



172nd / 190th Corridor Plan

Public Involvement

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The following provides an overview of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the 172nd /190th Corridor Plan. The PIP includes public outreach through stakeholder interviews, project newsletters and a website, public meetings, and outreach to other media. The PIP also provides an overview of the Project Management Team, Citizens Advisory Committee and schedule and sequence of the PIP events within the overall project schedule.

Public Involvement/Agency Coordination

The public involvement and agency coordination program will be tailored by the project team around the **5D process: Desire, Discovery, Design, Discussion, and Documentation** (see “Our Process” next page). It will utilize the Least Cost Planning (LCP) approach to secure both an understanding and acceptance of the project by the stakeholders.

Key Questions

- **Corridor Values** → What should be the theme or character of the corridor?
- **Government Agency Coordination** → How do we engage and address the needs of three cities and two counties?
- **Public Information/Involvement** → How do we gain public acceptance of the preferred plan?
- **Property Owner Outreach** → How do we obtain buy-in from existing land owners while developing vision for future urbanization?

Goals

Clackamas County, Metro and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are committed to an approach that:

- Provides an open and transparent decision-making process conducted through

equitable and constructive two-way communication between the project team and the public.

- Provides early and ongoing opportunities for stakeholders to share values, understand the opportunities within the corridor, develop potential solutions and raise issues and concerns that can be considered by the project team.
- Proactively informs and encourages the participation of all stakeholders.
- Builds widespread community understanding of opportunities, constraints, findings and decisions.

A key element of the approach is a structured decision process with clear decision points and well-defined roles and responsibilities. Thorough and thoughtful consideration of issues at each decision point by all of the project stakeholder groups helps to ensure quality decisions that will not have to be revisited later in the project because something of significance has been omitted or improperly addressed. The clear identification of decision points creates an expectation in stakeholder groups for meeting the deadlines and staying on schedule as a way to avoid more and more meetings, time and costs.

Defining the decision structure—groups that will be involved and how they will participate—can help answer questions frequently asked by stakeholders, such as:

- Who will make the decisions?
- How can I influence the decisions?
- When will I have an opportunity to participate?
- Who will consider my input?



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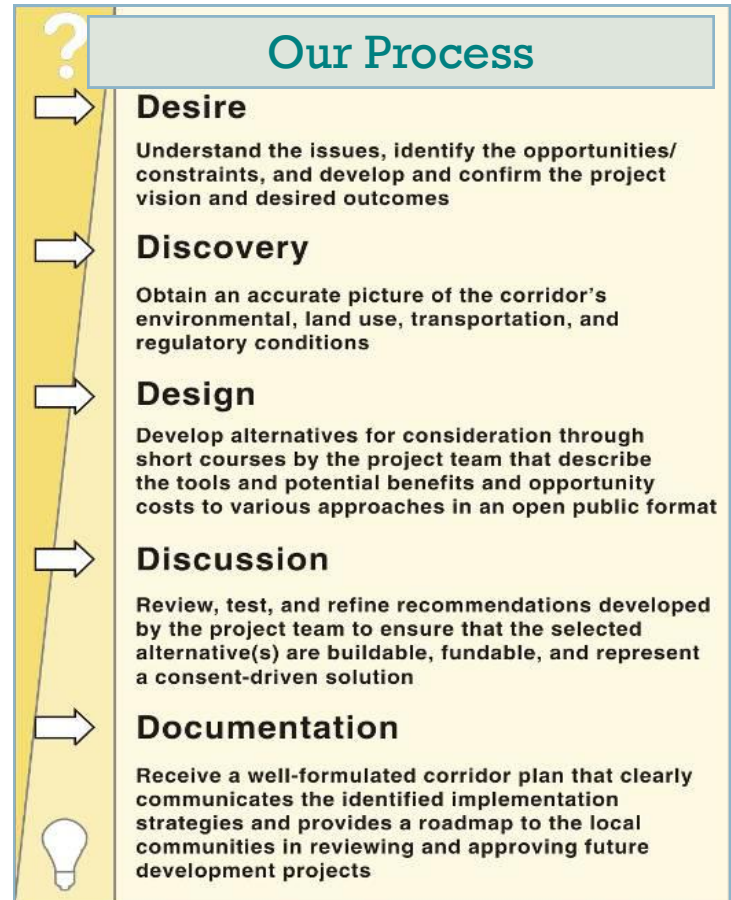
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Strategy Elements

