



Tualatin Transportation System Plan Neighborhood Livability Working Group Summary March 5, 2012

City of Tualatin

Issues:

- Cut-through traffic:
 - Halcion/Joshua
 - Siletz
 - Other (Tualatin)
- Intersections:
 - Large
 - High traffic
 - Difficult lane configurations
- Schools/pedestrians:
 - Safe Routes to School
 - Signage along the biking/walking routes
- Cut-through traffic in neighborhoods – traffic moves too fast, break speed limit and other laws
- Trucks and traffic take Tualatin Road – they don't take 125th Ave and Herman, which is a better alternate route
- Neighborhoods feel “boxed in” by large streets and manufacturing areas, reduces the quality of life:
 - Noise
 - Air pollution
 - Safety issues
- Access to/from neighborhoods to Tualatin Road is difficult
- It is hard to get into/out of Tualatin Community Park
- Access in and out of town (especially by alternatives to the car):
 - How to address an aging population that may not be able to drive
- North side issues:
 - Traffic near Hazelbrook
 - Cut-through
 - Need lighting and safety improvements
- Boones Ferry Road - do not want it to become the Tualatin-Sherwood Road to the south
 - Boones Ferry Road should not be a barrier – 5 lanes would be too wide
- Basalt Creek will add additional traffic - want to make sure that future traffic will avoid neighborhoods
- The industrial land-uses along Avery cause problems for the neighborhoods
- Along Boones Ferry Road the speed limit changes from the urban to rural feel – it is not consistent (especially with the school zone)
- Safety at High School and Elementary School is important:
 - There is lots of activity near there
 - There are no medians or traffic calming

Themes:

- Industrial and residential uses next to each other causes conflicts

- Safety and noise issues
- Cut-through traffic
- Connectivity and isolation of neighborhoods is a problem.

Project Ideas:

- 124th needs to be a priority for industrial traffic
- Neighborhoods should be “havens” that support livability - some beautification projects are needed
- Continue focus on needs of community through the TSP process
- North Tualatin projects:
 - Lighting in neighborhoods (Hazelbrook), for all users
 - Bus traffic or a traffic study is needed to better route buses.
- Create a consistent speed on Boones Ferry Road
 - Provide east-west connectivity across Boones Ferry Road
 - Roundabout at Boones Ferry Road and Norwood to slow traffic down
- Basalt Creek needs a connector to I-5 south of the residential area
- Sound walls on 99W and I-5
- Small circulator bus within the city
- Build larger roads around Tualatin to reduce cut-through traffic on Tualatin roads
- Improve sidewalks, add benches and amenities at bus stops
- Add lights and slow traffic down near pedestrian crossings
- Provide access to transit in north Tualatin
- Encourage students within a certain distance (1/2 mile?) of schools to walk and bike to school
- Re-work bus routes
- Add strategic roundabouts
- 65th and Sagert crossing
- Safe Routes to School committee for each school
- Create Parkways and Boulevards – add medians, fewer access points, and increase design to help slow traffic down
- Add amenities for pedestrians
- Add medians, lighting and seating at high-traffic areas

Important corridors:

- Boones Ferry Road
- Tualatin Road
- 124th Avenue
- Herman Road