

#### Corvallis—Albany Bikeway Advisory Group Meeting #3 Select Conceptual Routes

March 22, 2017



### Agenda

- Introductions
- Key Bikeway Considerations
- Recap from Meeting #2 and Overview and Evaluation of Route Options
- Discussion: Select Routes to Move Forward
- Activity: Rural Route Refinement
- Public Open House Preview
- Next Steps

#### **Bikeway Basics**

- Crossings minimize, good quality
- Access frequent and convenient
- Security illumination and sight distance
- Maintenance inspection, sweeping, repairs

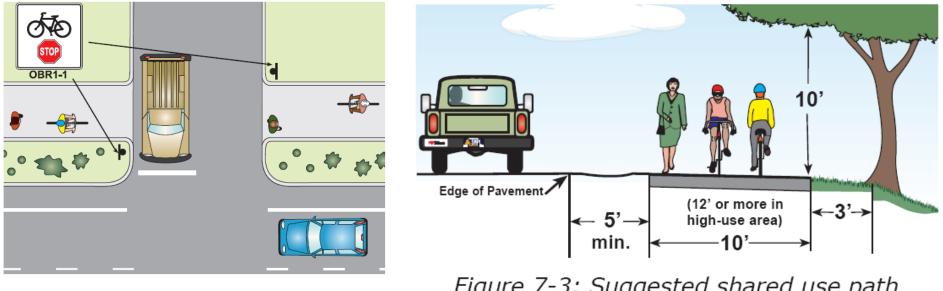


Figure 7-26: Appropriate use of sign OBR1-1 (or OBR1-2) Figure 7-3: Suggested shared use path dimensions

#### Crossings

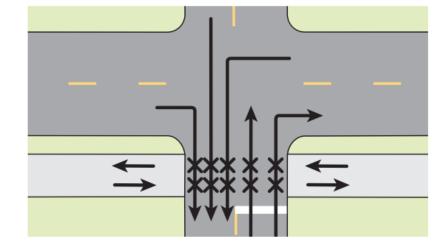


Figure 7-2: Intersection and driveway conflicts at path



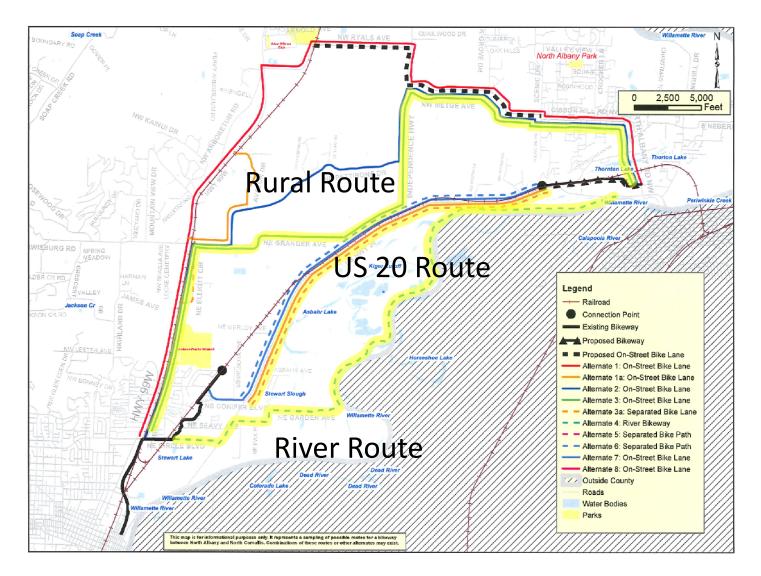
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# Three route options recommended by Advisory Group:



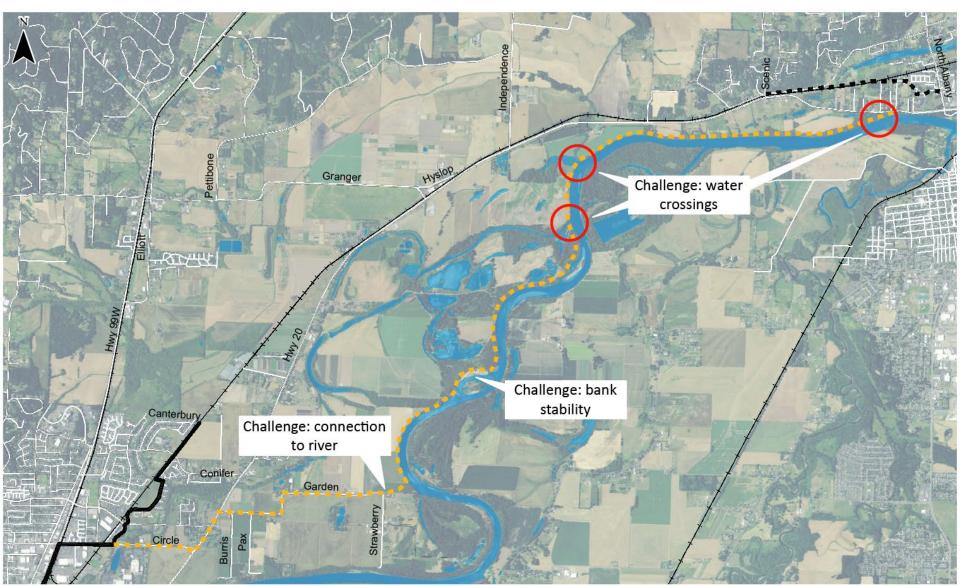
### **Overview River Route**

- Comfortable for most/all users
- Limited vehicle interaction
- Connects Corvallis and Albany with limited destinations in-between
- Challenges:
  - Connection on Corvallis side
  - Environmental features
  - Property acquisition
  - Access along route
  - Flooding potential





#### **River Route**



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#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Tier 1	Maximizes traveling safety for all modes (configuration, crossings)		Majority off roadway, minimal vehicle interaction
	<b>Connects to destinations</b> public transit, trailheads, current and future pathways—local and regional)		Hyak Park, Takena Landing
	Practical for recreational use and commuting (distance and terrain)*	RC	8.5 miles, primarily flat, scenic
	Fits rural character / protects farmland**		Little farmland impacted, trees to separate users from farms
Tier 2	Minimizes environmental impacts (wetlands, trees, habitat, stormwater runoff)		New area of impact, active hunting and gravel mining
	Minimizes impacts on neighbors (construction and operation)		Requires property, introduces users into new area
	<b>Provides other benefits</b> transportation choices, aesthetics, economic, mental and physical health)		
	Allows emergency access; inhibits crime (not secluded, potential to be well used)		Limited access, isolated
	Supports visitor travel / tourism		Wide range of users, scenic
	Minimizes operation and maintenance resource needs***		Significant maintenance, challenging access
	Overall	324	

River

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**\*\***Consider how farming activities impact bikeway users.

\*\*\*Order of magnitude construction cost to be added to evaluation criteria after routes are further refined.

### Overview Hwy 20 Route

- Comfortable for some/most users
- Connects Corvallis and Albany with a few destinations in-between (schools, parks)
- Challenges:
  - Requires several new bridges or widening
  - Requires some property acquisition
  - Driveway/roadway crossings



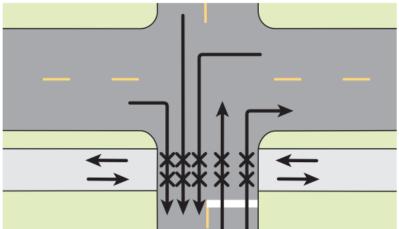
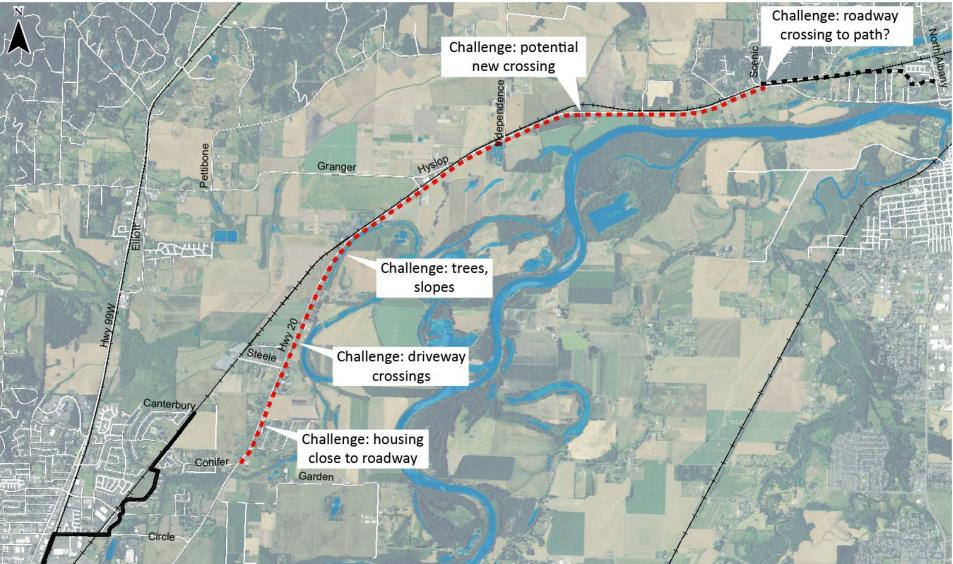


