

West Portland Town Center Plan

June 15, 2019 Community Walk Roll Event

Written Survey Responses

Stop/ location #1 – “Crossroads” /Barbur and Capitol

A. How does it feel to walk across or near the Crossroads?

1A: Scary. Too many lanes to cross, too short a signal. Cars not noticing peds.

1A: Bummer having to cross only on N side of intersection bike. Scary even with a walk light crossing Barbur. Cars don't see people using crosswalk. They are in a hurry & driving fast! Right hooks thru the crosswalk frequent and hard to anticipate while walking/biking.

1A: Dangerous, noisy, polluted

1A: Challenging for ppl w/ disabilities to cross – no available signals, not sufficient time to cross. Cars will turn right onto Barbur into x-walk feels intimidating to be a pedestrian.

1A: Not safe

1A: Traffic is too fast, right hand turn is dangerous, no pedestrian crossing on Walmart side, too many lanes to cross

1A: Noisy, lots of traffic

1A: a little dangerous

1A: Left turn from Capitol onto Huber – dangerous cannot see pedestrians well

1A: busy, loud, built for cars, not a long light

1A: too far, too many lanes/noise, not enough protection

1A: need sidewalks

1A: unsafe

1A: /blank/

1A: if I were older and walked slowly it would be hard for me to get across in time

1A: not so great

1A: rushed to cross Barbur, make middle island wider, fill left turn lane for buses only, for elderly & families to stop midstreet

1A: length of crosswalk makes it difficult, cars northbound on Capitol are moving fast & very close to crosswalk & intimidating

1A: /blank/

1A: Terrible! And biking is even worse, especially the left hand turn factor

1A: slightly scary, especially if you are less able to walk quickly

1A: dangerous, confusing

1A: for the most part I feel safe but need more lights

1A: it's a little scary

1A: Loud, it's far to walk

1B. What would make you feel safe to walk?

1B: longer signal @ traffic island, slower traffic, fewer turning vehicles (dedicated ped xing signal when cars can't go)

1B: Narrow crossing bollards for bike lanes. Remove Walgreens and use this space better? Reduce Capitol lanes thru intersection.

1B: For drivers to slow down before turning in front of me when I'm in the crosswalk or crossing a driveway.

1B: More separation of people and cars. Longer time to cross

1B: We request for traffic lights on the zebra cross on Capitol Hill and Barbur near Markham Elementary and Mosque.

1B: an island in the middle, right hand turners held back somehow

1B: safe enough if I can continue to walk at a good speed

1B: an overpass or more pedestrian friendly crosswalk

1B: Wide sidewalk on one side of Capitol

1B: /blank/

1B: more islands, bollards, something to hide behind. Fewer lanes, left-only northbound, more predictable

1B: time lights

Ryan: 1B: longer light for walking, crosswalk by mosque with light, cross walk by Barbur bus stop

1B: lights, hi-viz plates, sound

1B: shorter walk across the intersection, eliminate left turn lane onto I5

1B: colored pavement, better crosswalk paint, slower car speeds

1B: strong sign for right turn Capitol to Barbur, caution for pedestrians, walk light longer than color light

1B: /blank/

1B: /blank/

1B: some sort of physical barrier

1B: longer signal, less wide street

1B: more sidewalks-wider ones, more clearer lights w/ warnings & longer better timers, signage to clarify to both peds and drivers

1B: cross walks with light: add more street lights

1B: to feel more safe, we need more crossroads, signs and time to get over

1B: removing I5 on/off ramps

1 C. *Additional Comments*

1C: eliminate I5 on ramp

1C: ODOT Jughandle can only create more traffic and confusion. These are dangerous for active transportation

1C: Drivers ignore the no turn on red signal at Capitol Hwy & Huber to the north entrance

1C: Noisy and unpleasant to stand at intersection waiting to cross. No bike lanes or protections. Need flashing signal crossings where there are no traffic signals. Should have crosswalks on all four corners of intersection.

