

TO: Oceanside Neighborhood Association
FROM: Joanne Jene, Oceanside representative to
Highway 131 Citizens Advisory Committee
DATE: May 30, 2007
RE: Comments on Highway 131 Refinement Project

Unless there is anything earthshaking that's transpired since our brief meeting to review the Highway 131 Transportation Refinement Plan (TRP), I would like to REQUEST STRONG SUPPORT for the recommendations related to Oceanside.

According to: Figure 1: Oceanside Improvements

PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS:

Redesign wayside parking lot to modify circulation to "ONE WAY" and mark existing and new parking/RV spaces. Consider a "one way grid" with parking lot entrance on road in front of Brewin' In the Wind Espresso and exit on Ocean Street up to Pacific Avenue. This would allow for continuous traffic flow, less congestion at the Pacific Avenue/Ocean Street/Rosenberg Loop/Maxwell Mountain Road intersection. This would alleviate the usual tourist/weekend traffic congestion. Locals would be advised to reprogram their personal maze routes.

Community Club Parking: restripe to identify and accommodate additional vehicles, especially in the center section.

ACCESS/CIRCULATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

Install RV signage appropriate to accommodate "TURN AROUND OPTIONS" in Oceanside (Pacific Avenue/Ocean Street/Maxwell Mountain Road) and direction to Cape Meares Loop

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Establish "GATEWAY" feature at the Pacific (Highway 131)/Cape Meares Loop Road intersection. "WELCOME TO VILLAGE OF OCEANSIDE" to assist in defining the ambience of the village

Install BIKE PARKING at both Wayside Parking lot and Pacific Avenue

FUTURE NETARTS-OCEANSIDE Sewer District site:

STRONG RECOMMENDATION for this area to be designated as "PARK" with emphasis on public and ADA access to area, restrooms, parking and RV turn around.

PACIFIC AVENUE CROSS SECTION:

DEFINE, DEVELOP AND ADOPT "SLOW STREET" concept. This is a long-term goal with several issues to address regarding the transfer jurisdiction of Pacific Avenue to Tillamook County. The future adoption and implementation of this concept would strengthen the "Village of Oceanside" message to those who live and visit this unique community.

Summary: Some of this can be accomplished with nominal expense and great reward, other parts must be addressed with collaboration, a visionary attitude and patience.