



# **WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

OCTOBER 17, 2023



This meeting is held in person at the Florence City Hall with a virtual option  
Citizens wishing to express their views may provide verbal or written comments.  
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# AGENDA



## Call to Order – roll call

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Public Comments – *Items not on the Agenda*
3. Action Items – *Compact Car Parking Standards*
  - *Consider re-introducing compact parking standards into City Code*
4. Bus Shelter Discussion
5. Transit Ridership Survey Discussion
6. Subcommittee Updates
7. City Transportation Updates
8. Agency Transportation Updates
9. Closing comments, next meeting, & future topics



# PUBLIC COMMENTS

## *ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA*

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMENTS ARE ALLOWED IN BOTH WRITTEN AND VERBAL FORMAT FOR PUBLIC HEARING / ACTION ITEMS AS WELL AS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

## WRITTEN COMMENTS:

- EMAIL TO [PLANNINGDEPARTMENT@CI.FLORENCE.OR.US](mailto:PLANNINGDEPARTMENT@CI.FLORENCE.OR.US)
- MAIL TO FLORENCE CITY HALL, ATTN: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, 250 HWY 101, FLORENCE, OR 97439
- DROP OFF AT FLORENCE CITY HALL (250 HWY 101) DROP BOX  
(TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE)

NOTE: COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 2 HOURS PRIOR TO START OF MEETING.

COMMENTS DISTRIBUTED: TO CITY COUNCIL, POSTED TO CITY OF FLORENCE WEBSITE, AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD. (1 HOUR PRIOR TO MEETING)

## Verbal Comments:

- Speaker's Card: Commenters must complete a speaker's card available online at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/bc-tc/transportation-committee-speakers-card>
- NOTE: Cards must be received at least 1 hour prior to meeting start
- Time Limits: General Comments (Not a Public Hearing) are limited to 3 minutes per person, with a maximum of 15 minutes for all items.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTE COUNT DOWN TIMER**

**2 Minutes Left**

**1 Minute Left**

**30 Seconds Left**

**Time is Complete**



# COMPACT CAR PARKING

# COMPACT PARKING STANDARDS - OVERVIEW

- 2023 – 2025 Work Plan Item to consider re-introducing compact parking standards
- Parking design and dimension are regulated by FCC 10-3-9
- Standard Parking--9' 6" wide (B below)
  - Depth varies based on angle, typical 19' (C below)

**FIGURE 10-3 (1)**

Table 10-3-3 – Parking Area Layout							
Space Dimensions in feet	Parking Angle <°	Stall Depth		Aisle Width		Stall width (B)	Curb Length (F)
		Single (C)	Double (E)	One Way (D)	Two Way (D)		
	30°	15.6	26.7	12	18	9.5	19.0
	45°	18.4	33.4	13	18	9.5	13.4
	60°	20	38.8	17	18	9.5	11.0
	70°	20.3	40.6	18	19	9.5	10.1
	80°	20	41.2	22	22	9.5	9.6
	90°	19	40.5	23	23	9.5	9.5

# COMPACT PARKING CONSIDERATIONS

## PROS:

- Potential to increase no. of parking spaces
- Potential for less pavement
- Less pavement may increase space for development or landscaping
- May decrease paving cost

## CONS:

- Decline in compact car sales & increased SUV/Truck sales
- Enforced by business
- Increased signage required
- Possible increased cost for future redesign
- May increased congestion & emissions
- May Increased time for plan review



# COMPACT PARKING EXAMPLE: WOODBURN, OR

## 3.05.03 Off-Street Parking

### A. Number of Required Off-Street Parking Spaces

1. Off-street vehicle parking spaces shall be provided in amounts not less than those set forth in this Section (Table 3.05A).
2. Off-street vehicle parking spaces shall not exceed two times the amount required in this Section (Table 3.05A).

### B. ADA: Accessible parking shall be provided in amounts not less than those that ORS 447.233 requires. The number of accessible spaces shall be included as part of total required vehicle parking spaces.

### C. A maximum of 20 percent of the required vehicle parking spaces may be satisfied by compact vehicle parking spaces.

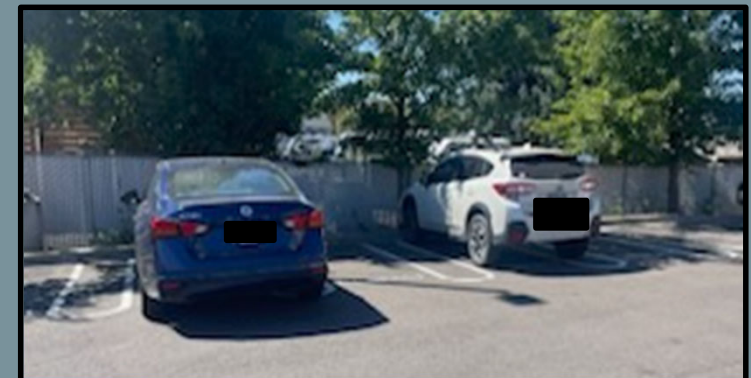
### D. Off-street vehicle parking spaces and drive aisles shall not be smaller than specified in this Section (Table 3.05B).

