

# Crook County Transportation System Plan Update



*A plan for Crook County's future transportation system.*

## Project Overview



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### What is the Crook County Transportation System Plan?

The Crook County Transportation System Plan (TSP) is a 20-year plan to address current and future transportation needs. Crook County is updating the existing TSP to address ongoing and anticipated transportation issues throughout the County.

Crook County, in partnership with ODOT and the community, will update the 2017 TSP with an emphasis on improving connections and safety conditions for all travelers — including those who drive, walk, bicycle, use a wheelchair or cane, or deliver freight.

### What will the TSP Address?

- Countywide transportation safety
- Planning for and safely accommodating new growth
- Access and safety in the Powell Butte and Juniper Canyon areas

### Who Can I Contact?

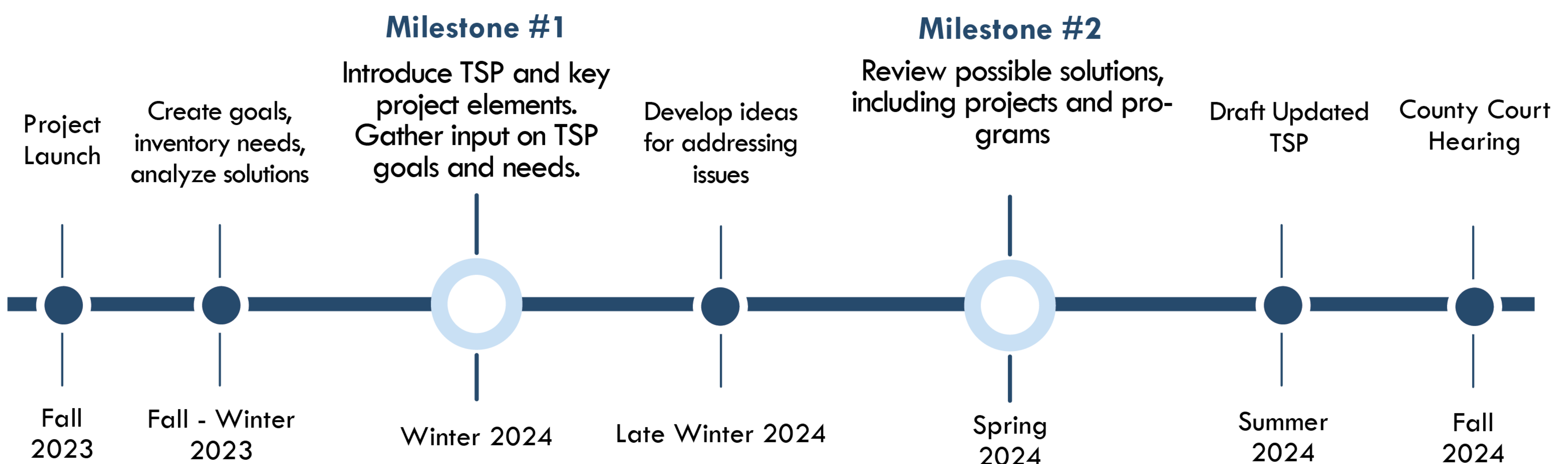
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### Schedule

The figure below summarizes the TSP timeline and important community engagement milestones. The project will generally identify goals, assess transportation needs, develop potential solutions, and will ultimately identify recommended policies and projects to support the County's future.

### How Can I Learn More?

Scan the code below with a smartphone to reach the project website!





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## TSP Goals

### Goal 1: Mobility and Connectivity

Promote a transportation system that links rural communities to key destinations in the County, Prineville, and adjacent counties, and serves existing and future needs for transporting goods and people.

### Goal 2: Economic Development

Plan a transportation system that supports existing industry, encourages economic development in the County, and responds to population growth in Crook County and adjacent communities.

### Goal 3: Safety

Provide a transportation system that promotes the safety of current and future travel modes for all users.

### Goal 4: Multimodal Users

Provide a multimodal transportation system that permits safe and efficient transport of people and goods through active modes, which may also provide a benefit in improved health and environment.

### Goal 5: Environment

Provide a transportation system that balances transportation services with the need to protect the environment.

### Goal 6: Planning and Funding

Maintain the safety, physical integrity, and function of the County's multimodal transportation network, consistent with Goal 6 of the OTP, which focuses on creating a transportation funding structure that serves both current and future needs.

