



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Hybrid Meeting Held at Clackamas County Development Services Building
(150 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045) Room 401 & Remotely via Zoom
<http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/pbac.html>

6:30 p.m. – Welcome

Mindy Montecucco, Dave Weber, Pete Ihrig, Joseph Edge, Steve Adams, Bruce Parker, Dale Guenther, Kelli Grover, Del Scharffenberg, Dick Weber, Kenath Sponsel

Staff: Scott Hoelscher – Engineering Division (ED), Brett Setterfield – ED

Members of the Public: Elena Kazarov

6:35 p.m. – Approval of January Minutes

Steve made a motion to approve the January minutes, Dale seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6:45 p.m. – Walk/Bike Plan Update

Scott gave an update on the Walk/Bike Clackamas Plan to the committee. He started with a draft map showing the Slow Street candidates that was developed based on feedback from PBAC members, as well as consultation with County traffic engineers. He indicated that this is just a starting point for this portion of the plan, and will continue to ask for input from PBAC members (as well as other members of the community). He then gave an overview of the existing conditions in the County, including pedestrian (such as sidewalk miles) and bicycle (such as bike lane miles). He also went over pedestrian and bicyclist crash data between 2016 and 2020. Dave asked about where the data comes from, and Scott said it comes from ODOT, which gets its information from what's reported to the Sheriff. Dave said that means the number is probably underreported based on that metric. Dick asked about the number of crashes and if that includes a car, and Scott said it's everything (car or otherwise) that has been reported. Del asked if crashes are trending up, and Scott said he'll ask the traffic engineers.

Scott then gave an overview of the public engagement that's gone on to date for this project, called "Community Conversations." The project team attended a few events and tabled at different parts of the County to get the word out about the project. In conjunction with that there was an online survey. Early conclusions learned from this initial outreach:

- People avoid walking & biking if there's a lack of infrastructure or safety risks
- Need for more sidewalks and protected bike lanes (improved facilities)

The Committee was then shown the new online survey that has just launched and runs through the month of February, which includes an interactive mapping component where users can drop a pin or add a line to areas where they want to see improvements or other comments. The survey also asks the user to provide input on the project goals, shared streets, and any specific comments. Steve said every time he put a route in, he could only put a single concern in. Scott said he'll work with the consultant

Elena asked about data gathering, and ensuring that it's not just people who are walking and biking between those who WANT to walk and bike. Scott said there may be an opportunity to add something with the consultant into the map.

7:05 p.m. – New Member Recruitment

Scott and Brett gave an overview of the recruitment process, indicating that each of the current members reapplied, allowing for 2 more members to be added based on the 14 members that are allowed by the bylaws.

Joseph said that there is currently a gender imbalance with the Committee, and he feels that adding more from those with that experience would be beneficial. The current two females on the committee also represent more rural areas, and the two women who recently applied represent more urban areas. Bruce said that Elena has attended several meetings and shown a commitment already, and added that the geographical diversity would be beneficial with Elena & Emma. Del agreed and so did Dave.

Bruce made a motion to recommend for appointment Elena Kazarov and Emma Lugo to the PBAC. Pete seconded.

Del said that he agrees that Elena should be appointed, but doesn't think that Emma is the best other candidate. Steve said Jay Pangos is on Bike Milwaukie and he knows him best. Joseph added that the goal of improving the gender imbalance isn't a harm in this instance because all applicants seem equally qualified.

Bruce withdrew his motion. Bruce made a motion to accept the five renewing members, Kelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Joseph made a motion to accept Elena to the Committee, Bruce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pete made a motion to nominate Emma, Dick seconded. Kelli said to ensure that the Committee focus on walking, not just biking. The motion passed 10 to 1.

7:30 p.m. – Rhododendron Refinement Plan

Scott discussed the Rhododendron Refinement Plan in partnership with ODOT that makes bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Hwy 26. He showed the group the storyboard online open house that users can interact with to provide input into the project. There are three design alternatives:

- No-Build: do nothing
- 5-Lane Alternative: makes bike and pedestrian improvements on both side of the highway

- 3-Lane Alternative: transitioning from 5 lanes, down to 3 lanes and then two lanes with bike and pedestrian improvements.

Dave asked if there has been modeling done on the three alternatives, Scott said there is and he'll send that information to the Committee. Del said an underpass would be most beneficial, like golf courses. Scott said they're quite expensive. Kenath said anywhere a pedestrian is looking to cross the street, the fewer number of lanes is best. Steve asked if ODOT has considered pulling the bike lanes away from the road, place them behind the curb and go with a wider multiuse path. Scott said there's been a lot of discussion, but isn't sure there's enough room in the right-of-way. Mindy asked if there's crash data, Scott said there are and he'll try and pull that for the group.

7:55 p.m. – Hot Spots

Dick mentioned 122nd and Sunnyside Rd at a previous meeting where there's a significant conflict zone for bikers and vehicles. Scott said he's discussed with the traffic engineers that there are multiple aspects that can be addressed, and he'll provide updates in the coming months.

8:00 p.m. – Open Discussion / Updates

Scott showed a brief video that's been developed by the County about walking and biking in the County. He'll show the full video at the next meeting.

Scott said the Safe Routes to School poster contest is underway, and the winners will get their artwork on busses and bus stops.

8:10 p.m. – Adjourn

Bruce made a motion to adjourn, Dick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.