

Putting *Communities in Motion*
into Action

February 24, 2007

The Changing Face of the Treasure Valley
Panel Presentation
3:00 - 4:00

Our Challenge

Ensure livable and desirable communities
while facing changing demographics

Some Concerns

- Population Growth
- Changing Economics
- Age

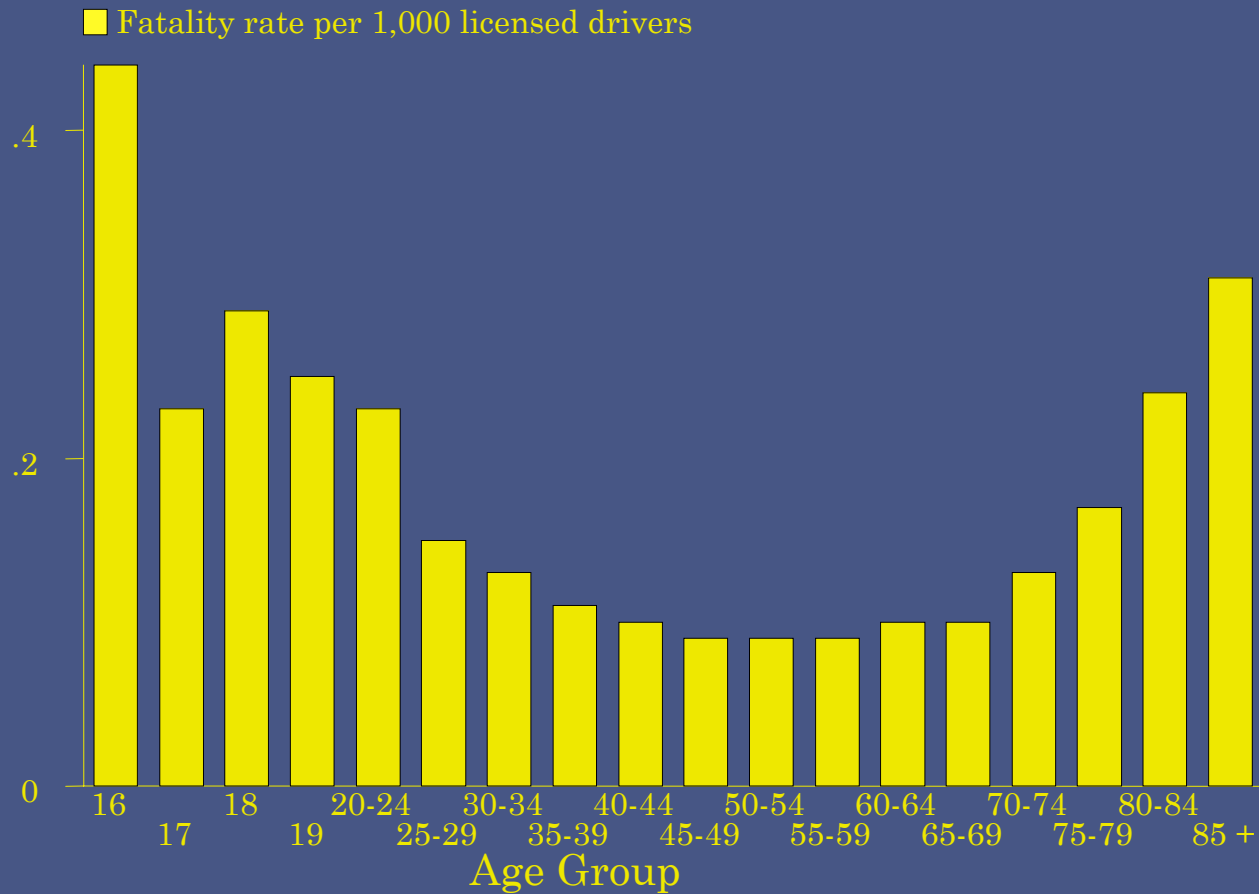
Growth Challenges and Changing Economics

- Return to the City— Singles
- Uneven—faster in the suburbs
- Elderly more likely to be suburbs
- Increasing percent of minorities in suburbs
- Job sprawl – geographical mismatch between workers and employment
- Poverty in city decreasing while poverty in suburbs is increasing

Some Challenges an Aging Population Faces

- Decreasing ability to Drive safely
- Loss of Independence
- Social Isolation

Drivers and Age



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Some Challenges an Aging Population Faces (continued)

- Fixed Incomes
- Need for Disabled access
- Need for Specialized care

Housing

- Modify Existing Home
- Move Elsewhere
- Influence the way the community develops around us

Move Elsewhere

Examples...

- Home that meet our needs
- Assisted Living
- Continued Care Retirement Communities
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Alzheimer's Facilities

Influence the way
the community
develops around us

-“Age in Place”



- Accessory Units or
Granny Flats
- Shared Housing
- Senior's only
complexes

Sisters Villa



Transportation

- Address Issues of Growth
- Preserve/Improve Quality of Life
- Fosters independence and connectivity

Diverse Transportation Options

- Walking and Bicycles
- Taxis and Shuttles
- Public Transit



Courtesy CTAA



Courtesy CNU

Taxis and Shuttles

City of Boston

- Senior Shuttle
- Taxi Discount Coupons

Pennsylvania

- Shared Ride Program
 - for Older Persons in rural counties
- Expanded for Persons with Disabilities
 - General Revenue Funds
 - estimate 49% of rides were work-related.

Transit and TODs - Bus, Street Car, Light Rail

Growth

- Location efficiency
- Zoning
 - Walkable streets
 - Rich mix

Economics

- Higher tax revenues
- Lower individual transit cost
- Potential for less mismatch

Age

- Independence and connectivity
 - Housing
 - Shopping
 - Dr. office
 - Recreation
 - Volunteering

What Planning in Housing and
Transportation Design can do is...

Reduce Congestion, Fuel Consumptions, and Vehicle Miles Traveled



Courtesy U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

Preserve and Improve our Quality of Life



Address the Sprawl and the Spatial Mismatch and Provide Diverse Housing Opportunities



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Provide Access to Recreation/Cultural Opportunities and Community Involvement



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Prevent Social Isolation



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In short, it's about building livable communities that can meet the challenges of changing demographics!

This Panel Presentation is available
at Boise State University's
Public Policy Center, Institute for
Urban and Regional Planning
Webpage:

[http://ppa.boisestate.edu/centerppa/planning-
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