### Goal 7: Equity

Provide access to the transportation system for all users.

## Discuss:

Are these the right goals for Crook County?



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## Transportation Needs and Issues

Crook County is updating the TSP to address ongoing and anticipated transportation needs and issues. Highlights from a 2020 Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) survey about Juniper Canyon transportation issues and needs are also included below.

### COUNTY-WIDE NEEDS AND ISSUES

#### Significant Population Growth



Significant population growth in Crook County has outpaced previous projections, placing growing demands on the transportation system.

#### Growing Traffic and Safety Issues

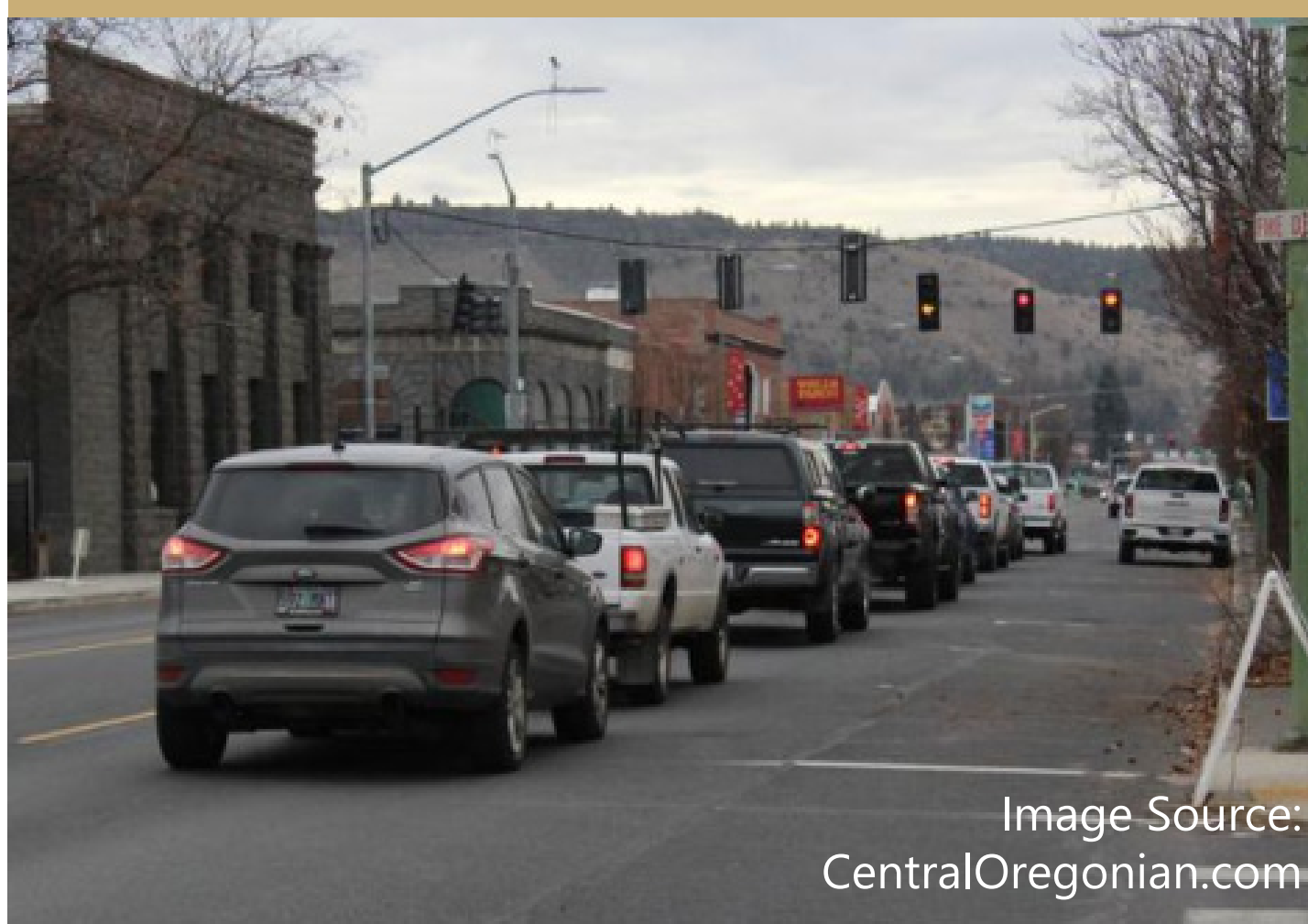


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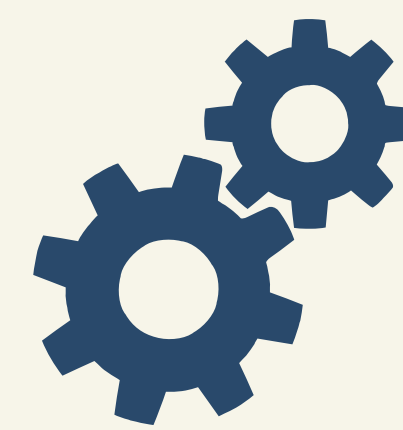


Growth in Crook County has resulted in a gradual increase in traffic, speeding, and safety issues. Increased traffic leads to congestion and vehicle emissions.

#### Coordination with Prineville TSP



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The Prineville TSP is currently in development. Both TSPs will seek to coordinate and manage transportation needs across jurisdictional boundaries while promoting regional connections.

### NEEDS AND ISSUES in JUNIPER CANYON

#### Limited Access to Juniper Canyon



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Approximately **86%** of respondents were concerned about not having another road into or out of Juniper Canyon.

#### Speeding and Increased Traffic



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Approximately **70%** of respondents were concerned about increased speeding, traffic, and illegal passing on Juniper Canyon Road and Davis Loop.

#### Limited Connections



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Subdivisions east of Juniper Canyon have limited connection to other areas of Crook County.

