

Safe Routes: On-campus fixes also being mulled

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At Wahanna and Spruce, crossing improvements are estimated at more than \$197,000 to install a curb extension and curb ramps on the northeast corner. School crossing signs would be added at the crosswalks across Wahanna.

The school district will also consider numerous fixes.

The study area involves neighborhoods within a 1-mile campus radius, such as Sunset Hills, Whispering Pines, Lea Way, Spruce and parts of Wahanna and Broadway, where the Sunset Recreation Center and Seaside Public Library are located.

The Department of Transportation partners with the city and school district to work on and fund the Safe Routes to School project identification papers, Kenneth Shonkwiler, the senior region planner for ODOT, said.

“We are involved to help the school district and city but also to come up with solutions on ODOT right of way for children accessing school via active transportation,” he said. “The solutions range from physical infrastructure to educational and enforcement-related. The planning

ODOT WILL PARTNER WITH CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT.

project identifies solutions that can then be funded by the Safe Routes to School construction grant.”

The city has already tackled a few projects, such as creating a crosswalk on Spruce and restriping the road at the intersection with Wahanna Road to add a turn lane.

Right now, the planning document is still a draft.

“Input from the community is a vital part of the process,” said Kathy Kleczek, the Safe Routes to School region coordinator, who oversees projects in Clatsop, Tillamook and Columbia counties. “Everyone sees things from a different lens, so input from people that will use the routes, whether school related or not, is important.”

“The plan will not all be implemented at the same time, and it will be used as a blueprint for how to make the routes to school the best they can be for our future generations. We do not want to miss something because we didn’t see it.”



R.J. Marx

Spruce Drive up to the high school is an area of traffic safety concern.

TAKEAWAYS

- The crossing at Alder and Spruce Drive is a highly traveled area during school commute hours, but facilities are inadequate for safe travel for all active modes.

- The sidewalks along Spruce Drive are a common route for students traveling to school. Sidewalk improvements and lighting upgrades are needed to provide safer travel for students.

- The intersection at the entrance of Pacific Ridge Elementary is confusing and vehicles frequently block student crossings. There is a need for crossing improvements and lighting upgrades at this intersection

- Wahanna Road and Broadway are well-traveled by students to reach a number of destinations. Safer crossings are needed on all legs of the intersection.

- Crossing Wahanna at Spruce Drive does not provide adequate safety and protection for pedestrians and bicyclists. There is a need for high-visibility crosswalks, curb ramps to shorten crossing distances, and school crossing signage.

- On the Seaside Middle/High School campus, there is not a safe path for students to reach the east side of the campus, resulting in students walking in the road.

Fine: City plans wastewater system upgrades

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pump stations associated with the discharges and propose measures to limit future discharges.

The city did not dispute the discharge violations, but requested a hearing to discuss the assessment.

Public Works Director Dale McDowell responded in an appeal March 9 that the city has been “aggressively working on wastewater and stormwater separation, inflow and infiltration of our manholes and pipe lines, by updating our system over

the last seven years.”

McDowell listed a series of projects designed to address discharges with upgrades to the system.

“The city of Seaside has been aggressively working towards sanitary sewer improvements, inflow and infiltration, and updates,” he wrote.

Among upgrades, McDowell wrote, the city approved up to \$5 million to increase capacity and lower costs at the wastewater treatment plant.

To meet costs, the city will refinance general obli-

gation bonds from 2007, 2011 and 2012 to pay for a sludge dryer, centrifuge and \$700,000 in engineering costs.

The equipment was ordered in February, McDowell said.

In his response and request for a hearing, McDowell proposed the possibility of resolving a portion of the penalty through completion of a supplemental environmental project that the city would be willing to sponsor.

“One of the examples was a Community Hazardous Collection Day held in

Seaside for our community members,” he wrote.

Wastewater supervisor Tony Biamont, in a separate letter to DEQ, said the missing report had been sent via hard copy. He said he sent out a copy of the report after he had been told it was missing.

In months ahead, the city will conduct manhole rehabilitation in Sunset Hills and epoxy manholes at the Huckleberry and Cooper subdivisions, McDowell added.

The city will meet with the DEQ on April 6, McDowell said.

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