

Corvallis-Albany Bikeway Advisory Group
Meeting #1 Advisory Group Orientation

January 25, 2017



Agenda

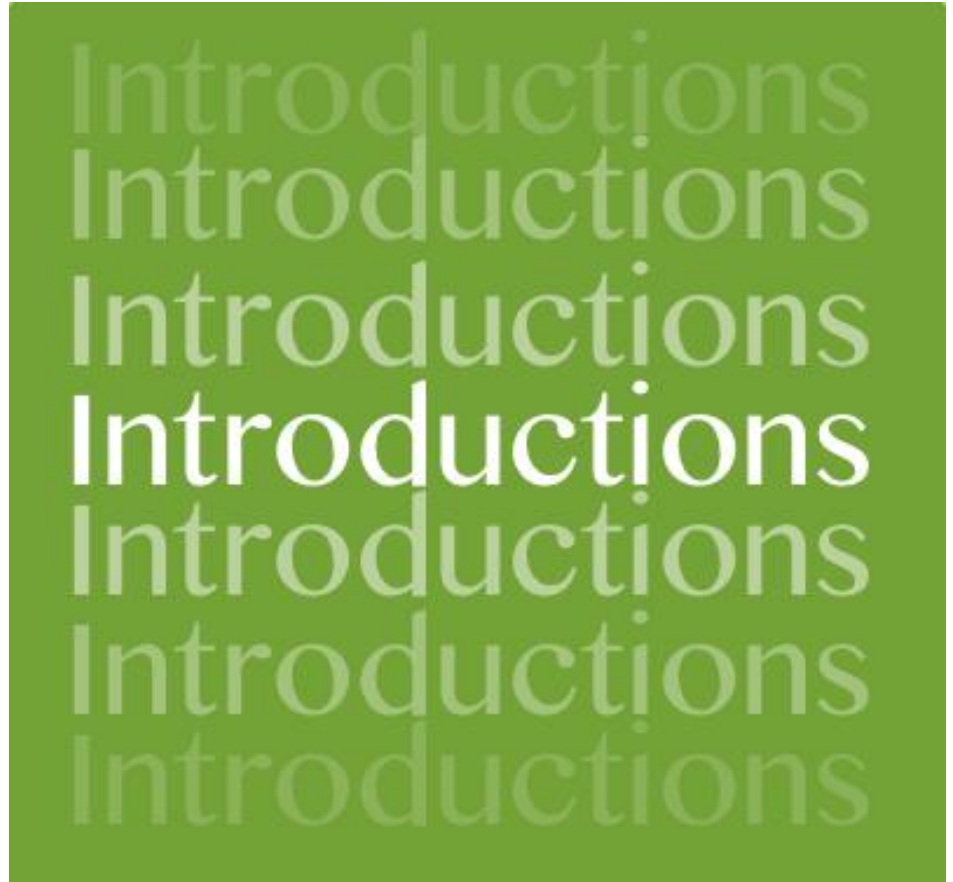
- Welcome / Introductions
- Assignment & Schedule
- Bikeway Project Overview
- Introducing Screening Criteria
- Prioritize Criteria
- Next Steps

Welcome!

- Project Goal
- Process
 - **Phase 1:** Listening to the community
 - **Phase 2:** Determine if there is a viable route
 - **Phase 3:** More in-depth engineering analysis of community accepted route
- 2017 Transportation System Plan

Around the room:

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ Where you live/work
- ✓ Your favorite hobby



Assignment & Schedule

**Benton County Public Works
Corvallis-Albany Bikeway Advisory Group
Role & Responsibilities**



Background
For a decade, Benton County has sought a way to connect Albany and Corvallis for pedestrians and bicyclists. In early 2015, after consideration of a path on exclusive farm use land (EFUL) along Highway 20 was abandoned and State grant funds were returned, the County went back to the drawing board. The goal now is to engage the community in the study and selection of an alternative bikeway route. Public involvement is crucial to the success of the project moving forward. The County Board of Commissioners is committed to engaging neighbors and partner organizations in the route selection process. A main component of the public process is formation of a Corvallis-Albany Bikeway Advisory Group.