**Do these issues and needs sound right to you? What else should we be thinking about?**





## Powell Butte Needs / Issues



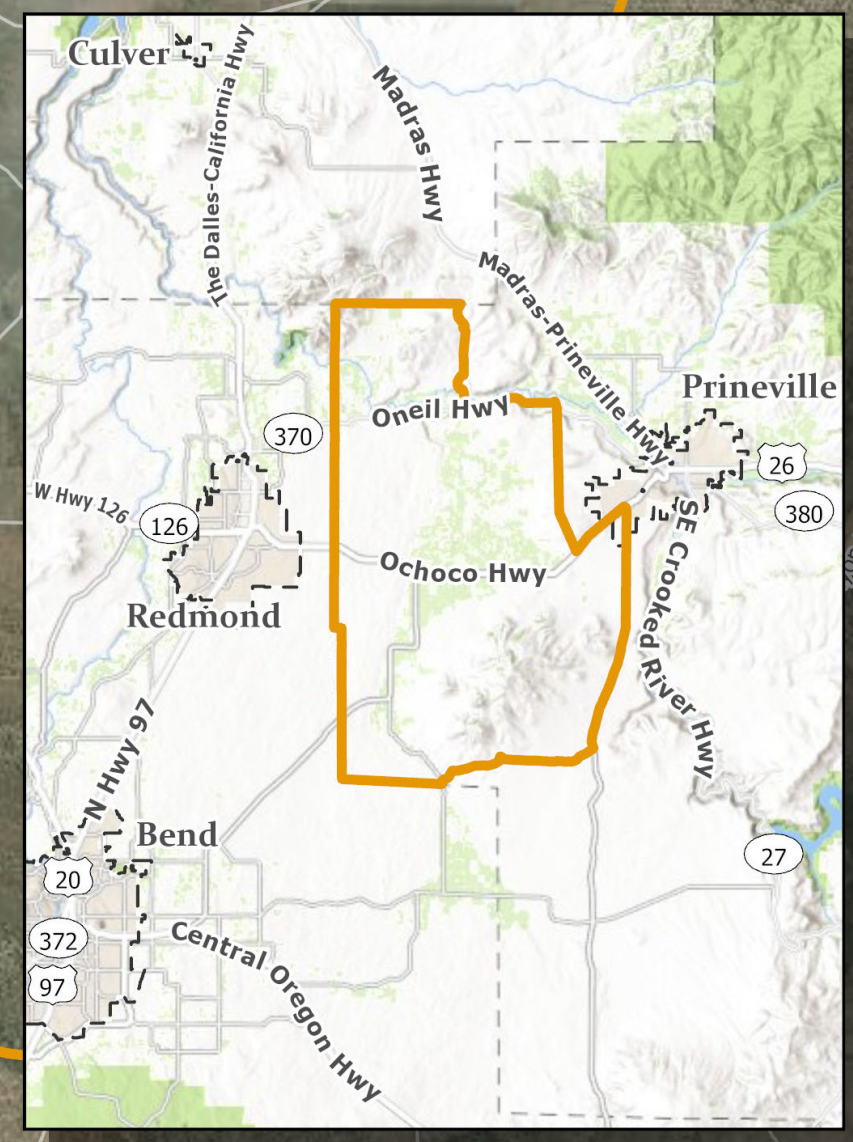
