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Jeffrey:

Thank you for sending out the TSP outreach. I would like to comment even though I live in "downtown Knappa" I have a vested personal interest in public transport. I am no longer involved in the political or public life. I am private person and my comments are from a private person interested in public transport.

I was once on the Sunset Empire Transportation board and I learned a lot of how public transport is regarded in Clatsop County. I had extensive conversations with a now former Cannon Beach city manager Helen Westbrook. In Clatsop County public transport is viewed for "those people" and not "us". Next week I will be in London, I have my bus/tube pass ready to go and I travel with "all of us". You can see where this is going. Getting public transport from Warrenton to Cannon Beach on a busy summer day is difficult. Traffic congestion makes it nearly impossible at times. There needs to be express lanes from Gearhart through Seaside to US26 HW101 interchange. This would make public transport viable year round. What is sad about all of this, it could have been this way for most of that route. There was a rail line along 101 from Astoria that was taken out of service in the late 1970's and a "rails to trails" program could have been setup to preserve the right of way for future use.

From a regional point of view we need to stand back and see how of this comes together and how we get from point A to point B in the most efficient way without clogging up our roads and highways. The other side of this is the San Francisco BART system. I rode BART from Concord to Oakland in the mid-1980's. It was clean and efficient. I was back in the area a few weeks ago and it is a hell hole. No one sane person rides BART anymore. The stations and trains are a mess.

If you are in London next Saturday, more than happy to take you on tour of what can be done.

Best wishes, your outline looks good. Jim Santee



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