



Public Workshop 1

October 19, 2017 Notes/Take-Away

Transportation, Safety, & Mobility

Safety Concerns

- Hwy 12 & Albany intersection
- Hwy 12 & Dallas intersection
- Hwy 12 at the Post Office (9727 Hwy 12 SW)
- Hwy 12 at the fruit stand (9402 Hwy 12 SW)
- Hwy 12 & 183rd intersection
- Kids walk railroad tracks to and from school. Need safe trails/routes
- Crime:
 - Near Bailey's IGA
 - Along Littlerock Rd just north of the railroad tracks
 - Near Wright's Addition (Pendleton St /Daryl Ln area)
- 183rd & Albany – disaster for middle school students. Students have to cross highway for after-school activities
- Turning onto Hwy 12 from Denmark is dangerous
- Scatter Creek Bridge over highway is DANGEROUS; narrow, lots of accidents. Rochester High School kids walk over the bridge and there is no room for them
- Use of headphones = distraction
- Access to Fruit Stand – no definitive driveway (gravel). People pull out onto highway.
- Side streets narrow
- Speeding on narrow side streets
- Lighting (terrible)
- Lack of pedestrian facilities
- Church by Rochester has lots of traffic
- Visibility at some intersections – vegetation

Congestion Spots

- Hwy 12 just west of Bailey's IGA (eastbound)
- Hwy 12 & Albany intersection (eastbound)
- Hwy 12 at Rochester Middle School (westbound)
- Hwy 12 just before Paulson Rd (westbound)
- Hwy 12 & 183rd intersection
- Traffic thru corridor – left turns impossible at some times of the day, especially at post office. Up to 15 min delay trying to get on the highway from the pole yard
- Left turns at 183rd

Ideas for improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; reducing traffic congestion

- Footbridge over US 12 at Albany
- Roundabout at 180th and gateway at Bailey's IGA or Albany St
- Trail along ROW from fruit stand east to overpass [at Albany]
- Sidewalks are the number 1 thing to do; should have curb and gutter (not at same level as roadway) so that they're easily identified
- Need to mow vegetation – poor sight visibility
- Highway bypass core area
- Speed zones at 18th/Littlerock Rd/Albany St
- More Law enforcement
- Sidewalks, wider shoulders, bike lanes, or trails
- Could use signal coordination but too far apart
- Center turn lane from fruit stand to Albany
- Turn lane into post office
- Turn lane and sidewalks near post office
- Add bike lanes
- Speed limits
- Widen US 12 from Grand Mound west
- Mirrors at some intersections might help
- Bicyclists and pedestrians should ride with traffic instead of against it
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Other Comments

- Need enforcement but not enough reasons
- Just east of fruit stand – put welcome to Rochester chamber sign
- Mennonite store refused permit because of highway ROW
- Roundabout at Grand Mound and Rochester would tie communities together
- Not a lot of speeding near Paulson St/184th/185th
- LDS church are good neighbors
- Traffic from high school heading west should have gone under the overpass [near Old Hwy 9]. bad design
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Economic Vitality & Placemaking

Favorite Places in Rochester

- Auto Tech Services
- Fruit Stand
- Post Office
- Rochester United Methodist Church
- Swede Hall
- Thorbeck's

Ideas for improving Rochester's Economic Vitality

- Recreation facilities
- Encouraging new business
- Swimming pool/community area/park

- Walking trail
- Sidewalk/walking path
- Improved parking
- Improve permitting for small businesses
- Encourage small businesses – for local as well as tourists

Things that are uniquely “Rochester”

- The water
- Oak trees
- The people
- Rocks
- Farm/pasture
- No tavern

Thurston County Stormwater Utility Open House

October 25, 2017 Notes/Take-Away

Thurston County Stormwater Utility held an open house to discuss upcoming stormwater projects in the Rochester area. Main Street Rochester was there to provide another opportunity for members of the public to tell us their thoughts on transportation, safety, and mobility as well as economic vitality and placemaking.

Transportation, Safety, & Mobility

Safety Concerns

- Hwy 12 from Bend St to Corvallis St

Congestion Spots

- Hwy 12 at Rochester Middle School (just with school starting and letting out)
- Hwy 12 & 183rd intersection
- Hwy 12 at post office and medical clinic

Ideas for improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; reducing traffic congestion

- Turn lane through study area [183rd to Bailey's IGA]

Economic Vitality & Placemaking

Favorite Places in Rochester

- Community Park
- Bailey's IGA
- Swede Hall