



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

<http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/pbac.html>

6:30 p.m. – Welcome

Bruce Parker, Dick Weber, Pete Ihrig, Del Scharffenberg, Joseph Edge, Steve Adams, Kelli Grover, Hans Tschersich, Dave Weber, Kenath Sponsel

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

Representatives: Nick Gross – ODOT/Kittelson & Assoc., Thelma Haggemiller – Friends of the Trolley Trail, Tonia Williamson – North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD)

6:40 p.m. – Public Comment

Thelma wanted to thank everyone who helped get the striping painted along the Trolley Trail to provide night safety. She also said she's excited to have Commissioner Savas look into the issue of people on bikes riding too fast.

6:45 p.m. – Approval of July Minutes

Dave made a motion, Pete seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6:45 p.m. – Rhododendron Design Refinement Plan

Nick gave a presentation on the project, detailing the project area in the community of Rhododendron between Little Brook Lane and Road 20. This project is designed to build off the Rhododendron Main Street Redevelopment Concept Plan & Rhody Rising Plan. The objectives of this project are to:

- evaluate and develop a preferred option for Hwy 26 (3-lane or 5-lane cross section)
- clarify the most appropriate cross section, the location of enhanced pedestrian crossing(s), and bicycle and pedestrian facilities to be implemented in conjunction with a future pavement project

Steve asked what the recent traffic counts are in this area, and will that impact the 3 or 5 lane option, and Nick said they're in the preliminary stages of the project and don't have a definitive answer just yet, but that is one of the most important aspects of this project. He did mention that initial studies are showing that a 3-lane option may be feasible. Kelli asked about seasonal issues, particularly in winter, and how the lane changes can impact traffic issues during snow and ice. Nick said they did their count during May or June, and then adjusted those counts to the peak (both winter and summer). Dick said people were going 60-65 mph this past weekend through

there so he understands the community concerns. Bruce said it might be hard for a pedestrian to get across without a stoplight even with 3-lanes. Nick said that's why they're looking into enhanced pedestrian crossings, such as a crossing with a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB). Nick also mentioned that Hwy 26 is a freight route, so any treatment has to avoid impacting large trucks. Hans said he sees people driving the speed limit in that area. Steve asked about potential pedestrian refuges, and Nick said the crossing would be placed in a location based on community feedback, as well as sight distance and other engineering components. Thelma asked about the distance of the project area and Nick said it's about 6 or 7 tenths of a mile. Bruce asked if sidewalks are an option with either cross section, and Nick said there is right-of-way for some now as there aren't any currently.

Nick asked the group, what is the preferred bicycle facility treatment option knowing the rural nature of Rhododendron along one or both sides of the highway? Kenath said Whistler, BC does a great job of bicycle facilities, including mixed-use paths where bikes and pedestrians can easily share the space. He added that wayfinding and signals are also important. Scott asked if Kenath saw any crossings across the highway and he said there are seamless crossings along Hwy 99 in Canada. Steve asked if there's been any discussion linking communities between Rhododendron, Welches and Government Camp. Scott said there was a recent plan looking at a path between Rhododendron, Welches and Zigzag. Del asked if there was a thought of adding an underpass instead of on street, Nick said it's not technically unfeasible, but this project is connected to a paving project that's scheduled in the next 3-4 years and this is the 'low hanging fruit' option.

Nick then asked everyone if they have ideas for roadway improvements. Joseph said there's a painting option that gives drivers the illusion they're driving faster than they are where it looks more narrow, naturally slowing them down. Hans said electronic speed indicators could help. Del said he would push for wider and smoother bike lanes, instead of mixing through bikers with pedestrians on a specific path. Bruce said to make sure rumble strips are not in the bike lane, and to push them right along the roadway. Kelli said she's supportive of both a mixed-use path, as well as a through bike lane. She also mentioned that a police car with a dummy inside has a history of scaring drivers to slow down.

Nick said there is a drop-in open house Thursday, August 11th from 2-4 p.m., and a virtual open house in September or October.

7:35 p.m. – Sunrise Gateway Community Visioning Concept

Brett gave an overview of the project, which is in the early phases of getting a consultant on board. This project is designed for public involvement from all groups within the community around the Sunrise Corridor, particularly groups that have been historically left out of government processes. He showed a pamphlet of the project and will have Scott send it out in the day-after email.

7:40 p.m. – Curated Recreational-Tourism Rides

Scott went over the project he's developing with the Tourism Department to curate specific rides in Clackamas County. He showed the new website that provides details on the rides (maps, elevation change, pictures). There are currently two on the website, the Trolley Trail and Canby Ferry Loop. He asked the Committee if anyone would like to join on the next rides to help develop the GPS info and take pictures for the website. The goal is to get another one done by September or October. He asked if anyone was interested to send him an email.

7:55 p.m. – Open Discussion | Project Updates

Tonia said the Damascus Mobility plan draft is out for comment, and she said there are no bike/pedestrian projects currently in the document. She said to have people comment about the lack of bike and pedestrian projects. Scott said that plan purposely didn't include bike and pedestrian projects because the upcoming Bike/Walk Plan will look at those types of projects. Tonia said there currently is street racing along 212, and including opportunities for bike and pedestrian comments is important. Scott said he'll send the document out to the Committee.

Scott said the Walk/Bike Plan will be kicking off shortly, and wanted to see if anyone wanted to sit on the Advisory Committee. If so, send him an email.

Scott mentioned this Sunday is Milwaukie's Safe Streets bike event, and he'll send out info on that event.

8:05 p.m. – Adjourn

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