Designate a public information contact

Ellen Rogalin will be the point contact for Clackamas County. **Alisha Dishaw** will be the primary contact for Cogan Owens Cogan, LLC. **Kirstin Greene, AICP** will serve as the lead facilitator.

Stakeholder and agency involvement

Up to 20 interviews will be conducted early in the process to identify values, desired current and future uses and aesthetic of the corridor. Two additional rounds of interviews with these same stakeholders are envisioned through the project period. A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) will be formed from a diverse range of interests and stakeholders. The Project Management Team will select members with guidance from agency officials to achieve geographic and public/private interest diversity. Six meetings are expected through the project period. All meetings will be interactive and will include time for public comment.

Articles in newsletters and other organizations' media

To inform Clackamas citizens of the County's process and study findings for development of the 172nd/190th Corridor Plan, regular updates about the process will be provided in the *Citizen News*. This newsletter reaches nearly all households in Clackamas. Updates should be quarterly. Contact information and direction to the County's website should tell citizens who they may contact at the County regarding this project and how it may affect them. Articles for the *Citizen News* should be made available to other organizations.

Involvement of other media

Regular updates and advisories to Clackamas area media will be made periodically. Direct contact with the *Oregonian's* east bureau editorial board also will be made to discuss the possibility of editorial support or a special opinion piece from the County's elected leaders or management staff. Feature stories about business and community involvement also will be considered.

Stakeholder involvement

Early involvement of informed constituent groups helped to advise and refine this public

involvement strategy. We recommend continuing to solicit their advice and collaboration as the project moves ahead. A working list is included at the end of this strategy.

Public meetings and events

Clackamas County, Happy Valley and Damascus residents are well-educated, informed, and involved in civic affairs. In person as well as electronic opportunities for participation will be broadly advertised and convenient to access. Five public events are anticipated through the project period. The preliminary project schedule and roadmap show the timeline and sequence of these events in relation to the rest of the project.

Exhibits at summer fairs and events

To disseminate information about the County's progress with the response strategy and to provide general information on the 172nd/190th Corridor Plan and how citizens can be involved, we recommend making fact sheets and other materials available at summer fairs and events.

Project website and electronic engagement

KAI will produce and update an interactive website for the project. The site will include maps, purpose of the project, list of contacts, PMT and PAC members. YouTube video on project context, need, e-mail list, Facebook and Twitter options, and virtual participation opportunities (e.g. open house and survey options). The project website URL is <http://172nd.com>.

Other recommendations

- **Cablecasting of public events**
The Clackamas County Government Channel (CCGC) may be part of the media program.
- **Youth and School Involvement**
Involving high school and other teachers is a good way to inform and involve not only students, but also their parents. Both the Clackamas Community College (Oregon City) and Mt. Hood Community College (Gresham) offer opportunities for youth involvement.
- **Newsletters**
Five newsletters will be prepared informing county residents of project progress through the project period. An

additional informational postcard will be prepared announcing the project.

- **Bus Tour**

As part of the first PAC meeting, a bus tour is recommended to orient members to each other and the project area. An area tour option for the first in-person public meetings also should be considered.

- **Farmers Markets**

These are a great place to get information across to people in the summer.

Consultant Manager

Clackamas County Senior Transportation Planner **Larry Conrad** is responsible for consultant management. The consultant team leader is **Marc Butorac**.

Project Management Team

The PMT will be comprised of representatives of jurisdictions with decision-making authority.