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#### Hwy 20 Route



## Hwy 20 Route

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Tier 1	Maximizes traveling safety for all modes (configuration, crossings)	?	Majority off roadway, some areas with frequent roadway crossings
			Corvallis Waldorf, Farm Home, transit, Hyak Park, Takena Landing
	Practical for recreational use and commuting (distance and terrain)*	RC	5.5 miles, primarily flat
	Fits rural character / protects farmland**		Minimal farmland required, some impact to users from farming operations
Tier 2	Minimizes environmental impacts (wetlands, trees, habitat, stormwater runoff)		Utilizes existing roadway, several potential new crossings
	Minimizes impacts on neighbors (construction and operation)	?	Requires some property along Hwy 20, utilizes existing roadway
	Allows emergency access; inhibits crime (not secluded, potential to be well used)		Access available for entire route
	Supports visitor travel / tourism	?	Supports wider range of users, potential use by groups/org. rides
	Minimizes operation and maintenance resource needs***		Maintenance for trail - inspection, sweeping, repairs

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Overall 2.5 6.5 0

**Hwy 20** 

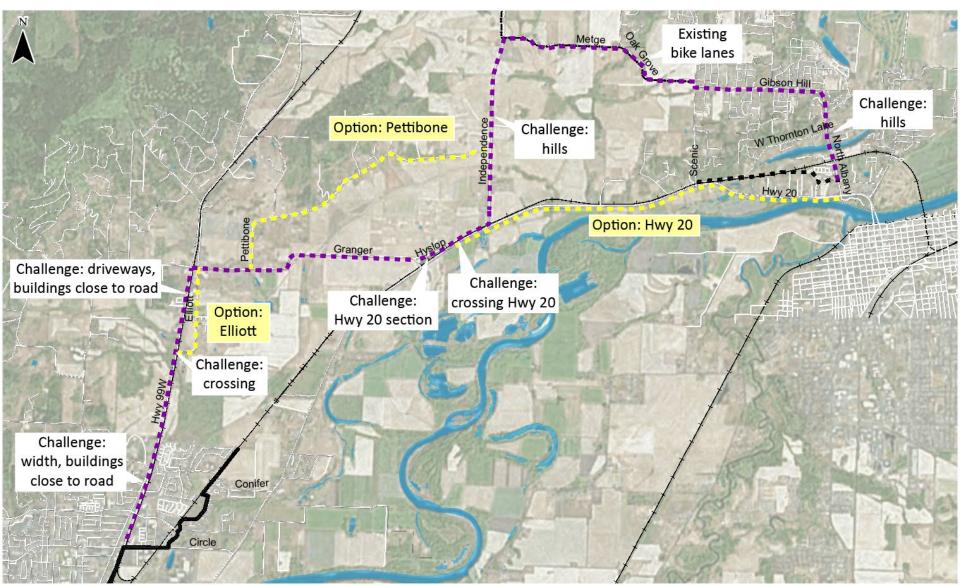
#### **Overview of Rural Route**

- Comfortable for few/ some users – based on facility type
- Connects broader array of destinations
- Challenges:
  - Hilly sections, length
  - Widening required for more comfortable facility
  - Driveway/roadway crossings