### E. A developer shall provide off-street bicycle parking per the minimums and standards in Tables 3.05D & G and the additional standards in Section 3.05.06.



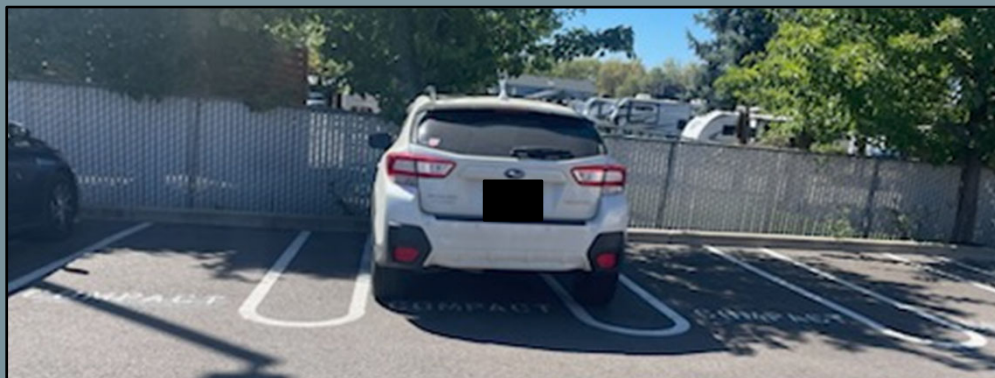
**Parking Space and Drive Aisle Dimensions**  
**Table 3.05B**

Parking Angle	Type of Space	Stall Width (feet)	Curb Length (feet)	Stripe Length (feet)	Stall to Curb (feet)	Drive Aisle Width (feet)	
						1-way	2-way
A		B	C	D	E	F	G
90° (Perpendicular)	Standard	9.0	9.0	18.0	18.0	24.0	24.0 <sup>8</sup>
	Compact	7.5	7.5	15.0	15.0	22.0	
	Car Accessible Aisle	6.0	6.0	18.0	18.0	24.0	
	Van Accessible Aisle	8.0	8.0	18.0	18.0		



# QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE

- Does the Transportation Committee find that re-introducing compact parking standard into Florence City Code would be beneficial to the City and development?
- Does the Transportation Committee find that re-introducing compact parking is not beneficial or the right fit for the City of Florence at this time?
- Does the Transportation Committee find that additional work and research is needed to make a decision on whether to recommend re-introducing compact parking standards?