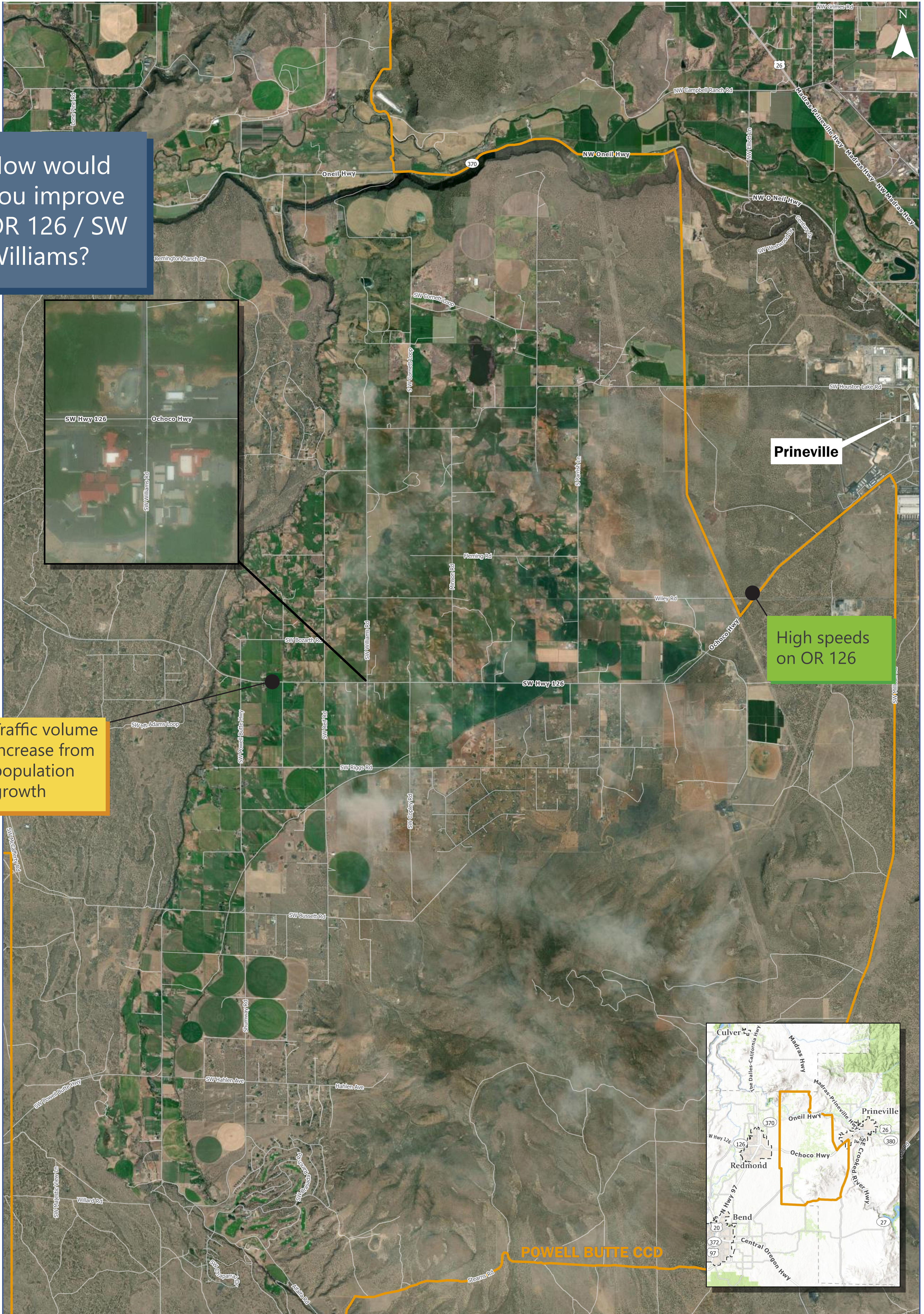
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Place a sticky note to share your feedback.



