

THE CITY OF WHEELER, OREGON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
Statement of Goals and Policies

GOAL 12: TRANSPORTATION

GOALS:

State requirements for transportation include providing and encouraging a safe, convenient and economic transportation system and requests that communities address the needs of the transportation disadvantaged. To address those requirements the City has adopted the Wheeler Vision Plan's priorities and the Nehalem Transportation System Plan (TSP) goals and priorities for transportation. The Vision Plan prioritizes improving public safety by providing off-street bike and pedestrian trails and increasing an intercity trail system. The Nehalem Transportation System Plan's goals include:

- Improve mobility, safety and accessibility for all travel modes
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle circulation and facilities
- Provide for improvements that can be implemented and comply with applicable standards

POLICIES:

1. Additional access points to US Highway 101 shall be discouraged including those within new residential developments. Access to commercial uses should be provided by a consolidated access point.
2. The City will support equitable access for underserved and vulnerable populations through compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for new transportation infrastructure improvements and upgrades to existing infrastructure that does not meet ADA standards.
3. The City will support the development of planned regional bicycle and pedestrian trails, including the Salmonberry Trail and Tillamook County Water Trail.
4. The City will support streetscape improvements to improve the Waterfront and downtown areas, including - but not limited to - benches and bicycle racks, lighting and signage to enhance the pedestrian experience, and trees, landscaping and amenities along the street to create a sense of place.
5. Between the Nehalem Bay communities, Wheeler will support alternative travel modes that reduce vehicle travel between the cities, including- but not limited to - regional shuttle services or water taxis and prioritize improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
6. The City should prioritize enhancing pedestrian and bicycle crossings on US 101 that connect businesses and recreational destinations with neighborhoods.
7. The City will support improvements that increase visibility of transportation users in constrained areas, such as hills and blind curves.

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8. The City will prioritize improvements that address known safety issues at locations with fatal or severe injury crashes, crashes involving bicyclists or pedestrians, and vehicles entering and exiting US 101.
9. The City will coordinate with ODOT to implement engineering and traffic calming strategies on US 101 to reduce vehicle speeds and that are consistent with ODOT's Highway Design Manual and other local and regional planning efforts.
10. The City should maintain transportation infrastructure so that facilities can withstand extreme weather events and aid in evacuation efforts.
11. The City will support improvements to traffic circulation and access for fire and emergency vehicles.
12. The City will prioritize cost-effective transportation improvements.
13. The City will prioritize building out sidewalks and crossings in the commercial core to support safer connections for residents and visitors that want to access key destinations.