



## Chelan County Transportation Element Update

### DRAFT Meeting Notes Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting #2

Wednesday June 4, 2008 • 9:30 — 11:30 pm  
Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way,  
Wenatchee

#### Attendees:

Richard Emmick	USFS	664-9250
Bob Sheehan	USFS	682-2576
Patrick Walker	CDLT	
Greg Pezoldt	CCPWD	
John Guenther	CCCDD	
Lilith Yanagimachi	CCCD	
Tim Bentz	Cascade School District	
Joe Rumble	Monitor Community Council	
Susan Driver	City of Entiat	
Chuck Garvey	Malaga Council	
John Goodwill	Chelan County PUD	
Kathy Springer	Peshastin Community Council	
Steve Keene	Peshastin Community Council	
Dave Honsinger	WSDOT	
Pat Moore	Pangborn Airport	
Arnold Baker	Chelan Co. Fire District #5,	(509) 687-3222; 670-2775(cell)
Keith Goehner	Chelan County Commissioner	(509) 667-6219
Connie Krueger	Leavenworth Community Development Director	(by phone)
Dwayne Van Epps	Chelan Public Works Director	(video conference)
Craig Gildroy	Chelan Community Development Director	(video conference)
Jon Pascal	Transpo	
Larry Toedtli	Transpo	
Yonnel Gardes	Transpo	
Marcia Wagoner	ReadWagoner	

**Purpose:** Update the Stakeholder Advisory Group members on progress and findings to date, discuss level of service objectives, review capital costs of various improvements and confirm land use inventory.

Chelan County Community Development Director John Guenther called the Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting to order at approximately 9:10 AM.

Chelan County Commissioner Hawkins provided a brief synopsis of the stated goals of the Stakeholder Advisory Group and advised members of the aggressive timeline for the Transportation Element to meet its goals by the end of 2008. Commissioner Hawkins noted three key areas:

- Subarea Plans
- Identifying needs
- Viability between subarea plans

The assembled members introduced themselves to the group.

#### THE TRANSPO GROUP

### ***Project Priority Criteria – Jon Pascal***

Jon Pascal from the Transpo Group noted that the group was gathering information on transportation projects in Chelan County and that they were looking at many different factors, which included:

- Land Use
- Development
- Transportation infrastructure
- Potential growth and industrial growth

Mr. Pascal also noted that the Transportation Element was on target for completion of the draft plan by the end of the year.

Mr. Pascal presented a chart showing project priorities. He noted safety issues were the number one concern, other issues included:

- Economic factors
- Costs
- Land use and environmental policies

A discussion ensued regarding safety, emergency response times and evacuation plans. A representative from the Cascade School District stated that maintaining and upgrading roads was a higher priority than some new projects. Other issues discussed:

- Reducing impact on environment
- Looking at project “footprint”

### ***Open House Findings – Marcia Wagoner***

The Open House forum held on the previous night identified the 3 issues that should be taken in to consideration by the Transportation Element.

1. Maintaining / Upgrading existing roads
2. Pedestrian / Bike trails
3. Safety issues

### ***Level of Service – Larry Toedtli***

Mr. Toedtli presented a Powerpoint to the group explaining the level of service on the road systems in Chelan County which included:

- Identification of road types: State, county and city roads.
- Requirements for Developers
- Typically addresses congestion and road safety

Mr. Toedtli also identified the issues concerning roads in Chelan County, which included:

- Daily Traffic volume

- Design speed
- Paved width
- Grade
- Pavement condition

A discussion ensued regarding design elements, critical vehicles and definitions of road standards. Transit and pedestrian issues were also included in the discussion. Other elements discussed:

- Existing industry in the area
- School bus stops
- Connectivity
- Trails

Mr. Toedtli also stated that additional input and comments were welcome. It was also noted that the Community Development Department would be having a series of ongoing information meetings regarding transportation issues throughout the Chelan County area.

#### ***Transportation Deficiencies & Improvements to Consider – Jon Pascal***

Mr. Pascal presented a handout which listed improvements and menu of choice of projects in the Chelan County area. Items discussed were benefits and costs, transit improvements and subarea key issues.

#### ***Land Use Inventory – John Guenther / Groups***

John Guenther from the Chelan County Community Development Department outlined key issues in Chelan County and formulation of the Transportation Element, which included:

- Growth in Chelan County in the next 20 years
- Potential areas where growth will occur
- Land Use / Transportation connectivity

Mr. Guenther noted this was a broad based topic but wanted specific ideas and issues explored. He also stated that there were some assumptions taken when dealing with future growth. He also asked for additional input and comment on Land Use in Chelan County.

The assembled members broke into two groups to discuss the Subarea Plans and land use assumptions within Chelan County.

#### ***Next Steps – Jon Pascal***

Mr. Pascal outlined the timeline for future meetings of the Transportation Element. Next meeting is to be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Comment Forms Submitted by Stakeholder Members***

### **What are the most important improvement Projects?**

- Focus only on Monitor Community. Access to Highway 2/97; rural road quality; alternate road Cashmere - Monitor - Wenatchee; railroad crossings; define agriculture, commercial, residential and other existing zoned areas that will be protected or maintained.
- Roadway Reconstruction - many of the county roads are extremely narrow and often without shoulders. A good example of this would be the N. Dryden Road. In places, it is difficult for two vehicles to pass. Especially when one would be a large vehicle such as a school bus or truck. Safety of course is paramount.
- Manson Subarea. Major issues, "B" & "C" are equally highly important. Issue "D" alternative seasonal route on Boetghe Ave.

### **How should we improve our transportation system to accommodate population growth?**

- Should population growth be determined by the ecological capacity of the area? That's capacity of the potable water, air quality, terrain, infrastructure potential and expectations of the people. This will make the transportation system sync with the population.
- Bring the current county roads up to appropriate standards in terms of width, shoulders, grade, etc.
- The main routes to the school are on grades steeper than 12%

### **Anything else you'd like to share with us?**

- A Couple of questions: (1) Whose on Transpo Steering Committee? Names & affiliations? Please e-mail, (2) Need to install the cost factor benefits of recommendations and where the money comes from in these equations. Also factor in the usability, i.e. winter weather vs. favorable weather for various transportation methods? (3) RR transportation is going to take over much of the intercity (+200 miles) truck traffic in the future. Therefore this needs to be part of this process. BNSF plans to double track their national infrastructure to handle the increased rail traffic.

## ***Land Use Worksheet Comments Received***

- Cashmere/Monitor: "Land use underestimated, need alternate routes and modes of travel"
- Leavenworth: "Same as above, but more"
- Malaga: "Land use underestimated, need alternate routes and modes of travel"
- Peshastin/Dryden: "Same as above"
- Plain/Lake Wenatchee: "Same as above"
- Sunnyslope: "Same as above"