

Benton County Public Works Corvallis-Albany Bikeway Advisory Group Meeting #4 Recommendations

Tuesday, April 25, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Members

Byron Cook
Bob Durst
Chris Foulke (absent)
Mac Gillespie
Kevin Grant
Patrick (Pat) Hayes
Michael McGowen
Mary Pat Parker
Kenny Reynolds
Rick Robinson
Jennifer Ward

Agency Liaisons/Advisors

Frannie Brindle
Ron Irish
Sheriff Scott Jackson (absent)
Lee Lazaro (absent)
Jim Patton
Undersheriff Greg Ridler
Greg Wilson

County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Schuster

County Staff

Josh Wheeler
Laurie Starha

Public

Bill Buckley
Carl & Katie Chambers
Don & Sue Goodhouse
David & Janet Johnson*
Bennett Hall
Rhonda Hynes*
Matt Mellenthin*
James & Michele Morse*
Linda Standiferd
Connie & Ken Sansome*
**Provided comment*

Consultant Team

Libby Barg
Bruce Prenguber
Kelly Laustsen

Summary

Advisory Group members learned more about the two routes selected for additional study based on feedback received through the April 5, 2017 Community Open House. The routes included the Hwy 20 Route and the Rural Only Route. They also considered their recommendations for Benton County Commissioners.

The options considered by the Advisory Group:

- Move one route to Phase 3 for additional study and refinement.
- Move two or more routes to Phase 3.
- Move route(s) to the Transportation System Plan (TSP) team with a recommendation it (they) be considered a priority project.
- Continue to engage community and property owners.
- Don't move any routes forward to Phase 3.
- Another recommendation.

Advisory Group Recommendations

- 11 members recommended moving the Hwy 20 Route forward to Phase 3 for additional study and moving the Rural Only Route to the County's TSP with a recommendation it be considered a priority project. They also strongly recommended continuing and expanding engagement with property owners and the community.
- 2 members recommended moving both the Hwy 20 Route and the Rural Only Route to the Transportation System Plan team and continuing engagement with property owners and the community.



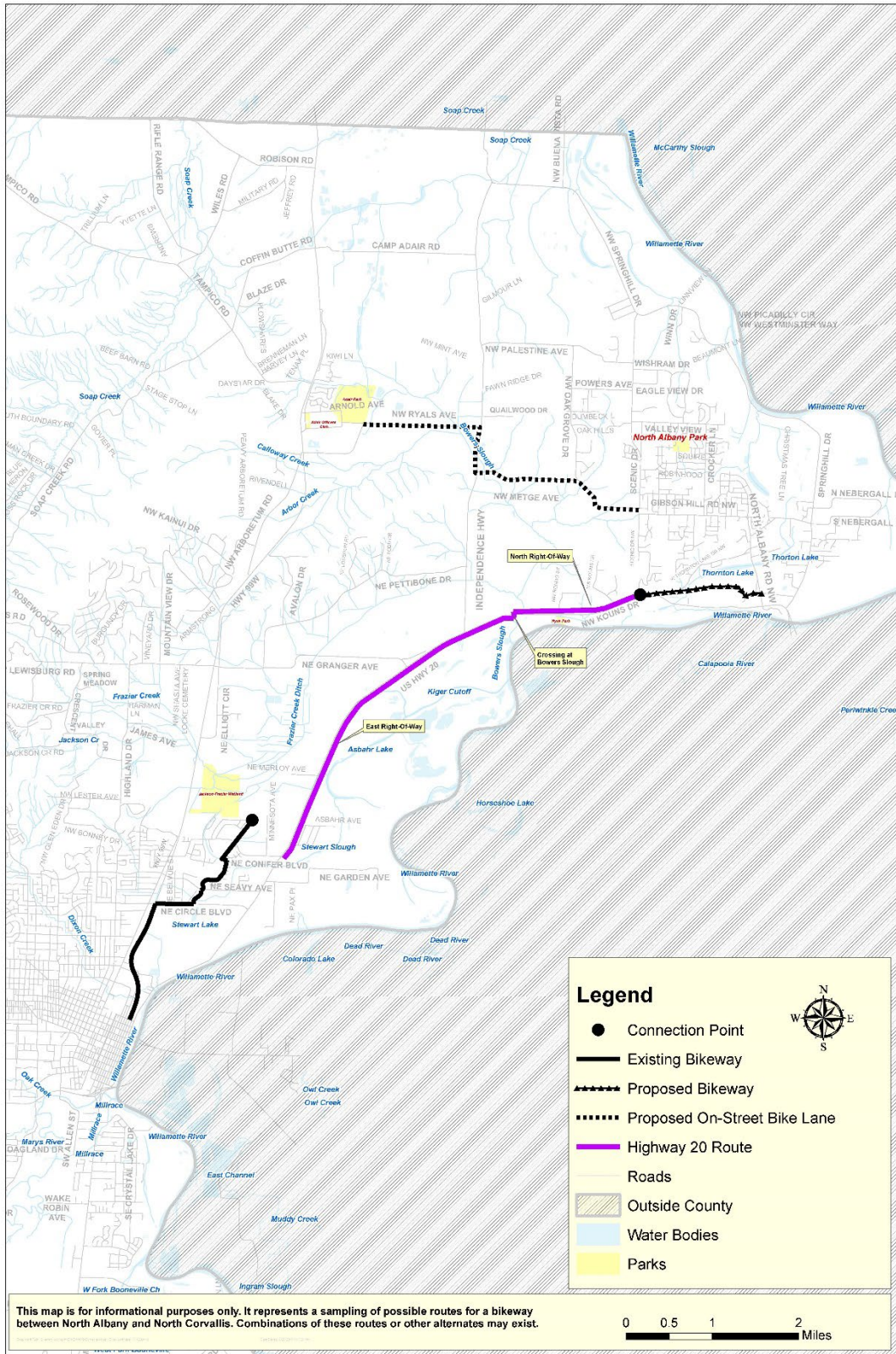
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Public Comment

