

WE HEARD YOU: PUBLIC INPUT



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The **project team relied on public input** to help inform what the challenges are with walking, biking, and rolling in Lebanon and which solutions will work best. The team also gathered feedback from the Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) and led work sessions with City and ODOT staff to refine the concepts. To solicit public input on transportation needs and potential solutions, the project team conducted public engagement through two in-person outreach events and two online open houses.

The first outreach event provided information and gathered input on challenges for walking, biking, and rolling on U.S. 20 and OR 34. The team asked about what types of facilities they would be comfortable on, where they felt uncomfortable crossing, and about tradeoffs for removing parking or a travel lane on the highway or biking on a parallel route. At the March 16, 2023, event, the team distributed surveys and documented approximately 40-50 comments about walking/biking facilities.

The online open house from March 14-April 3 garnered 19 survey responses and 24 map comments.

The second outreach event presented preliminary bicycle facility solutions and proposed new or enhanced crossing locations. On July 28th, the team recorded approximately 10 comments on poster

*“More trails and bike lanes would benefit the **community health and economy.**”*

-Community Member

boards. The online open house from July 28-August 14 received 17 survey responses regarding the proposed network and designs.

ODOT staff presented the Lebanon UDV to the Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) for their feedback on December 14th, 2023. They also shared the highway-focused materials with the public and invited comment from December 7th to 21st. The MAC noted a preference for 12' wide travel lanes and minimized overhead masts for enhanced crossings. When overhead masts are included, they preferred heights of 18'6" or more. Public comments supported buffered bike lanes on OR 34 and were mixed regarding buffered bike lanes on U.S. 20 (on Park Street). Comments also supported design elements that improved safety such as curb extensions and enhanced crossings. There was also concern about parking removal and a preference for vehicle lane removal over parking removal.

Key Findings From Open House 1 Included:

- Difficulty crossing along the highway, especially on U.S. 20 south of downtown and on OR 34 near the library.
- Need for improved visibility and lighting near crosswalks.
- Not enough designated space for bikes along the highways.
- Preference to bike on a parallel route rather than on Main Street, even if bike facilities were added on Main Street.
- Support for improving facilities on 5th Street as a parallel route to Main Street, as 5th Street is already known as the bike route in town and provides direct access to key destinations like parks and the High School.
- No protection for bikes and pedestrians on OR 34 west of 12th Street.
- High speeds on Park Street between Grant Street and Carolina Street.
- Concern about drivers not paying attention and the large number of logging trucks and other large trucks on U.S. 20.
- Poor quality of sidewalks and ADA ramps.

*Community members would prefer to bike on **an improved parallel route rather than on Main Street** (US-20), even if bike facilities were added.*

Key Findings From Open House 2 Included:

- Participants supported improving parallel routes, especially the buffered bike lanes proposed on 5th Street from OR 34 to Market Street.
- The only concern raised about parking removal on 5th Street was near Century Park.
- A few participants felt speeds were too high on OR 34 and U.S. 20 for comfortable biking.
- Participants shared high support for making bike connections on Market Street.
- A community member recommended consideration of a roundabout at U.S. 20 and Airport Road to improve safety, slow speeds, and improve operations.
- Community members recommended adding a new enhanced crossing at U.S. 20 and Truman Street (near Porter Street) and noted that a pedestrian was recently struck by a vehicle when crossing at this location.

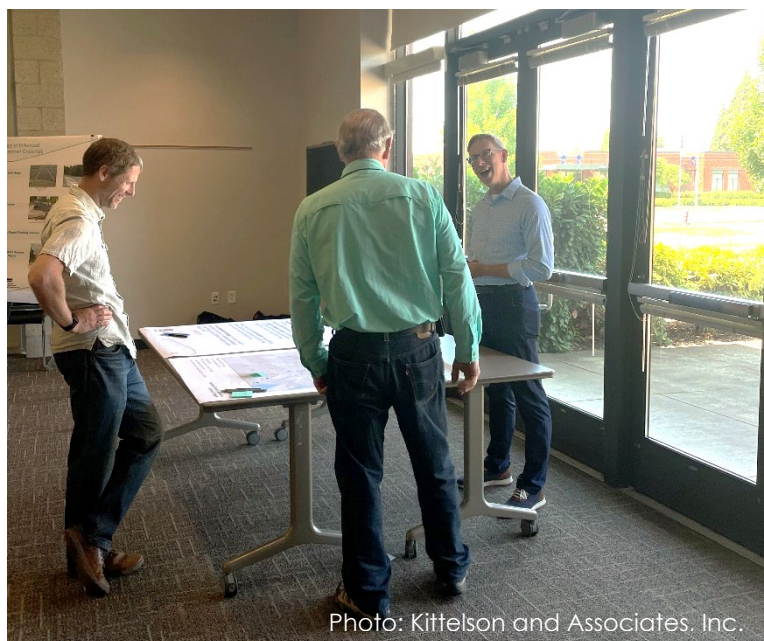


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