1. Clackamas County Senior Transportation Planner **Larry Conrad**
2. Clackamas County Transportation Engineering Manager **Mike Bezner**, Traffic Engineer **Joe Marek** (Alternate)
3. Damascus Public Works Director **Steve Gaschler**, Associate Planner **Carrie Brennecke** (Alternate)
4. Happy Valley Economic & Community Development Director **Michael Walter**
5. Happy Valley City Engineer **Carol Earle**
6. Gresham Transportation Planning Manager **Katherine Kelly**
7. Metro Transportation Engineer **Anthony Butzek**

Project Advisory Committee

The PAC will provide a balanced representation of interests as well as a communication link with those interests and communities. Members will include agency staff representatives, representatives of local and regional business groups and advocates for key interests, including different modes, environmental representatives and civic groups. Members will be appointed by the Consultant Manager. Responsibilities of PAC members include:

- Represent their constituents' perspectives during group deliberations
- Communicate project progress to their constituents
- Work to develop recommendations on project development that all members agree are the most acceptable for the

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partners as a whole, although one or more individual members may have a preference for another alternative.

Recommended Principles

- All relevant/affected jurisdictions represented, including service providers.
- Community interests
- Business interests
- Geographic diversity
- 21 members

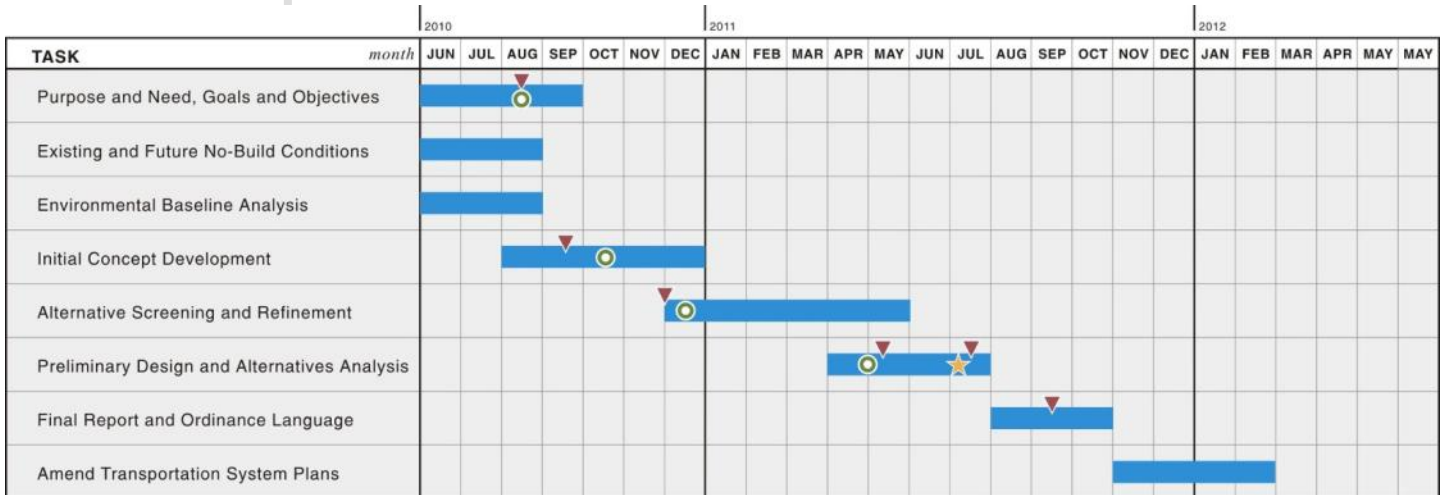
PAC Membership

1. Area Resident **Katya Amato**
2. Area Resident **Larry Michaelson**
3. Area Resident **Steve Sala**
4. Area Resident **Jo Ellen Schiedler**
5. Clackamas County Board Commissioner **Bob Austin**
6. Clackamas County Pedestrian / Bikeway Advisory Committee **Dale Guenther**
7. Clackamas County Water Environment Services Asset Manager **Dan Henninger**
8. Clackamas Fire District Captain **Michael Temple**
9. Clackamas River Basin Council Executive Director **Cheryl McGinnis**
10. Damascus Committee for Citizen Involvement Representative **Kevin Reedy**
11. Damascus Councilor **Marlo Dean**

