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Crook County invites the public to review the Transportation System Plan update, including potential new access and funding for Juniper Canyon.

CROOK COUNTY, Oregon – Crook County is updating its Transportation System Plan (TSP), a 20-year plan that guides investments in transportation. The County is looking at how to address current and likely future issues, such as congestion and safety at key intersections, including the Powell Butte Highway and OR-126. Additionally, the County is developing design concepts and costs for possible new roadway access for Juniper Canyon. These new design concepts expand prior work providing more detail on possible connections including the likely cost and impacts.

Crook County invites the public to join two upcoming open houses to review and provide feedback on priority projects. Members of the public will also have an opportunity to learn about the County's ongoing Transportation Safety Action Plan.

Open House #1 will focus on Juniper Canyon Access Alternatives and Funding. Staff will present updated alternatives, costs, and funding scenarios; a public comment period will follow.

Open House #2 will focus on the TSP Recommended Projects, informed by community feedback shared in Fall 2024. Staff will give a brief presentation, followed by a public open house. Project staff will be on-hand to answer questions and hear your feedback.

Public feedback is essential to help the project team understand community preferences and help ensure the future transportation system reflects the needs and wants of those living and working in Crook County.

Open House #1: Juniper Canyon Access Alternatives 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Open House #2: Final Review of TSP Recommended Projects 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 Carey Foster Hall 590 SE Lynn Blvd, Prineville, OR 97754 If you are unable to attend the open houses, community members can review the open house information online and provide feedback via an electronic survey linked on the project website at <u>CC TSP Update</u> between April 16th and May 2nd.

Crook County values the feedback of everyone in the County. If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate or provide your feedback, please contact John Eisler @ <u>plan@crookcountyor.gov</u> by May 2nd.

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