



YAQUINA HEAD Traffic Study

STUDY AREA

Yaquina Head ONA is a 100-acre protected area managed by the BLM and officially designated by the United States as an Outstanding Natural Area due to its scenic quality, and cultural and natural resources. The ONA is located on a prominent headland north of Newport, Oregon. The site provides numerous recreation opportunities including seal, sea bird, and wildlife viewing; whale watching; tide pooling; and walking and biking.

The ONA is accessible via Lighthouse Drive which begins at the intersection with the Oregon Coast Highway (US Highway 101) at Mile Post 137.61. The Yaquina Head ONA boundary begins about 0.2 miles west of the intersection. Within the site, the primary transportation system is comprised of 1.21 miles of asphalt paved roads and four parking lots. Additionally, trails provide pedestrian access to various recreation opportunities in and around the Yaquina Head Lighthouse.

INTRODUCTION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has initiated a study, in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to evaluate the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area (ONA). Increasing visitation to the Yaquina Head ONA has resulted in growing traffic congestion and risk of user conflicts. The *Yaquina Head Traffic Study* will identify and address site needs including operations at the entrance station, overall site circulation, multimodal (bicycle and pedestrian) accommodations and safety enhancements, parking management, pavement preservation, and congestion mitigation. The study will be a collaborative process with FHWA, BLM, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Newport, stakeholders, and the public to identify needs and potential solutions.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the *Yaquina Head Traffic Study* is to determine what transportation improvements can be made to address operational, safety, and geometric needs and any other areas of transportation concern identified through public and stakeholder outreach efforts. The study will consider public and stakeholder comments, environmental constraints, constructability challenges, and financial feasibility when identifying potential transportation improvements. The intent of the study is to provide an efficient transition from transportation analysis to future project development and environmental review, if any, based on identified need and funding availability. This is an initial study to help inform a future design or construction project.



GET INVOLVED

Public comments will be considered to better understand potential issues, concerns, opportunities, and constraints. To submit comments, view documents, and to learn more about the study please visit:

www.yaquinalights.org/yaquina-head-traffic-study

For more information or to submit comments:



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SURVEY

A survey is being conducted to gather feedback about transportation needs and concerns at Yaquina Head ONA. The survey will help the study team identify areas of focus.



SCAN CODE
TO TAKE
SURVEY

Please respond to the survey by
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

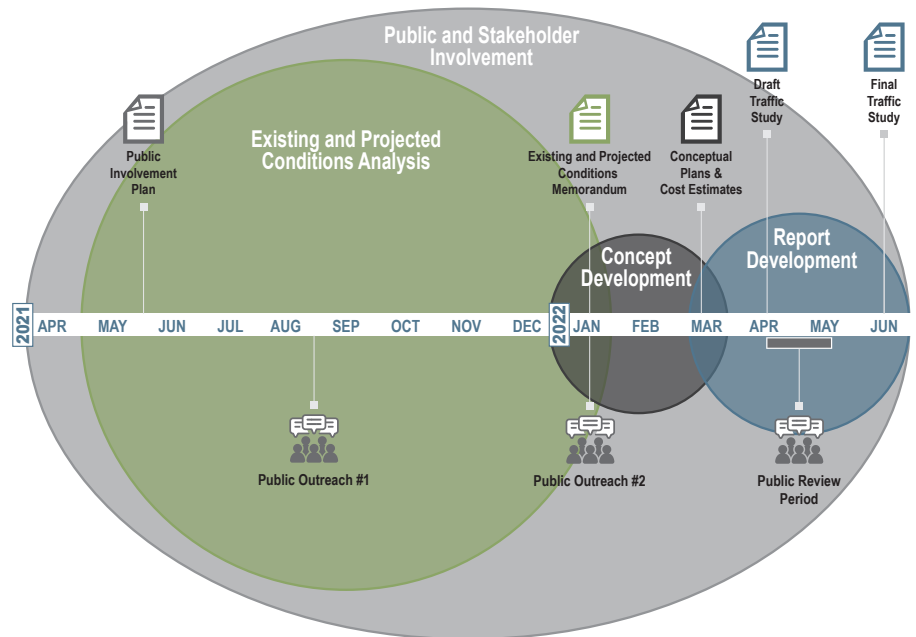
STUDY CONSIDERATIONS

The *Yaquina Head Traffic Study* is focused on the transportation aspects of the Outstanding Natural Area. A high-level analysis of the existing environmental setting will be conducted in order to identify environmental constraints that may affect potential transportation recommendations. The following topics will be evaluated and considered in the study:

- Site Circulation
- Existing and Future Traffic Operations
- Multimodal Accommodations (Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Transit)
- Parking
- Roadway Geometrics and Infrastructure
- User Safety
- Past Planning Efforts and Applicable Regulations

SCHEDULE

The *Yaquina Head Traffic Study* kicked off in April 2021. The first public outreach effort is occurring during the summer of 2021 and will help inform development of the study. A second public outreach effort will occur in January 2022 in coordination with release of the draft *Existing and Projected Conditions Memorandum*. All comments will be considered and incorporated as appropriate as the study team moves into the concept development phase. The draft *Traffic Study* is anticipated to be complete in April 2022. Following a public and stakeholder review period, the final *Traffic Study* is anticipated to be complete in June 2022.



The Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area was established by Congress to provide for the conservation and development of the scenic, natural, and historic values of the area; the continued use of the area for education, scientific study, and public recreation; and protection of the wildlife habitat of the area.