

<u>John Day Local Street Network Plan</u>

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The City of John Day, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) are currently sponsoring a study of John Day's local street, bicycle, and pedestrian network. This study, known as the **John Day Local Street Network Plan**, is intended to help the City identify a logical extension of future local streets and identify opportunities for improving the overall bicycle and pedestrian network. A consultant team led by Kittelson & Associates, Inc. is leading the study effort.

Why is the City Pursuing this Study?

The City of John Day prepared and adopted a Transportation System Plan (TSP) back in 1996. While the TSP identified future transportation needs, emerging trends in transportation and new growth opportunities have led the City to conclude that a specific update to the TSP is needed. In particular, the local street plan is tasked with identifying a logical system of local streets to serve potential future residential, commercial, and industrial development. This includes the extension of existing local streets or the identification of a new set of streets to create a logical and efficient travel network. Along with the local street component, the local street plan is also tasked with identifying opportunities for improving bicycle and pedestrian connectivity in the community.

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Following the November 19, 2008 Public Open House, the project team took the feedback and ideas for improving John Day's transportation environment and developed an initial Draft Local Street Network Plan. This plan will be presented for the first time to the John Day Planning Commission and City Council in an informal work session.

This work session is scheduled for **May 26**, **2009 at 5:30 p.m.** in the city council chambers and is open to the public. At 7:30 p.m. that same evening, a formal Planning Commission hearing will be held followed by a formal City Council hearing.

Please join us on the evening of May 26th to learn more about the plan and provide testimony at Planning Commission and City Council hearings.

CALL OR WRITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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