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#### **Rural Route**



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Tier 1

Tier

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Maximizes traveling safety for all modes (configuration, crossings)

Connects to destinations public transit, trailheads, current and future pathways-local and regional)

Practical for recreational use and commuting (distance and terrain)\*

#### Fits rural character / protects farmland\*\*

Minimizes environmental impacts (wetlands, trees, habitat, stormwater runoff)

Minimizes impacts on neighbors (construction and operation)

- **Provides other benefits** 2 transportation choices, aesthetics, economic, mental and physical health)
  - Allows emergency access; inhibits crime (not secluded, potential to be well used)

Supports visitor travel / tourism

Minimizes operation and maintenance resource needs\*\*\*

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existing roadway

Access available for entire route

hills and facility type attract a smaller range of users, scenic Longer stretch to maintain, maintenance of roadway surface

?

Rural

Overall 3 5.5 0.5



On roadway, low volume, some areas with frequent roadway crossings

Mt View School, Oak Grove, Jackson-Frazier Wetland, Gibson Hill Park

11.5 miles, mixture of flat and hilly

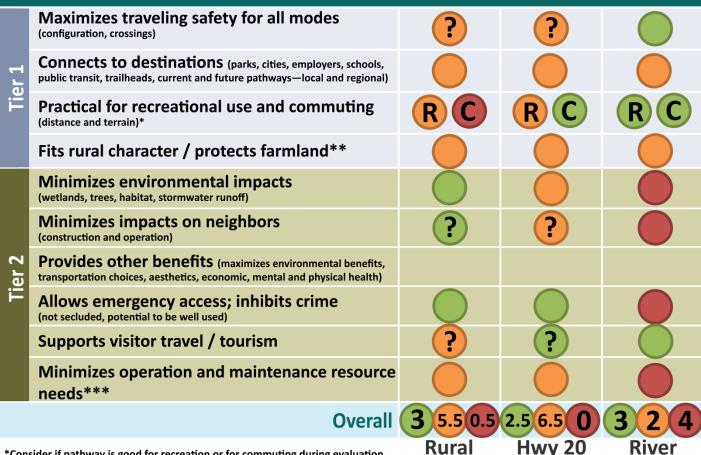
Minimal farmland required, some impact to users from farming operations

Utilizes existing roadway, requires widening

Some property required, utilizes

### **Overall evaluation**

#### **Evaluation Criteria**



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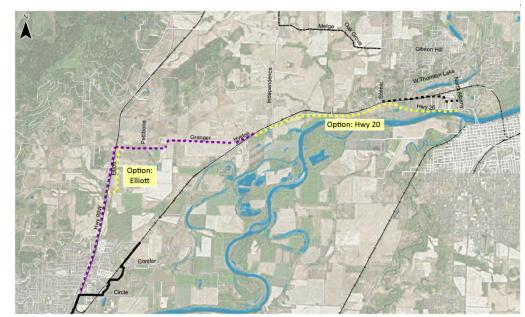
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### **Discussion:** Select Routes to Move Forward

- Move Rural and Hwy 20 routes on for public meeting and more study
- Sideline River Route

#### Activity: Rural Route Refinement

- Options:
  - Elliott
  - Pettibone
  - Highway 20 section
- Split into three groups
- Review and identify preferred Rural Route alternative



#### Public Open House

#### Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Background boards:
  - Evaluation of routes
  - Process to date
- Maps of Highway 20 and Rural routes for public comment
- How can we most effectively get the word out?
- Other ideas for the meeting?

#### Next Steps

Wednesday, April 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.Community Open HouseBenton County Sunset Building

Wednesday, April 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Technical Advisory Group Meeting #2 Avery Building

Tuesday, April 25, 12:00-2:00 p.m.Meeting #4 Select RecommendedCorvallis-Benton County Public LibraryRoute (Goal = 1 route)

Tuesday, May 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m.Board of Commissioners Work SessionBoard Meeting Room

**Tuesday, June 6, 12:00 p.m.** Board Meeting Room Board of Commissioners Meeting (Consider Phase 3)

#### Public Comment