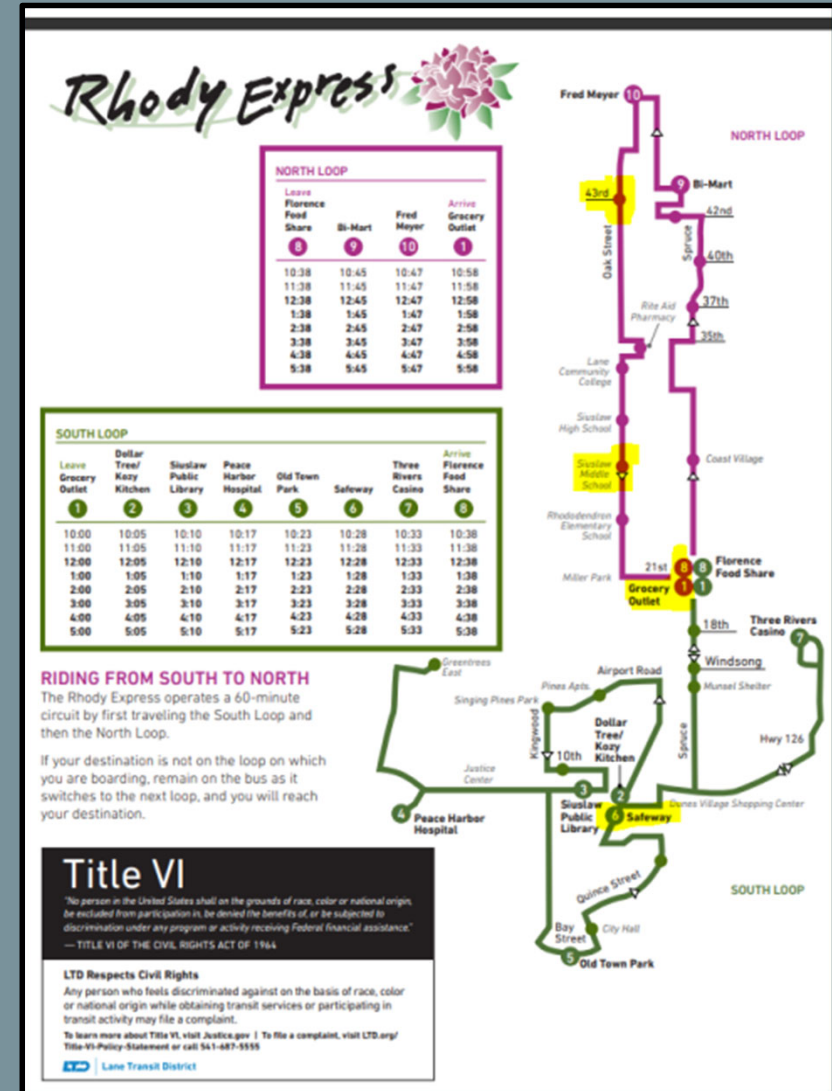


# BUS SHELTER DISCUSSION

# BUS SHELTER OVERVIEW

## LTD Grant in Partnership with the City :

- Targeted to replace at least 4 shelters along Rhody Express Route
- Final location not decided. Priorities are:
  - Safeway
  - Grocery Outlet
  - Siuslaw Middle School
  - 43<sup>rd</sup> & Oak
- Duo-Gard preferred manufacturer



# BUS SHELTER CONT'D

## Preferred Materials:

- Aluminum Framing
- Polycarbonate side panels
- Standard Sizes
  - 5x10
  - 5x12
  - 6x12
- Shelter size will be determined by ridership and space available at the location





# BUS SHELTER CONT'D

## Amenities Considerations:

- Benches
  - Consider rider comfort
  - Design to deter loitering
- Lighting
  - May increase shelter cost
  - May deter loitering
- Trash
  - Would require and adopt a shelter program
  - Consistent monitoring not available currently



# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

- Of the proposed shelter options which are your two preferred options and why?
- Of the following items, are these high, medium, or low priorities:
  - Lighting?
  - Ability to have art (2D) incorporated onto the shelters?
  - Closed sides on one, two, or three sides?
- Which of these shelters will be best suited for rider comfort in the Florence climate?



# TRANSIT RIDERSHIP SURVEY



# TRANSIT RIDERSHIP SURVEY WORK PLAN OBJECTIVES

## 2023 – 2025 Related Work Plan Items:

Objective: Transit Stop Management

Task: Investigate safety and identify solutions for transit stop abuse

Objective: Perform a Transit Ridership survey

Objective: Research and adopt transit amenity design standards

Objective: Support local transit promotion and improvements



## Ridership Survey

1. How often do you ride the Rhody Express?

- ☐ 1 time or less per month      ☐ One or two times a month  
☐ About once a week      ☐ More than once a week

2. How long have you been using Rhody Express?

- ☐ Less than 6 months    ☐ 6 months to 1 year    ☐ 1 year to 3 years  
☐ 3 years to 5 years    ☐ 5 years or longer

3. What is your main purpose for riding the Rhody Express?

- ☐ Home      ☐ Medical Services  
☐ Shopping      ☐ Work or Work Related  
☐ Social, Recreational, Religious, etc.    ☐ School or School Related  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What changes to Rhody Express service would make riding more convenient for you?

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Earlier Morning Service      ☐ More Frequent Weekday Service  
☐ Later Evening Service      ☐ Weekend Service  
☐ More destinations/expanded route: Where would you like the bus to go?

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. How would you rate the safety of Rhody Express and bus shelter/stop?

- ☐ Excellent    ☐ Good    ☐ Neutral    ☐ Fair    ☐ Poor

Comments/Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus stop(s) or shelter(s) did used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How would you rate the quality of the current Rhody Express service?

(One being the lowest and 10 being the highest)

- ☐ Excellent    ☐ Good    ☐ Neutral    ☐ Fair    ☐ Poor

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return survey to bus driver, City Hall, 250 Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439, or email to [planningdepartment@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:planningdepartment@ci.florence.or.us)

Thank you. Citizen involvement is essential to improving the public transit services.

TC Form 2023

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## Rhody Express Transit Ridership Survey

If you have already completed this survey on this route, please do not take it again.

[Transit Agency] is conducting a survey of our customers to help plan for service improvements. Your input for this survey will help us evaluate how reliable our service is, and will help us adjust service schedules and features to better suit your needs. Please return your completed survey to the survey administrator on this bus. Thank you for your assistance!