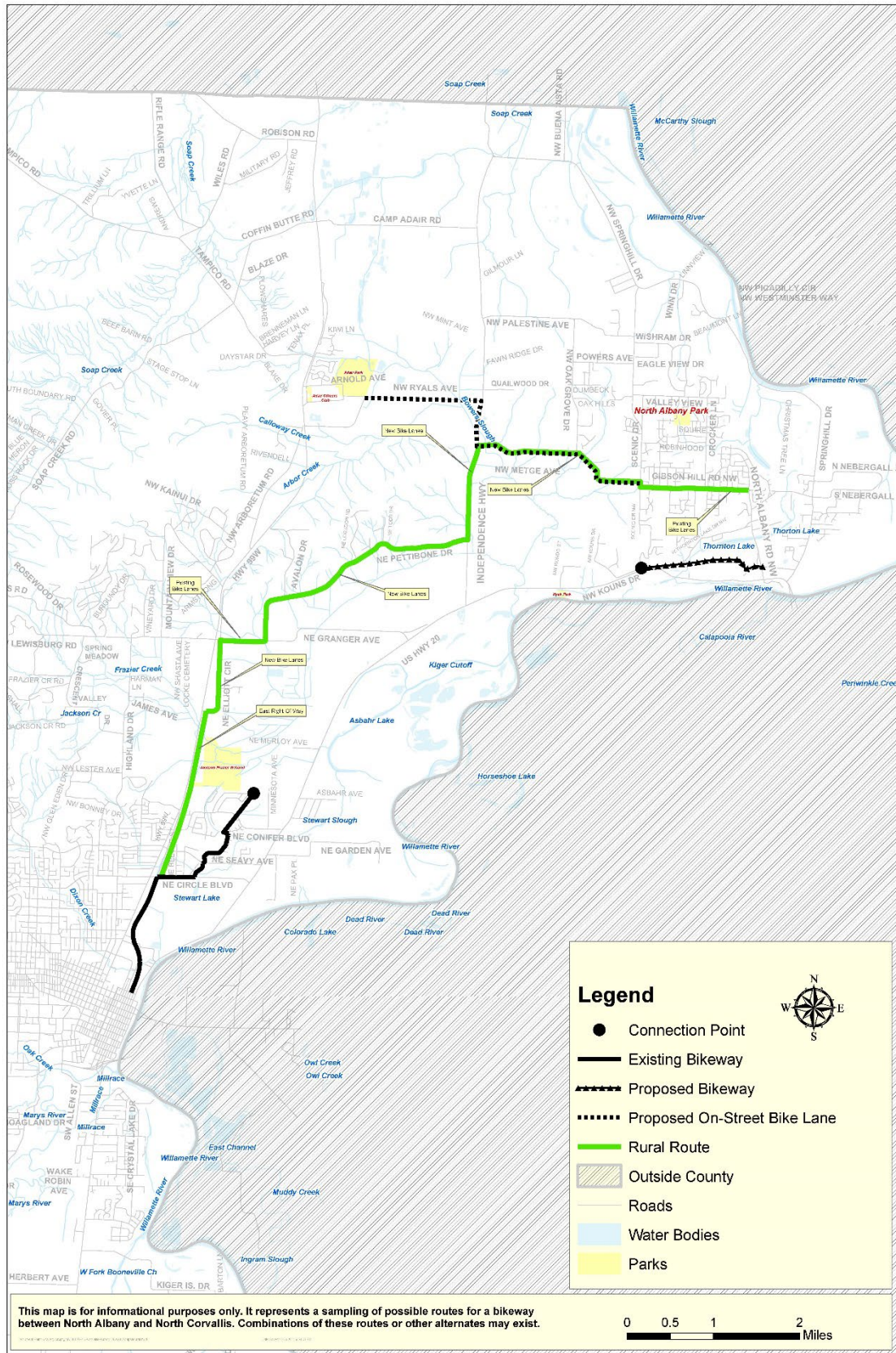
Approximately 15 members of the public attended the meeting, the majority being property owners along Hwy 20 in Albany. Comments included: appreciation from some property owners for moving the bikeway to the north side of Hwy 20 at the Bowers Slough; concerns about the need for additional ROW; project costs; and a suggestion to consider coordinating with Linn County on a route on that side of the river.