How would you improve OR 126 / SW Williams?

Traffic volume increase from population growth

High speeds on OR 126



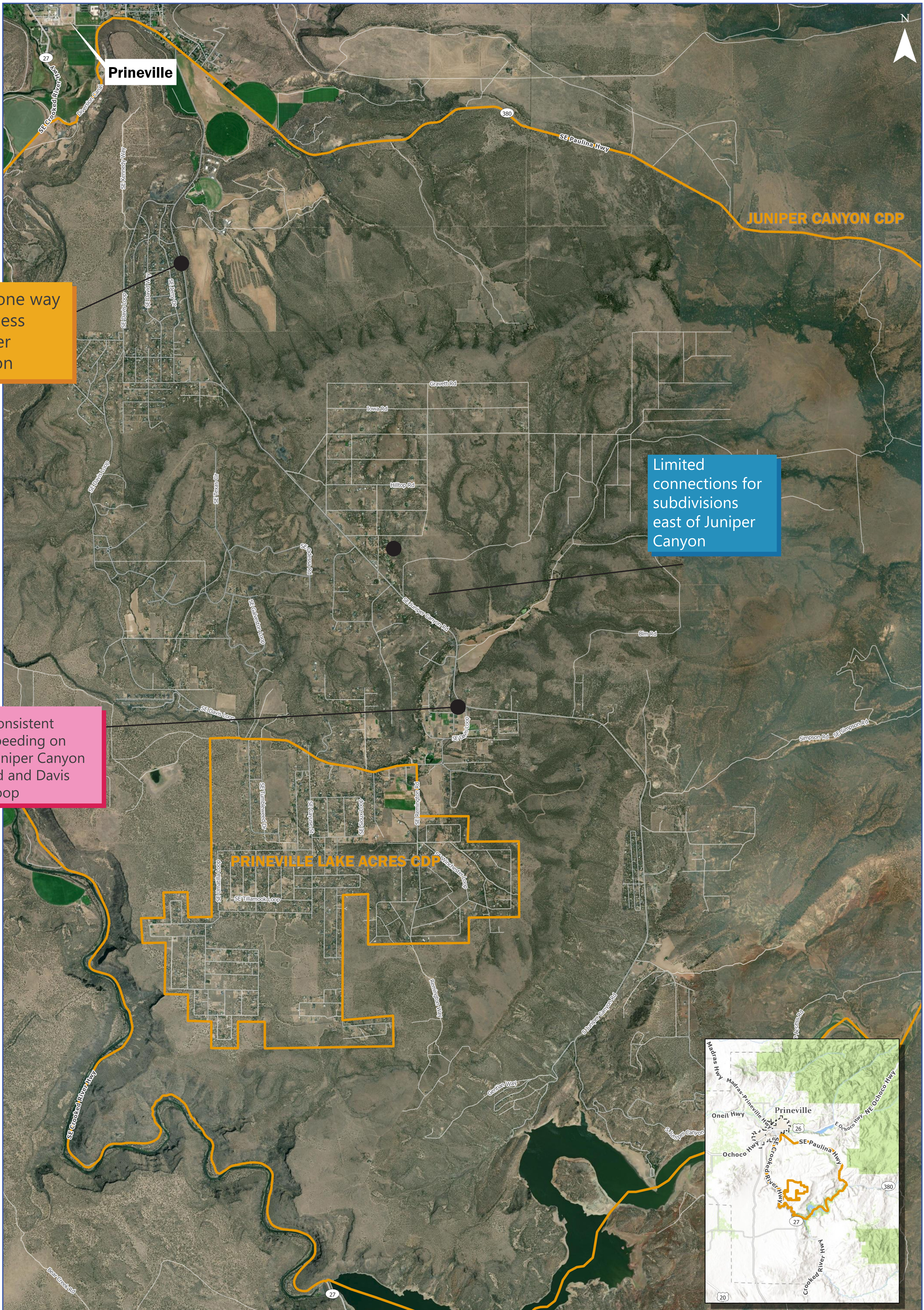




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## General Transportation Feedback



*What transportation issues do you want to see addressed in Crook County?*