Purpose
The Bikeway Advisory Group will provide the County with an independent community perspective on preferred routes connecting Albany and Corvallis for pedestrians and bicyclists.


Advisory Group Membership
Members will include people who are invested in the outcome of the route selection and bikeway design: route neighbors—property owners and the farming, community, pathway users, Highway 20 users, health and environmental insights and others. Liaisons from involved agencies will also be invited to attend meetings and contribute insights and advice to the Advisory Group.

Member Expectations

- 1) Attend monthly meetings at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. The Advisory Group will meet monthly from January-April, 2017. Lunch will be provided.
- 2) Read information provided and offer recommendations on route alternatives, based upon an understanding of the users, health and environmental insights and others.
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- 4) Share information with neighbors, friends, and interested community organizations.
- 5) Provide recommendations to the Benton County Board of Commissioners.

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Meeting #1 Advisory Group Orientation	Wednesday, January 25	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave
Meeting #2 Select Preliminary Routes	Wednesday, February 22	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
Meeting #3 Select Conceptual Routes	Wednesday, March 22	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
Community Open House	Wednesday, April 5	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Benton County Sunset Building, 4077 SW Research Way
Meeting #4 Select Recommended Route	Tuesday, April 25	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

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Meeting #2 Select Preliminary Routes (Goal = 5 routes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adopt screening criteria - Review routes and collect new ideas - Select Preliminary Routes for more in-depth study Feedback: Dot exercise	Wednesday, February 22 12:00-2:00 p.m. Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave
Technical Advisory Group (TAC) Meeting #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluate the narrowed route choices 	Wednesday, March 8 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Avery Building, 360 SW Avery
Meeting #3 Select Conceptual Routes (Goal = 3 routes) (what we have learned with further study) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Screen routes for proposed Conceptual Routes Feedback: Worksheets / electronic polling	Wednesday, March 22 12:00-2:00 p.m. Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave
Community Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlight Conceptual Routes and process used for selection Feedback: Worksheets / electronic polling	Wednesday, April 5 5:30-7:30 p.m. Benton County Sunset Building, 4077 SW Research Way
TAC Meeting #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engineering review: Conceptual Routes 	Wednesday, April 12 1:00-3:00 p.m. Avery Building, 360 SW Avery
Meeting #4 Select Recommended Route (Goal = 1 route) (what we have learned with further study) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop recommendation for Board of Commissioners for Recommended Route - Electronic polling / discussion Commissioners Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommended Route - Commissioners Meeting - Decision on Phase 3 	Tuesday, April 25 12:00-2:00 p.m. Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave
	Tuesday, May 16 9:00-11:00 a.m. Board Meeting Room, 205 NW 5 th St.

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Bikeway Project Overview

A safe, useable, and fundable bicycle and pedestrian system is an essential element in meeting Benton County's transportation goals:

- Providing transportation choices
- Safe operations for all travel modes
- Maintaining the qualities that define Benton County as a highly desirable place in which to live

Bicycling and walking are important elements in all of these concerns.

