

Steering Committee & CTAC- Public Comment - 6/20/2019

I believe that in the drive to create key policy categories for transportation you have by-passed a major policy concept- why people travel on a daily basis and where they have to travel.

You have talked about mobility, safety, equity, demand management, bikes and pedestrians and funding.

Why not use a policy to reduce the distance required for daily trips?

Do we have a real understanding of the key reasons people travel- food, work, school, medical, fun and how far each neighborhood has to travel in Bend to meet the needs?

Would it make sense to identify which neighborhoods lack close destinations and to encourage key destinations to locate within walking distance? Where is the grocery store, the school, the office, the bar, etc.?

Doesn't a reduced length of trip make mobility easier, safety more likely with reduced traffic speeds, equity more likely because walking and biking distances work. And, funding becomes less of an issue because demand by all modes can be handled on smaller capacity, safer streets.

It was Mumford, a 20th century city planner who said “someday the rich will walk.”

I propose that there should be a transportation policy about promoting neighborhoods where basic everyday travel destinations are within easy walking distance. This is a policy that will drive Bend's future livability.

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