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Good morning Jerry,

The context of the parking comment was during discussions with various community stakeholders of ideas for lessening the parking burden in unincorporated areas of the county where residents have raised concerns via community surveys and meetings. There have also been discussions that these same areas may benefit from the installation of a (federally funded) tsunami vertical evacuation structure or a small building with supplies at a tsunami assembly area. The areas that have been initially spit-balled as possible sites are Neskowin, Pacific City, Oceanside and Nedonna Beach.

In the case of Neskowin and Oceanside, the idea was to identify potential areas outside the village proper that could serve as a parking area and/or Tsunami vertical evacuation or assembly area. These areas would also preferably include new walking/biking paths to and from them. And yes, I would prefer to see that the parking areas require a Tillamook County Day Use Pass in order to capture some of the hundreds of millions of dollars that pass through Tillamook County in the pockets of day visitors.

I have many ideas surrounding solving congestion problems, needed facility upgrades, revenue generation and improved emergency response that are being talked about and brainstormed in various circles. However, as with any idea that involves public land use issues and public policy, there would be an abundance of public outreach, community stakeholder meetings, press releases and hearings to determine the feasibility and buy-in from residents and other stakeholders before an idea could ever move forward beyond the idea phase.

I hope that helps clarify the basis of a comment that appeared in Will's story.

Paul