**Benton County Transportation System Plan, Chapter 4-
Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan**

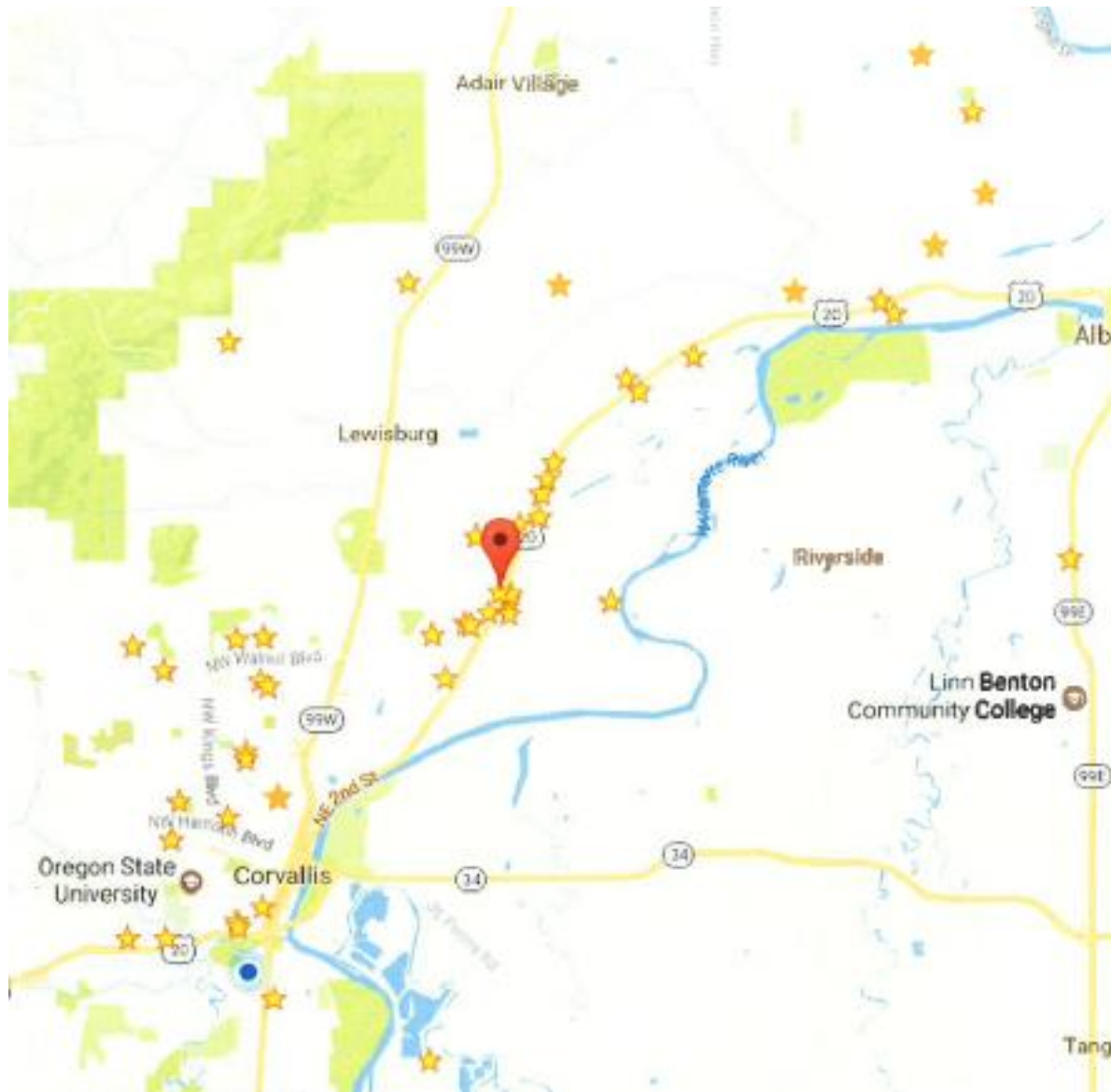
Benefits of Bikeways

- ✓ Economic
- ✓ Health and Fitness
- ✓ Social
- ✓ Educational
- ✓ Recreation
- ✓ Environmental
- ✓ Preserving our History and Culture

**A Healthy Active Oregon:
Statewide Physical
Activity and Nutrition
Plan** identifies the need
for more community trails
as a top priority.

Benefits of Non-Motorized Trails, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