12. Damascus Planning Commissioner **Donald Hanna**
13. Gresham Councilor **Shirley Craddick**
14. Gresham Pleasant Valley Planning Association **Stan Bohnstedt**
15. Happy Valley Councilor **Tom Andrusko**
16. Happy Valley Planning Commissioner **Diane Morrow**
17. North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce President/CEO **Wilda Parks**
18. North Clackamas Schools Transportation Director **Dan VanScoy**
19. Sunrise Water Authority Special Projects **Kim Anderson**
20. Trimet Project Planner **Ben Baldwin**

Adoption Process

Following the selection of the Preferred Alternative by the Public Advisory Committee, the Preferred Alternative will be adopted by the City of Damascus, City of Happy Valley, and Clackamas County and incorporated into each of their respective Transportation System Plans. This will occur through a series of public hearings, as shown in the attached Project Roadmap, that includes public hearings by the Planning Commissions of each jurisdiction as well as both City Councils and the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners. The preliminary project schedule (below) and



▼ = Public Advisory Committee Meeting ○ = Public Workshop ★ = Open House

Project Schedule



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roadmap (page 6) show the timeline and sequence of the PAC meetings in relation to the rest of the project.

Stakeholders

Stakeholders (20) represent various interests throughout the County. Stakeholders will not be PAC members (i.e. alternate City officials will serve as either PAC members or stakeholders). Stakeholders will be interviewed 3 times during the course of the project.

Stakeholder Membership

1. Abundant Life Church Pastor **George Powell**
2. Area Resident **Kenneth Gores**
3. Area Resident **Donald Schneider**
4. Centennial School District **Charlie McAlister & Rick Larson** (alternate)
5. Clackamas County URA **Dan Johnson**
6. Clackamas County Water Environment Services **Mike Kuenzi**
7. Damascus Councilor/Gresham DES Civil Engineer **Randy Shannon & Council President Diana Helm** (alternate)
8. Damascus Planning Commissioner **Harvey Cummings**
9. Gramor Development **Matt Grady**
10. Gresham Planning Commissioners **Harvey Cummings & Richard Anderson** (alternate)
11. Gresham Transportation Subcommittee **Jeff Corcoran**
12. Happy Valley Business Alliance **Bruce Butler**
13. Happy Valley Councilor Mayor **Rob Wheeler**
14. Happy Valley Planning Commissioner **Kenneth Koblitz**
15. Happy Valley Traffic & Safety **Catherine Albrecht & Steve Campbell** (alternate)
16. Johnson Creek Watershed **Matthew Clark**
17. North Clackamas Parks & Recreation **Michelle Healy**
18. Pleasant Valley Greenhouses **Mitch Grubb**
19. Realtor **Terry Wilson**
20. Scouters Mountain Elementary School **Karen Rush**

Project Purpose Statement

[Stakeholder Interviews]

