

## Business and Development tidbits

# Highway 101 bus stop could be a grand setting for riders

Sunset Empire Transportation District has applied for funding to improve the bus stop at Warrenton's busiest intersection.

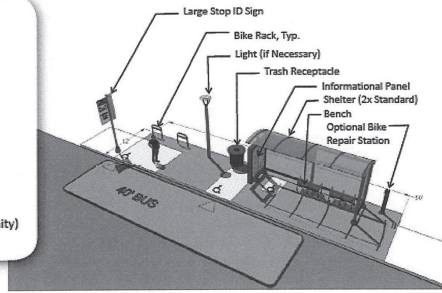
Oregon Department of Transportation and the Northwest Oregon Transit Alliance, of which SETD is a member, recently completed a study on areas where people might have problems accessing public transportation.

The bus stop on Highway 101 near Ensign (in front of Taco Bell) falls into that category. Today it is a single bench with a sign and no other amenities.

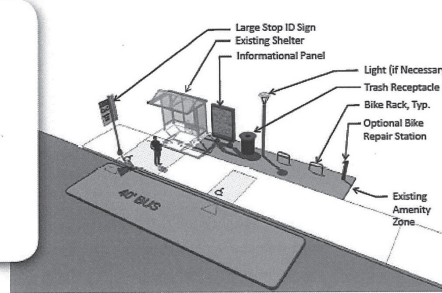
Its inclusion in the state transportation improvement funding plan would mean construction of a bus pull-out, a large shelter, better signs, lighting, a trash receptacle, bike racks and, possibly, a bike repair station.

"There's a whole lot that goes on in planning a transit stop," district Executive Director Jeff Hazen told Warrenton city commissioners

**Proposed Design Elements**  
**High Ridership/High Investment**  
 • Stop Footprint – Dimensions: 12'x50'  
 • Large Shelter  
 • Shelter Signage Information Panel  
 • Solar panel/battery powered lighting  
 • Stop ID Sign – Large  
 • 2 Benches  
 • Trash Receptacle  
 • Bike Parking (2 racks or lockers)  
 • Bike Repair Station - optional  
 • Pole light (if no existing street lighting in close proximity)  
 • Optional Public Art



**Proposed Design Elements**  
**High Ridership/Low Investment**  
 • Stop Footprint (Existing/New/Combination) dimension varies  
 • Shelter (New or Existing)  
 • Shelter Signage Information Panel (New)  
 • Stop ID Sign – Large (New)  
 • Bench (New or Existing)  
 • Trash Receptacle (New)  
 • Bike Parking (2 racks or lockers)(New)  
 • Optional Bike Repair Station (New)  
 • Optional public art



Tuesday night. "I am excited about getting a real stop there. I think it will benefit everybody."

Last year, the district began making improvements and expanded several routes thanks to new transit taxes paid by the state's workers.

"Ridership shot through the roof," he said. The pandemic brought it back down, yet routes in Warrenton

and Hammond have stayed strong.

## BIG RED BARN

The dairy barn at Clatsop County Fairgrounds has been painted rustic barn red with white trim.

The barn and other parts of the fairgrounds went into service last week as those in other areas of the state sought refuge for their livestock from the choking smoke of

wildfires.

Three horses from Canby sought refuge at the fairgrounds.

## NEW GATEWAY STANDARDS

Warrenton city commissioners gave final approval this week to a plan that limits the design and placement of ministorage units in the city.

The Commercial Corridor Design Standards prohibit new ministorage warehouses on South Main Avenue in downtown Warrenton and on Pacific Drive through downtown Hammond.

It also requires any potential ministorage facilities to be built at least 100 feet off of Harbor Drive.

The main thoroughfares deserve tougher standards, city officials have said, because they are gateways into the community.

There are no ministorage applications pending in the city, said Mark Barnes, interim community development director.

## WATERLINE TO HAMMOND

An improved water line to Hammond – in the city's plans for decades – is expected to go out to bid next month, City Manager Linda Engbretson said.

The drinking water main line will follow the Warrenton Waterfront Trail from Warrenton Marina out to downtown Hammond.

New business and home development have been stalled in Hammond because of problems with water flow and low pressure, which can lead to water quality problems and fire safety issues.

The \$1.645 million project received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Loan program.

Warrenton is considered a disadvantaged city because there are lots of miles of aging pipe without enough taxpayers per mile to adequately maintain them. That made it more eligible for the grant.

What isn't covered by the grant will be funded with a loan at 1 percent interest.

# Community event planned for Halloween

The Columbia Press

With so many events cancelled this year – and some communities banning door-to-door trick-or-treating – Warrenton's children will have a fun activity on Halloween.

On Tuesday night, city commissioners approved an application from Spruce Up Warrenton to have a Halloween Trunk or Treat event at Robinson Community Park.

"We're going to play it pretty safe," said Jeanne Smith, event organizer.

There will be no congregating, those handing out treats must wear gloves and masks,



and each stop on the trick-or-treating path around the park will be distanced from the others.

The free event is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at the park, which is on Alder Avenue behind City Hall.

Warrenton businesses will decorate their vehicles and park in designated spots

around the park. Children will make their way in the same direction from trunk to trunk collecting candy and other items.

"We're not asking for money, this is totally donations from businesses," Smith told commissioners, who unanimously approved the application.

At the city's request, Spruce Up members contacted Clatsop County Public Health for advice on ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the city will look into providing hand-washing stations at the entry and exit of the trick-or-treating route, City Manager Linda Engbretson said.



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