December 13 Public Meeting

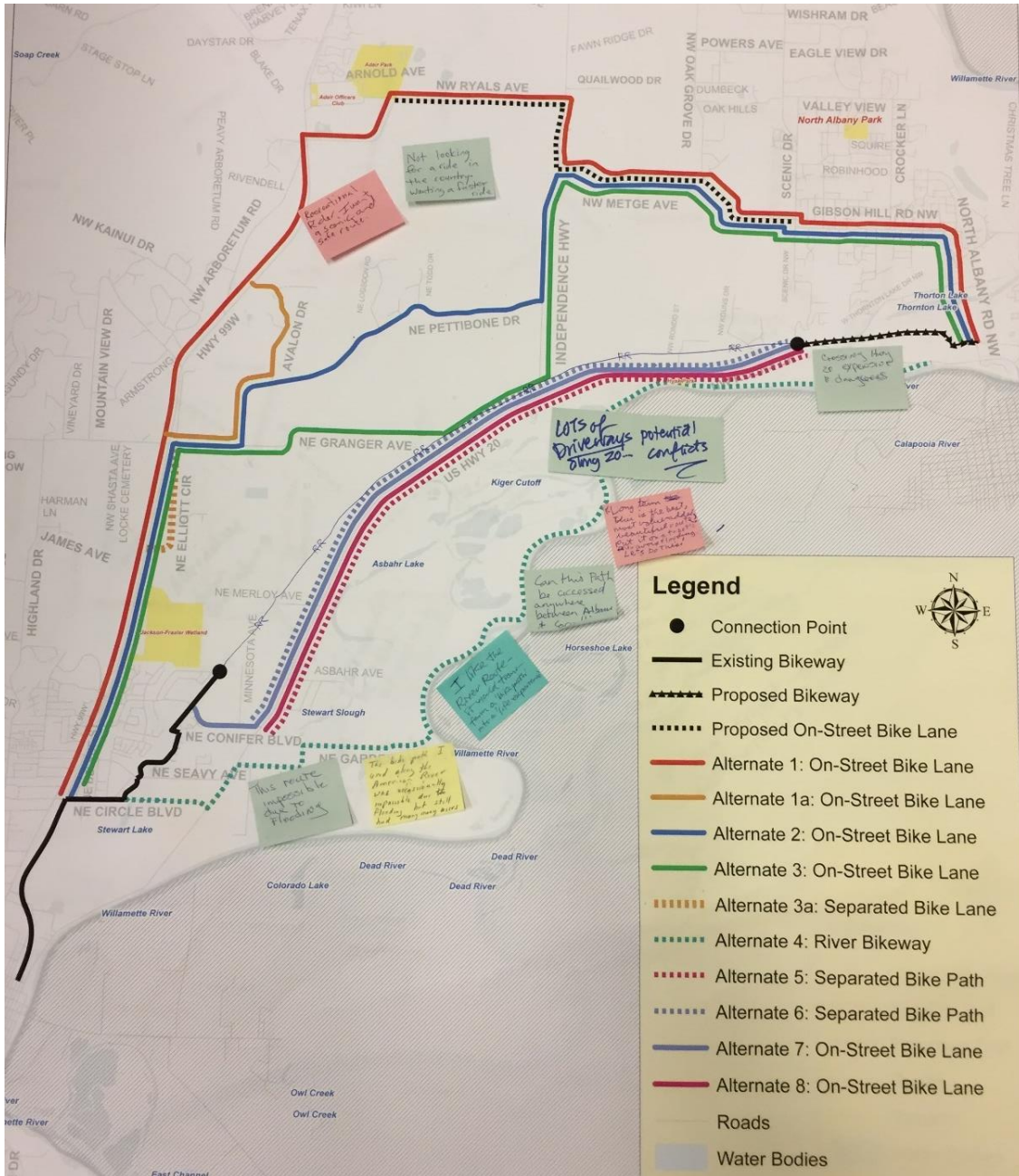


- Around 100 attendees
- 75% provided comments
- Approximately 3 to 1 are supportive of a bike path / moving to Phase 2.

Support: 48

Neutral: 12

Opposed: 16



■ Ideas and suggestions from the December 13 Public Meeting

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Google Earth

Introducing Evaluation Criteria

- Connects to destinations (parks, cities, employers, schools, public transit, trailheads)
- Practical for recreational use and commuting (distance and terrain)
- Fits rural character / protects farmland
- Supports visitor travel / tourism
- Maximizes traveling safety (configuration, crossings)



Jackson Frazier Wetlands

Photo: Benton Soil & Water Conservation District

Introducing Evaluation Criteria

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- Minimizes impacts on neighbors (construction and operation)
- Minimizes operation and maintenance costs
- Provides other benefits (transportation choices, aesthetics, economic, health)



Prioritize Criteria

How appropriate are these evaluation criteria for the Corvallis-Albany Bikeway on a scale of 1 (not appropriate) to 7 (very appropriate)?



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Not appropriate			Very appropriate			

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Board Meeting Room

Board of Commissioners Work Session

Tuesday, June 6, 12:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Room

Board of Commissioners Meeting

(Consider Phase 3)