

Damascus Mobility Plan Project

2021-22

Purpose:

- Identify roadway improvements needed to the County transportation system to enhance safety, equity, and mobility for travelers in the unincorporated Damascus area over the next 20 years
- Incorporate results into the Clackamas County Transportation System Plan (TSP)

Scope:

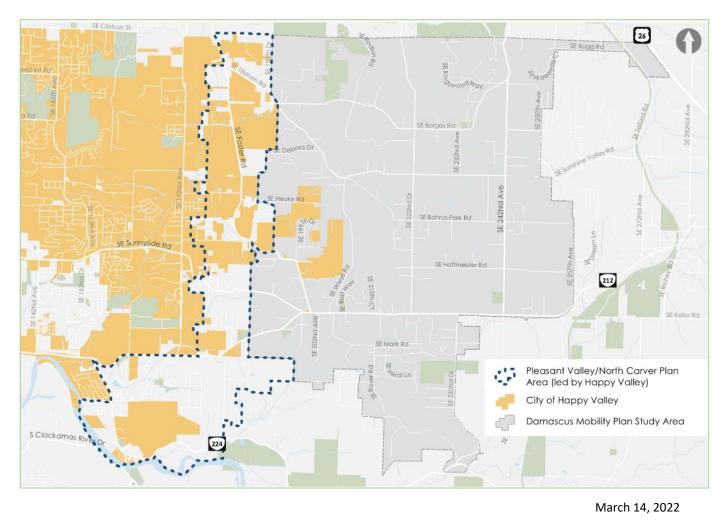
Oregon transportation rules require that transportation plans only address existing issues and 20-year expected growth, so this plan is:

- Focused on passenger and freight vehicle travel
- Based on existing County land use and zoning designations in the study area
- Excludes Oregon State Highway 212

Study Area:

The plan encompasses most of the area that was in the former City of Damascus planning area inside the Portland Metropolitan Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), *except for*:

• Properties and roadways generally west of 190th Drive that are planned by the City of Happy Valley through the <u>Pleasant Valley/North Carver (PV/NC) Comprehensive Plan</u>.



Study Components:

- Review existing conditions and past studies
- Gather public input
- Analyze existing and future traffic
- Identify road locations that require improvements to serve expected traffic in 2040
- Develop possible alternatives to improve safety, and to increase mobility and access

Planning for Roads in Damascus

Today the transportation plans for Damascus anticipate fewer people and jobs in the area than when it was being planned by the City of Damascus.

County land use & transportation designations now apply to the Damascus area:

- County zoning is for a rural, large-lot community surrounding a commercial center
- County projects 34,860 residents and 6,309 jobs in 2040
- Fewer people and jobs, lower future traffic levels
- Land use plans will need to be revised before urbanization of the area occurs

Past City of Damascus transportation plans (never adopted):

• Projected a population of more than 78,000 people in 2040 (which would have made it larger than any other city in the county)

Next Steps

For the draft final plan, the County is evaluating more than 20 possible projects on county roads based on traffic analysis, available funds and public input, including adding shoulders to existing roads and upgrading intersections to improve safety.

- Spring 2022: Revise the draft Damascus Mobility Plan based on the analysis above and public feedback
- Spring: Post draft plan online for public review and comment
- Spring-Summer 2022: Present findings and recommendations to Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners for review and action
- Fall 2022: Include the final Damascus Mobility Plan in the County Transportation System Plan (TSP)

Partners:

- City of Happy Valley
- Oregon Department of Transportation

For More Information...

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