Saalim: 1C: Broaden the sidewalk, they are narrow

1C: /blank/

1C: /blank/

1C: don't text and cross this intersection

1C: better lights - flashing

1C: /blank/

1C: remove thru lanes, protected bike lanes

1C: "Jughandle" will greatly impact negatively safety of bikers & walkers @ 4 way stop upstream

1C: wider sidewalks, no signs in sidewalk, street light on Luradel

1C: Lights/sound/floor plating at Taylor's Ferry & Barbur/Capitol crosswalks

1C: /blank/

1C: /blank/

1C: /blank/

1C: /blank/

1C: /blank/

1C: a general traffic slowing feels like it needs to be considered, also, this is a huge (unintelligible)

1C: if you're in a car it's a dog-eat-dog experience. On foot, you can feel like prey

1C: built for cars, not for peds, the entrance to the highway is problematic for ped flow

1C: Capitol Hwy needs more street lights

1C: I would just like to be safe for all in the area, it long way you cross

1C: Ped & bike crossing from Alfred to Markham over I5

Stop #2 - Barbur World Foods/Taylor's Ferry and 41st

A. What kind of new businesses would you like in addition to Barbur World Foods?

2A: coffee shops, restaurants, book store, small

2A: Food carts, hardware store, pub

2A: Bike shop/maintenance

2A: Cafes, services not just office parks (e.g. dry cleaners, shoe repair, haircuts)

Saalim: 2A: Halal store, community center, sundry store, group club-family friendly, playground

2A: Ice Cream place, convenience store, Diner (small, local), playground, bike shop/storage, escooter rental, Community event space, dog park

2A: /blank/

2A: /blank/

2A: restaurants

2A: Hakny(?), restaurant, coffee

2A: copier/print, co-working gym, recreation space and event

2A: Keep Barbur Foods! Only walkable grocer for this neighborhood at this time

Ryan: 2A: small local business, sundry/peaches(?), banks, GameStop, Halal Store, indoor soccer, small community center, movie house

2A: Grocery, food pantry, clothing consignment/pantry, keep what's here, community health center, opportunities for neighborhood businesses (Ethnic stores: somali, etc.) community centers

2A: restaurants- nice, moderately priced, hairdresser, banks

2A: daycare, health club

2A: Keep Barbur Foods!

2A: /blank/

2A: /blank/

2A: multicultural food carts, performance spaces, a new fire station?

2A: real restaurants (vs. fast food)

2A: Housing, restaurant, coffee shop, some type of entertainment w/o liquor, recycling center

2A: Community center, passport office, Boy's & Girl's gym or martial arts school, recycle center

2A: I would like to see more family friendly places

2A: cleaners, breakfast joint, brew pub

B. From here, where do you think the heart of the Town Center is on this side of I -5?

2B: Barbur Foods business center N of Taylor's Ferry

2B: Barbur WF or the existing TC even better

2B: It's hard to visualize what this area could look like.

2B: Heart should be on the north side of Barbur because the MAX line extensions will cut off the businesses on the south side.

2B: Towards Markham and Mosque area (Saalim)

2B: Building north of Barbur Whole Foods & Gas Station/mechanics

2B: Barbur Foods

2B: at BWF

2B: - no; East of I5 otherwise too close to Multnomah village

2B: not obvious, Walgreens?

2B: Barbur Whole Foods + North of Taylor's Ferry

2B: No Town Center needed or wanted

Ryan: 2B: there is none, too much streets

2B: /blank/

2B: Office building behind Barbur Whole Foods (across Taylor's Ferry)

2B: ?

2B: light rail, (heart across Barbur @ Starbucks/Round Table (struckthrough))

2B: /blank/

2B: /blank/

2B: we don't have one yet...build it, and they will come

2B: it's kind of "heartless" on this side, but this area is the closest

2B: no center exists b/c of how it is broken up-how the roadways are so big and are the focus

2B: Barbur Foods and the way to the masjid

2B: I'm not sure, I think it may be Capitol Hwy

2B: park & ride location

C. Additional comments

2C: Save Barbur Foods! Jughandle project will make traffic worse

2C: Wherever the TC is make it easily accessible for walkers & bikers; this one is very hard to get to except by car. Discourage park & ride for cars. This land is far too valuable for housing & multiuse commercial zoning. Provide lots of safe & secure parking for BIKES only.

2C: The Starbucks is nice and seems a mini community center. I see a lot of people gathering here

2C: Taylor's Ferry intersection is hard to cross as a pedestrian. Needs a signal to let cars know someone wants to cross. Jughandle Intersection is a nightmare at rush hour and is a terrible design for both cars & pedestrians/bikes

2C: /blank/

2C: What if traffic didn't come through Taylor's Ferry on this block? Carless area?