Survey ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Route: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_

### Where are you coming from?

- ☐ Home
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Medical services
- ☐ Work or work-related
- ☐ University/college (student only)
- ☐ High school/middle school (student only)
- ☐ Social, recreational, religious, community, or personal business
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Where are you going?

- ☐ Home
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Medical services
- ☐ Work or work-related
- ☐ University/college (student only)
- ☐ High school/middle school (student only)
- ☐ Social, recreational, religious, community, or personal business
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### How long have you been using Rhody Express?

- ☐ Less than 1 month
- ☐ 1 month to 6 months
- ☐ 6 months to 1 year
- ☐ 1 year to 3 years
- ☐ 3 years to 5 years
- ☐ More than 5 years

### What is the primary reason you chose public transit for your trip today?

- ☐ Convenience
- ☐ Saving money
- ☐ Environmental benefits
- ☐ Unable to drive
- ☐ No personal vehicle available
- ☐ I prefer taking public transit
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### How often do you use the Rhody Express, on average?

- ☐ 1 or fewer times per week
- ☐ 2-4 times per month
- ☐ 1 time per month
- ☐ Once every few months
- ☐ A few times per year
- ☐ This is my first time on the bus
- ☐ I have not ridden the bus before

### Satisfaction with existing service

#### How satisfied are you with the following service features?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
The time buses for this route stop running in the evening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The time buses for this route start running in the morning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The frequency of buses running along this route	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The wait time for this bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The on-time reliability of this bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Importance of Service Changes

#### How important are the following service changes?

	Very important	Fairly important	Important	Slightly important	Not important
Addition of weekend service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More frequent weekday service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earlier morning service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Later evening service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional stop(s) (if so, where?)					
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional amenities (e.g., bike racks)					
Suggested amenities:					
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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The Americans with Disability Act defines a person with a disability as somebody who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity. Based on this definition, are you a person with a disability?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ Prefer not to answer

What age range are you in?

- ☐ Under 18      ☐ 65-84  
☐ 18-24      ☐ 85 or older  
☐ 25-44      ☐ Prefer not to answer  
☐ 45-64

Are you traveling today with:

- ☐ Bicycle      ☐ Backpack  
☐ Luggage      ☐ Service Animal  
☐ Friends/Family. If so, how many people are you traveling with? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Prefer not to answer   ☐ Companion

Are you a resident of the area or a visitor?

- ☐ Resident  
☐ Visitor

What is your home zip code?

\_\_\_\_\_

If this bus service were not available, how would you have made this trip?

- ☐ Driven alone  
☐ Carpooled with somebody else  
☐ Gotten somebody to drive me to my destination  
☐ Biked  
☐ Walked/used personal mobility device  
☐ Used a taxi or ride-hailing service (Uber, Lyft)  
☐ I would not have been able to make this trip  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you connecting from another transit route today? Coos Bay, Eugene, Yachats, or other?

- ☐ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ No

How did you hear about the Rhody Express?

- ☐ Friend/Family  
☐ Rhody Express Brochure  
☐ Community Event  
☐ Internet Search  
☐ Tourism Site (if so, which one): \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Social or Senior Services  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently:

- ☐ Active military or veteran of the Armed Forces  
☐ University or College Student

### How Would You Rate Safety

How would you rate service safety?

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Neutral	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
The bus stop felt safe while waiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The bus ride felt safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The bus stop felt safe when exiting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional safety amenity suggestions					
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How would you rate service quality?

- ☐ Excellent  
☐ Good  
☐ Neutral  
☐ Fair  
☐ Poor  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate professionalism of the driver:

- ☐ Excellent  
☐ Good  
☐ Neutral  
☐ Fair  
☐ Poor  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



# TRANSIT RIDERSHIP SURVEY

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*Review from previous discussion-*

## Distribution Questions:

- How often should surveys be distributed?
  - Example: monthly, quarterly, yearly, or on a continuous basis?
- How should surveys be distributed?
  - Example: Paper or electronically?
- Where should surveys be distributed?
  - Example: Transit service, public buildings, social media, or somewhere else?

## Questions for Consideration:

- Top 3 questions you would like to see on a Florence ridership survey?
- Which 1 to 3 questions do you think should be removed from the survey?
- What questions should be on the survey that are not included?



# SUBCOMMITTEE / TC MEMBER UPDATES



# CITY & AGENCY TRANSPORTATION UPDATES





# REPORT AND DISCUSSION ITEMS



# CLOSING COMMENTS, NEXT MEETING, & FUTURE TOPICS

## Transportation Committee Calendar

Date	Time	Description
November 21, 2023	5:00 pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
December 19, 2023	5:00 pm	Transportation Committee Meeting
January 16, 2023	5:00 pm	Transportation Committee Meeting

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**THANK YOU!**

TRANSPORTATION  
COMMITTEE

