

Couplets

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We've heard from the community about the idea of a couplet on Hwy 101 or US 20 (a couplet is a pair of streets where you can only travel in one direction on a street). Below are ways that couplets could be incorporated into Newport's highways (Hwy 101 and US 20).

Hwy 101 Couplet

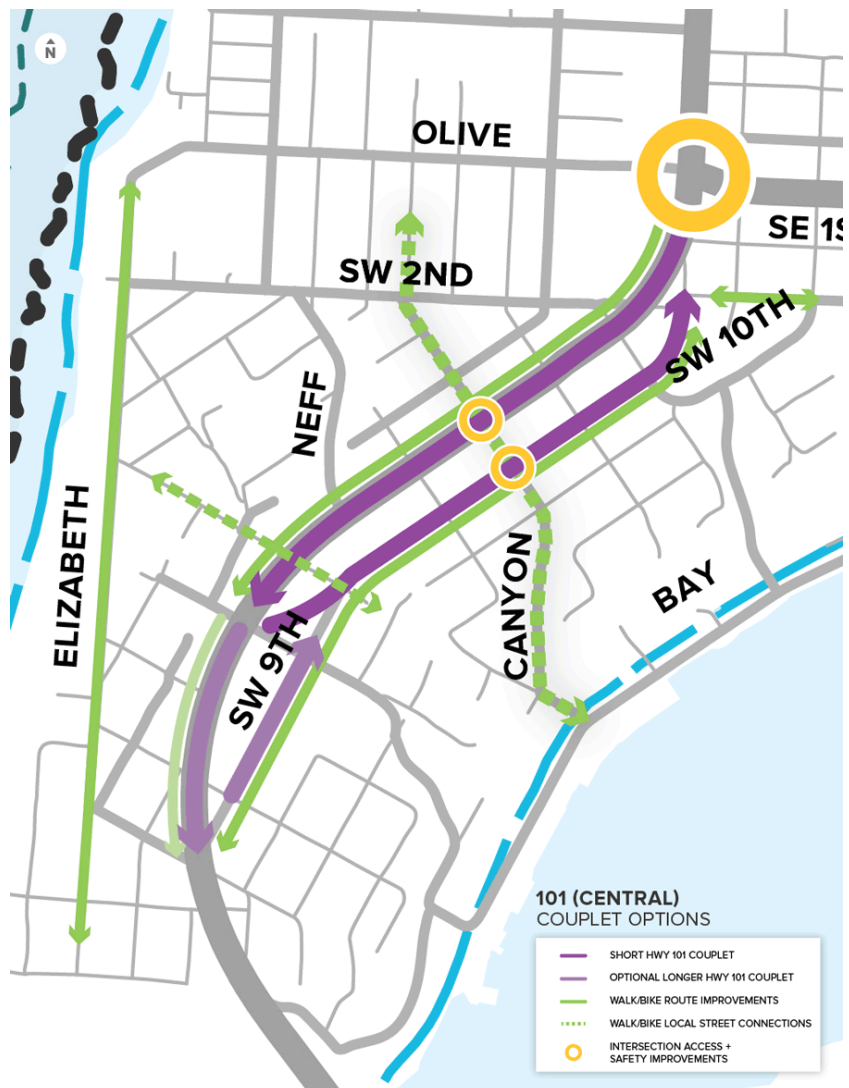
This image shows the current alignment of Hwy 101 (in grey) and the two different ways that a couplet could work on the highway.

Short Hwy 101 Couplet (Purple)

- Northbound travelers would switch to SW 9th
- Southbound travelers would stay on Hwy 101
- Extension is possible to the south as shown with the lighter purple arrows (this is close to the Hospital)

Walkable route improvements are shown in green arrows.

Intersection access and safety improvements are shown with the yellow circles.



US 20 Couplet

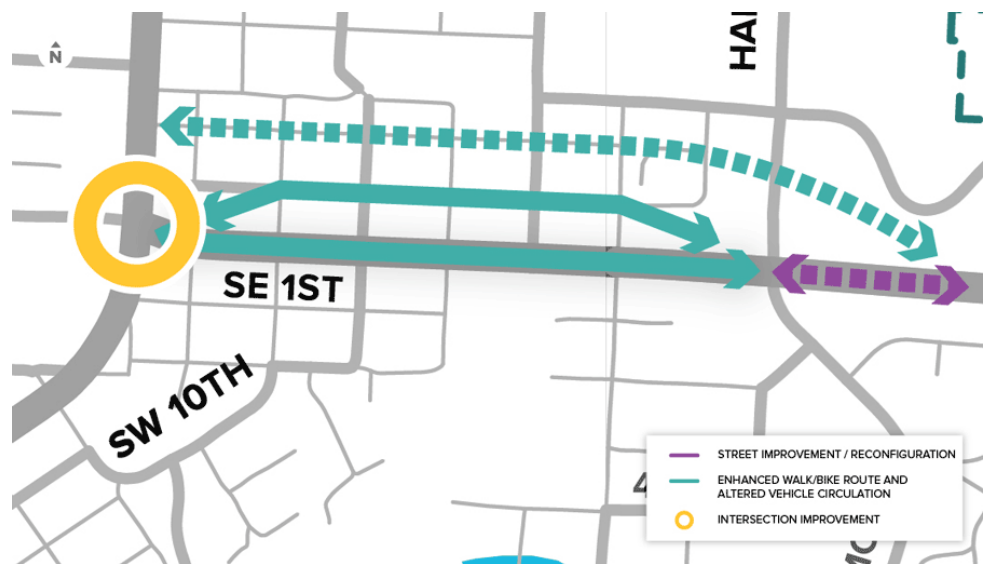
This image shows the current alignment of US 20 (in grey) and the two different ways that a couplet could work on the highway.

US 20 Couplet (Teal)

- Eastbound travelers could switch to NE 1st (or this could be switched to westbound only)
- Westbound travelers would stay on US 20 (or this could be switched to eastbound only)
- A longer couplet could be added to NE 2nd instead of NE 1st to connect up at US 20 further from town

Intersection access and safety improvements are shown with the yellow circles.

The purple dashed arrow shows where US 20 would need to be reconfigured/improved to transition from a two-way street to a one-way street.



Example Couplets

Below are some examples of couplets in other areas of Oregon.



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