2C: /blank/

2C: /blank/

2C: /blank/

2C: /blank/

2C: paid and short term parking – not free, better walk and bike support
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2C: no heart of a town center here, no town center

2C: recycling center, playground, johny(?) in Tigard

2C: 43 frequent service, more night service, - 24hr service on bus 12, lights on bus stops – bus drivers don't see people in evening

2C: /blank/

2C: is this auto link needed

2C: traffic will be excessive, Barbur-Capitol-Taylor's Ferry

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2C: /blank/

2C: new ways to provide access at more Barbur, create a new town center w. BWF as the "anchor"

2C: this is my "town center", between Barbur Foods & Walgreens, a lot of day to day needs are met on this side of barbur

2C: /blank/

2C: /blank/

2C: I can also see 41st being improved

2C: /blank/

Stop/ location #3 - Barbur Transit Center

A. *Could you imagine this space used for another purpose? What would that be?*

3A: Apartments & street level businesses multistory parking structure

3A: /blank/

3A: A plaza might be nice but not a school because it will bring more traffic

3A: Mixed use, transit-oriented development! Both residential & commercial

3A: Build a big community center which would have all ethnic shops and food stores and restaurants like Ethiopian, Mexican, Somali, Swahili cultural store and venue spaces. (Saalim)

3A: Plaza! Farmer's Market

3A: /blank/

3A: Plaza & Businesses

3A: /blank/

3A: Housing, bus service to light rail, less parking

3A: Yes! Food carts, restrooms, bike repair station

3A: too noisy/exhaust for a plaza, farmer's market with parklike planting pleasant for short visits

Ryan: 3A: Plaza w/ splash pad, housing and Boys & Girls Club

3A: Rehabilitate it like Johnson Creek TC!

3A: yes, building is currently not being used. Multi story building with businesses on first floor

3A: businesses yes, plaza yes, housing yes, farmer's market maybe, school no, daycare yes

3A: yes, multiple use

3A: Farmer's Market on weekend

3A: /blank/

3A: Portland Mercado-style market w/ locally reflective businesses, new fire station

3A: Yes! It would be a great spot for a plaza like Director Park or Tanner Springs

3A: housing, farmer's market, community space, maybe build above the transit parking, pizza place, like a Multnomah village or waterfront area

3A: Halal store, GameStop

3A: housing, family friendly businesses

3A: yes, mixed use residential & commercial

B. What would make crossing Barbur to the transit center more comfortable or inviting?

3B: Longer ped xing lights, traffic islands, slower traffic

3B: Narrow & slow down Barbur

3B: A connected bike lane past Huber north

3B: longer times to cross

3B: Better and wider sidewalk and traffic lights

3B: pedestrian and cyclist waiting area

3B: longer light

3B: Add a flashing light

3B: /blank/

3B: /blank/

3B: shorter crossing, leading ped interval

3B: /blank/

3B: Cap I5 & narrow Barbur, timing of light of crosswalk, signage, wider sidewalks

3B: Lighting on overpass, less steep incline for wheelchairs

3B: /blank/

3B: nice plaza, mobility hub features kiss & drop center, medium sized park and ride

3B: /blank/

3B: /blank/

3B: Integrate commercial area much more organically than now (e.g. Old Barn(?))

3B: dedicated pedestrian crossing

3B: the ability to cross over Barbur like you can over I5

3B: /blank/

3B: /blank/

3B: make the crosswalk sign time longer

3B: remove (unintelligible) from I5 on/off ramp, pedestrian train bridge over Barbur

C. Additional comments

3C: /blank/

3C: Consider moving the TC or making 2 & embed them in the neighborhoods. Discourage drivers

3C: Better bike parking. Bike charging & car charging stations

3C: /blank/

3C: Apartments, shops and houses. Playground-maybe indoor

3C: Bridge crossing, European train station, bike parking, bike share, leading pedestrian interval

3C: less separation between Barbur Whole Foods and transit center

3C: don't text and cross this intersection

3C: /blank/

3C: /blank/

3C: electric scooters, bikeshare (+electrical), bike valet, mobility hub, jitney/carshare

3C: new (replace) I5 entrance and new exit, police call box, street lights adjacent

3C: community controlled gathering place, maintain some parking but phase out, build up around it w/ housing and commercial, civic space

3C: /blank/

3C: /blank/

3C: could a pedestrian overpass work here?