Routes Considered

Hwy 20 Route



Rural Only Route



Worksheet Results

Advisory Group members completed worksheets then discussed their recommendations.

Move one route to Phase 3 for additional study and refinement.

Route	Votes
Hwy 20	12
Rural Only	1
Another Route	0

Move two or more routes to Phase 3.

Route	Votes
Hwy 20	0
Rural Only	0
Another Route	0

Move route(s) to the Transportation System Plan team with a recommendation it (they) be considered a priority project.

Route	Votes
Hwy 20	2
Rural Only	13
Another Route	0

Continue to engage community and property owners.

	Votes
Yes	13
No	0

Don't move any routes forward to Phase 3.

Route	Votes
Hwy 20	0
Rural Only	0
Another Route	0

Another recommendation/comments:

- Coordinate with Linn County on their river route.
- In conjunction with Linn County, look at routes. They serve different populations.
- Until we know what is happening south of the river on the Linn County side we should not pick a path to go forward on.

- What would it take to put the north-of-Hwy 20-next-to-the-railroad route back on the table?
- Adding bike lanes to rural routes, not just between Corvallis and Albany, should be a priority.
- All rural roads should have bike lanes—and need not be called a specific “bike way.”
- Poll Benton County residents about the route options and talk with individual property owners.
- If / when the Hwy 20 Route option fails to move forward, place it on the TSP so at least route improvement could be possible and investigate a Hwy 34 route. The goal is a commuter route regardless of which county.
- Very opposed to tunnel under Hwy 20.
- Look at possibility of going behind the houses that are right up against highway just before Garlands nursery.
- Minimize and mitigate impacts to property owners through design.
- Property owners need to be engaged and informed but a minority cannot stop progress for the majority. Bring them around through education, compensation, and mitigation.
- Consider private property impacts but do not let that stall / stop the project that is so important to community. I expect alternative transportation to be used by many in the future of young population and active transportation users.

Information important to facilitate future decisions:

- 1111111111 Private property impacts
- 1111111111 Project costs
- 1111111111 Funding options
- 1111111111 Constructability
- 11111111 Safety
- 1111 Traffic impacts
- 1111 Environmental impacts