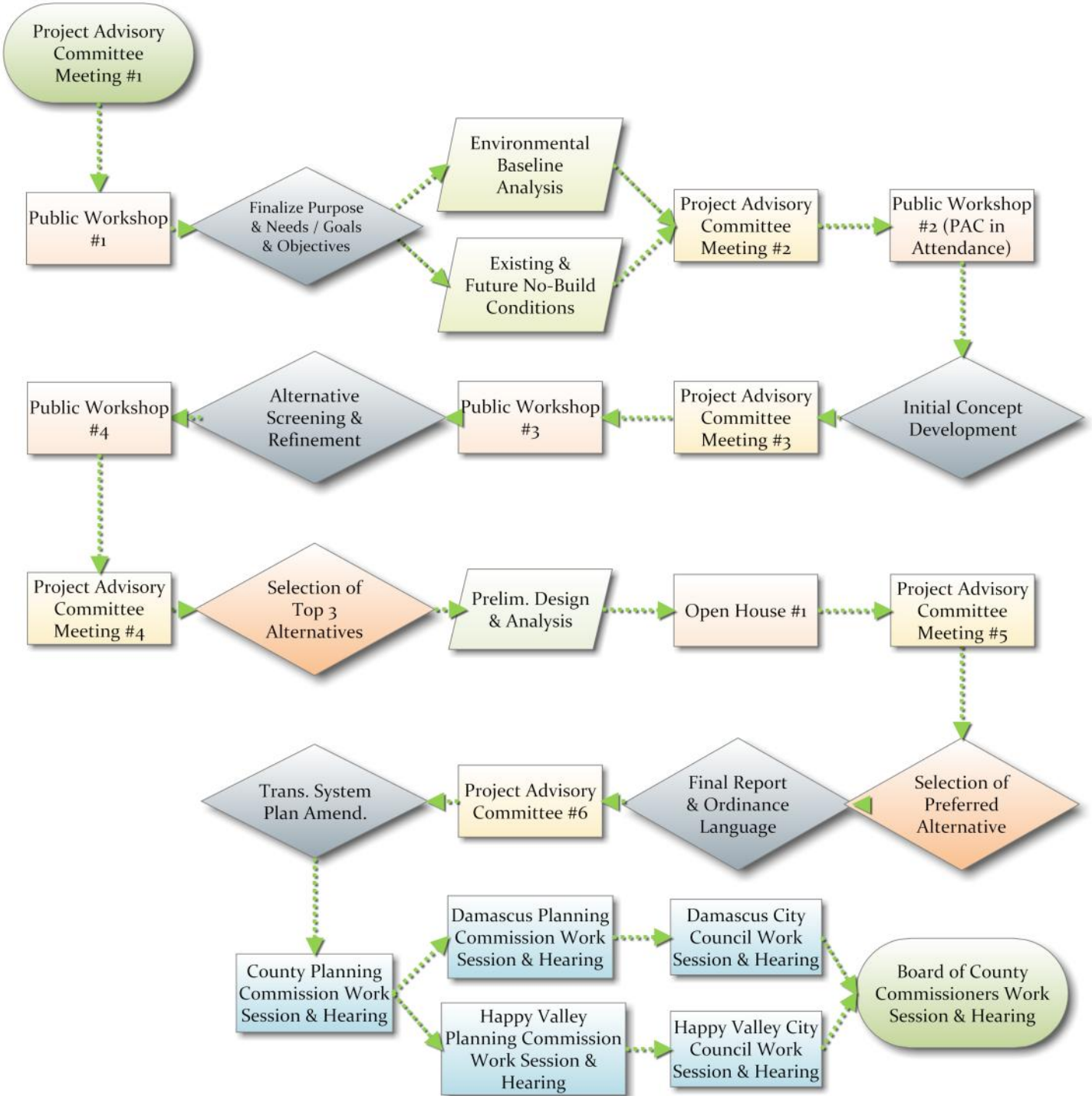
Future traffic demand will come with the buildout of developable land in Happy Valley, Damascus, and Gresham, and there is a need for a north-south connection to accommodate local and regional traffic growth. There are limited locations where this type of connection/facility can occur due to topographic constraints and existing urban buildout.