3C: /blank/

3C: /blank/

3C: /blank/

3C: this seems like a great site for a town center, more time for crosswalks

3C: The transit center itself if a dive-no services at all (like restrooms)

3C: willing housing, etc, be safe w/ the emissions from transit

3C: /blank/

3C: /blank/

3C: /blank/

Stop location #4 - I-5 Pedestrian overpass behind transit center

A. What would encourage you to walk to the transit center?

4A: better lightings, Publicize availability, sidewalks

4A: Publicize it, very hidden & unknown, So noisy & scary. Dark at night.

4A: If people didn't speed on Capitol Hwy it would feel much safer

4A: Better wider sidewalks

4A: sidewalks, better crosswalks

4A: /blank/

4A: if lived here and used the Transit Center, I'd use it

4A: now OK in the day time but could be lovely walk over to town center

4A: /blank/

4A: leading ped interval, crossing islands, fewer lanes on Barbur

4A: /blank/

4A: cover bridge for shade & Art, A place to go!

4A: /blank/

4A: landscape, lighting

4A: a BPS sponsored walking event

4A: sidewalks

4A: /blank/

4A: /blank/

4A: having an online app that helps people sort the sometimes confusing walking trails

4A: I walk to the transit center now but live on the same side of I5

4A: something worth going to do

4A: /blank/

4A: /blank/

4A: more reason other than transit, more commercial

A. What would make using the pedestrian bridge feel safer?

4B: yes

4B: Clean up the area. Garbage here is unsettling, I cut myself on the prickly weeds (ouch!)

4B: I do this regularly. I don't have issues running & walking. The zebra crossing at Huber is great but drivers speed so it can be hard to cross especially at rush hour.

4B: less steep, more lights for night crossing

4B: Better and wider sidewalk and traffic lights

4B: Lights, Police callbox

4B: better access- sidewalks on streets leading to bridge

4B: emergency call box

4B: wider – tree lined walk over to town center “promenade”

4B: /blank/

4B: Police call box

4B: /blank/

4B: lighting, sidewalks w/ art, signage

4B: /blank/

4B: Lighting, mark it! I didn't know it was here for years

4B: CPTED(?) visibility, better maintenance, reduce road noise

4B: well-lit area, crosswalk at road

4B: add wide sidewalks and bike lanes on SW 40th st. to make it more identifiable and useful as a major road to the pedestrian bridge and add signs directing people to the bridge

4B: /blank/

4B: better lighting at night (solar?)

4B: better maintenance of landscaping, it gives the impression of being unsafe, lighting, call box for police

4B: it doesn't feel unsafe but it would need strong fencing to protect from jumpers

4B: /blank/

4B: /blank/

4B: sound barrier

B. Additional comments

4C: Build other ped bridges across I5 – ie: from watertower @ 50th across Markam Esplanade (see other side map)

4C: Fix the cracks and tripping hazards. Narrow and scary for biking. Build more walking/biking bridges across I5 to encourage active transpo to Markham elementary from Crestview near 49th & 52nd

4C: /blank/

4C: need better bus service connection if people can't walk to transit center

4C: Better street lights, clear walking areas -like trimming trees

4C: Signage. Where is Jackson MS from here? Markham? Multnomah Village? Flag crossing, Bike lanes on Huber.

4C: /blank/

4C: /blank/

4C: town center, Wilbur and SW 40th ave, slow replacement of single homes to multiple

4C: /blank/

4C: more express bus service, more frequent service, cones & posts, bus lanes and bypass signals on Barbur to/from downtown

4C: I hope there will be a similar one for light rail if it goes in- by the transit center

4C: /blank/

4C: flashing crosswalk at Huber

4C: /blank/

4C: neighborhood sidewalks, call for an additional overpass (ped) by Markham school

4C: /blank/

4C: Plant more trees that absorb noise & fumes in south side of freeway along walkway to pedestrian bridge. Use species that absorb car exhaust fumes as well as possible

4C: /blank/

4C: sidewalks are always a limiting issue, clearer signage if the ped bridge from Barbur

