitations, topographic constraints, and existing development patterns.

Policy 2: Facilitate improvements that enhance mobility of US 101 and US 20.

Policy 3: Incorporate vehicle mobility standards for city streets into the City's development codes consistent with the TSP, and manage congestion according to the adopted standards.

Policy 4: Support transportation options and ease of use for people of all ages and abilities.

Policy 5: Strive to ensure safe, direct, and welcoming routes to provide access to schools, parks, and other activity centers for all members of the community, including visitors, children, people with disabilities, older adults, and people with limited means.

Policy 6: Provide an interconnected network of streets to allow for efficient travel.

Policy 7: Monitor the transportation impacts of development in South Beach through the South Beach Transportation Overlay Zone (SBTOZ) and associated Trip Budget Program.

Policy 8: Continue to engage ODOT in conversations regarding future project planning and funding that would lead to improvements to, and possibly replacement of, the Yaquina Bay Bridge.

**Goal 4: Active Transportation. Complete safe, convenient, and comfortable networks of facilities that make walking, biking, and transit more attractive choices for people of all ages and abilities.**

Policy 1: Continuously improve existing transportation facilities to meet applicable City of Newport and Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Policy 2: Provide walking facilities that are physically separated from auto traffic on all arterials and collectors, and on streets and paths linking key destinations such as employment centers, schools, shopping, and transit routes.

Policy 3: Provide safe street crossing opportunities on high-volume and/or high-speed streets.

Policy 4: Facilitate walking access to transit routes and major activity centers in the City.

Policy 5: Work to close gaps in the existing sidewalk network.

Policy 6: Provide biking facilities that are comfortable, convenient, safe, and attractive for users of all ages and abilities on or near all arterials and collectors, and streets and paths linking key destinations such as employment centers, schools, shopping, and transit routes.

Policy 7: Work with Lincoln County Transit to identify barriers to transit ridership, enhancements to service, and physical improvements that can promote transit use, such as signage, posted schedules, and bus stop shelters.

Policy 8: Explore opportunities with Lincoln County Transit to enhance shuttle service across the bay during the busy tourist season to help reduce traffic congestion subject to the availability of funding.

**Goal 5: Grow the Economy. develop a transportation system that facilitates economic activity and draws business to the area.**

Policy 1: Support improvements that make the City a safe and comfortable place to explore on foot.

Policy 2: Manage congestion along freight routes according to current mobility standards.

Policy 3: Provide safe, direct, and welcoming routes between major tourist destinations in Newport.

Policy 4: Consider the larger parcel impact that right-of-way acquisitions for transportation improvements have on area businesses, and provide fair market compensation for such impacts.

Policy 5. Implement transportation solutions in commercial core areas along US 101 and US 20 that promote economic revitalization of these areas in addition to addressing broader transportation needs of the community.

**Goal 6: Environment. Minimize environmental impacts on natural resources and encourage lower-polluting transportation alternatives.**

Policy 1: Support strategies that encourage a reduction in trips made by single-occupant vehicles.

Policy 2: Minimize negative impacts to natural resources and scenic areas, and restore or enhance, where feasible.

Policy 3: Support facility design and construction practices that have reduced impacts on the environment.

**Goal 7: Support Healthy Living. Support options for exercise and healthy lifestyles to enhance the quality of life.**

Policy 1: Develop a connected network of attractive walking and biking facilities, including off-street trails, which includes recreational routes as well as access to employment, schools, shopping, and transit routes.

Policy 2: Provide active transportation connections between neighborhoods and parks/open spaces.

Policy 3: Provide for multi-modal circulation on-site and externally to adjacent land uses and existing and planned multi-modal facilities.

**Goal 8: Prepare for Change. Ensure that the choices being made today make sense at a time when Newport is growing, and the transportation industry is rapidly changing.**

Policy 1: Anticipate the impacts and needs of connected and automated vehicles.

Policy 2: Promote emerging transportation technologies, where feasible, including the rollout of infrastructure for electric vehicles.

Policy 3: Seek to supplement traditional transportation options with more emphasis given to walking, biking, and transit and consideration for new alternatives such as car sharing, bike sharing, driverless vehicles, ride sourcing, and micro-mobility.

Policy 4: Explore opportunities to partner with state, regional, and private entities to provide innovative travel options.

**Goal 9: Fiscal Responsibility. Sustain an economically viable transportation system.**

Policy 1: Improve resiliency of the transportation system to seismic and tsunami hazards, extreme weather events, and other natural hazards, including the preparation of project specific geotechnical analysis in Agate Beach and other areas of known subsurface instability.

Policy 2: Identify and develop diverse and stable funding sources to implement transportation projects in a timely fashion and ensure sustained funding for transportation projects and maintenance.

Policy 3: Preserve and maintain existing transportation facilities to extend their useful life.

Policy 4: Seek to improve the efficiency of existing transportation facilities before adding capacity.

Policy 5: Ensure that development within Newport is consistent with, and contributes to, the City's planned transportation system.

**Goal 10: Work with Regional Partners. Partner with other jurisdictions to plan and fund projects that better connect Newport with the region.**

Policy 1: Coordinate projects, policy issues, and development actions with all affected government agencies in the area.

Policy 2: Build support with regional partners for the improvement of regional connections.

*Staff: The above language will replace the goals and policies contained in the current TSP. They are tailored to align with the goals and objectives listed in the draft TSP and executive summary. Language in Goal 5, Policy 5 is drafted to accommodate either of the two recommended solutions for US 101, and it is anticipated that the preferred option will be identified as part of the TGM funded City Center Revitalization Project. Policies 7 & 8, Goal 3 and Policies 7 & 8, Goal 4, were added after the Commission's last work session, but prior to its 6/13/22 hearing, in response to comments by Angelo Planning Group, who assessed whether or not any of the existing TSP policies should be carried forward. Additional policies provide further direction regarding City/ODOT coordination on the future of the Yaquina Bay Bridge, enhancements to transit service, and monitoring traffic impacts in South Beach that are subject to an existing trip budget program.*