Stakeholder Interview Questions

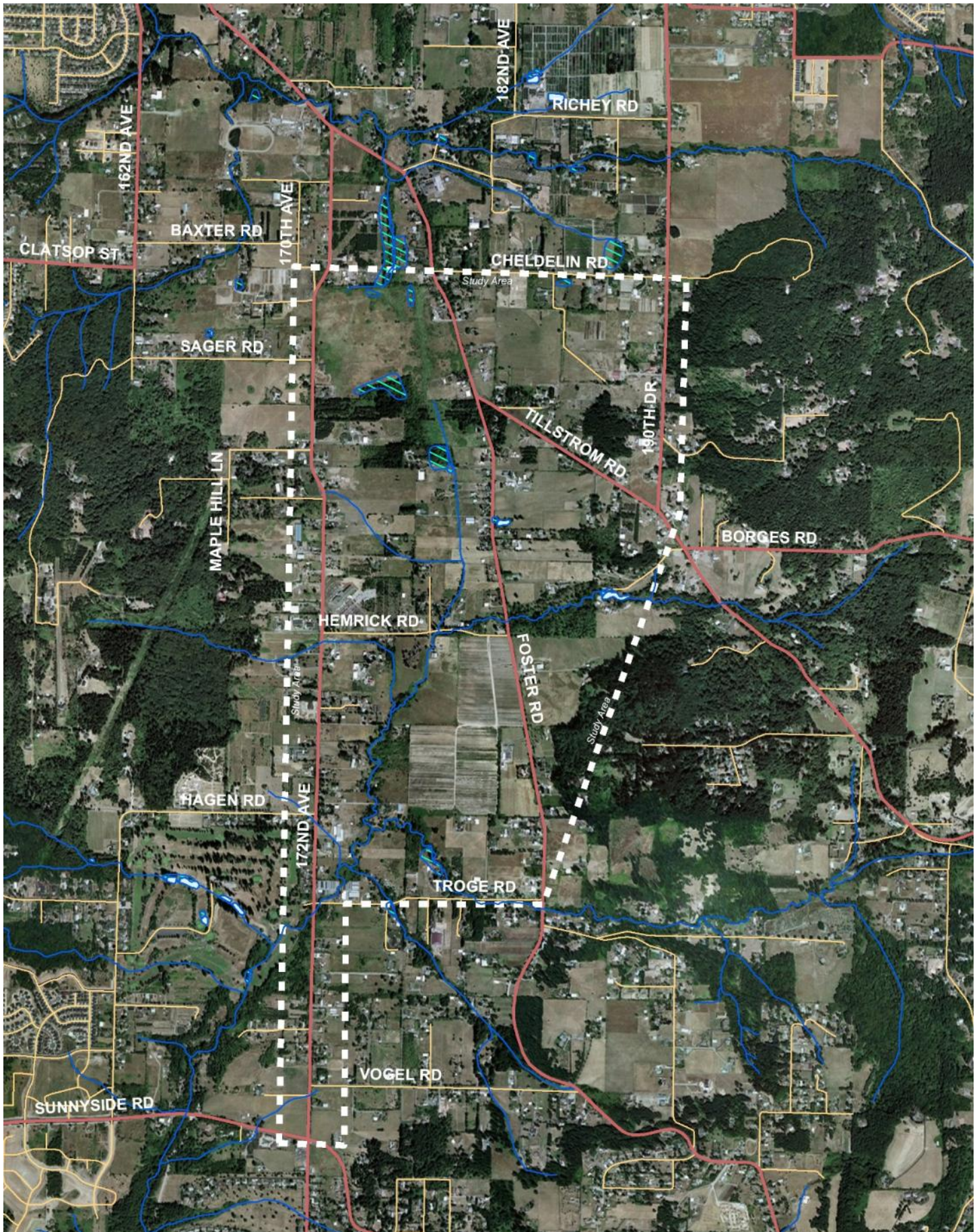
1. **Current Use**
How do they use the corridor today?
Where do they travel to and from?
2. **Future Use**
How should it function in the future?
(Prompts questions regarding traffic modes: auto, bike, ped)
3. **Appearance**
What should it do/look like? (Prompts questions for street trees, lights, medians, traffic circles, access, signage, sidewalks on/off, etc.; examples of other corridors that they like and why)
4. **Connectivity**
Where should 172nd and 190th connect/
what to avoid? (Use the **map** to sketch proposed alignment, areas of concern, etc.)
5. **Concerns**
Do they have concerns about how corridor functions now or will function in the future? What are major concerns held by area residents?
6. **Information**
How do people in the area receive information?
7. **Media**
How do they want to receive information?
(email, Citizen News, Oregonian, Clackamas Co Government Channel, etc.)
8. **Public Involvement**
How would you like to be involved?
9. **Public Involvement Candidates**
Who else should be involved?
10. **Open Question**
Other thoughts?



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Roadmap



Vicinity Map