4C: lack of sidewalks in this area is a real impediment

4C: /blank/

4C: /blank/

4C: /blank/

4C: /blank/

Stop location #5 - Portland Islamic School/Capitol Highway

A. How does it feel to walk to the school or library? What would make walking feel safer and more enjoyable?

5A: Better crossings on Capitol Hwy. Enforce speed limits/school zones on Cap. Hwy

5A: Narrow Capitol hwy; Slow Capitol Hwy

5A: /blank/

5A: better landscaping

5A: safe walking pathways with better street lights

5A: Bike lanes, separation through traffic, slower traffic

5A: /blank/

5A: add flashing traffic light to crosswalk at SW Capitol Hwy and Alfred

5A: /blank/

5A: /blank/

5A: wider sidewalks and bike lanes, narrower driveways

5A: /blank/

5A: Blinking light on crosswalk from mosque

5A: more sidewalks, flashing lights, crosswalks

5A: a light at Dickinson & Capitol. Resurfacing the road (Capitol)

5A: see column 1 (not so great)

5A: like the walk, comfortable

5A: /blank/

5A: /blank/

5A: Huber is better w/ sidewalks; I wish speed limit was better enforced

5A: tiring-it's uphill to the library! But safe enough

5A: from the bridge it feels good, crossing from one side of Barbur is too dangerous

5A: /blank/

5A: /blank/

5A: /blank/

B. From here, where do you think the heart of the Town Center is on this side of I-5?

5B: ? (question mark written in by respondent)

5B: Barbur Transit Center

5B: The library & park

5B: Could focus down Huber towards I5 Pedestrian bridge

5B: /blank/

5B: McDonalds, Hotel, Roundtable

5B: transit center

5B: not really one here

5B: North

5B: /blank/

5B: Starbucks Parking Lot? Lid on I5? So much unused space

5B: No town center wanted, if single "node" put it here

5B: more housing near 40th & Wilbur

5B: /blank/

5B: Possible Pomona & Capitol

5B: ?

5B: (starbucks/shell station (struckthrough))

5B: /blank/

5B: /blank/

5B: hard to define, it's sort of the 3 schools; Markham, Islamic school & Jackson MS

5B: probably the commercial area on the south side of Capitol

5B: /blank/

5B: /blank/

5B: /blank/

5B: could be where Chase and the restaurant is

C. Additional Comments

5C: Flashing light ped xings by mosque/Islamic school & by library

5C: The Light Rail design with it crossing off center running Barbur is going to make a mess of this area! The overhead structure will be ugly & unsightly creating SLUM! Barbur separates this town center N-S for all but car drivers, Capitol Hwy separates E-W.

5C: I worry about the side streets to Capitol Hwy because people driving aren't checking the bike lane or sidewalk before zooming out onto Cap. Hwy, it's dangerous for the students.

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: crossings and slower traffic, traffic calming

5C: /blank

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: lower the speed limit to 20, floating bus stops, bus/bike only the right lane southbound

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: automatic turns @ crosswalk-no need to press button

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: creation of resilience space, something that integrates the schools-community space. Lower the speed limit on capitol hwy, more frequent sweeping of bike lanes for safety

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

5C: /blank/

Other comments in the margins:

“The recent improvement at Barbur and Capitol Highway do feel safer with the extended corner plus the longer crossing signal. The sidewalk along Capitol Hwa between Huber and Barbur is very narrow and low on the east side of Capitol. I though Black Rock’s driveway would cause more traffic, but I hasn’t been noticeable.

People from the apartment south of Barbur frequently walk to Barbur Work Foods. They carry many ethnic foods for the people who live in the surrounding neighborhood. So I’d love to see the grocery store supported.

Maybe we could put the cars underground at Taylor’s Ferry and Capitol. There are a lot of people walking through the 4-way stop and it is har for crossing safely.”

- Put lights on crosswalk near Masjed As-Saber (Alfred St.)
- Pub crosswalk at Holly Farms Park
- Crosswalks need repainted
- Timer on crosswalk is too short
- Put in more sidewalks on Barbur
- Put in speakers for the blind, yellow dotted plate on ground for blind with canes
- Sidewalk must extend further
- Make a crosswalk to access sidewalk next to freeway
- Bike lane needs to be wider

Huber at Capitol, bump out

