



Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom
<http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/pbac.html>

6:30 p.m. Welcome

Joseph Edge, Dick Weber, Ray Atkinson, Dale Guenther, Bruce Parker, Pete Ihrig, Del Scharffenberg, Hans Tschersich, Kelli Grover, Steve Adams

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

Representatives: Nicole Perry – Safe Routes to School, Tonia Williamson – North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), Thelma Haggemiller – Friends of the Trolley Trail

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

Ray made a motion to approve, Hans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6:40 p.m. – Fee In Lieu (FILO): Sidewalk Fund Project Selection

Scott quickly went over the FILO project that allows developers to pay into a fee, instead of installing a sidewalk on small development projects in urban unincorporated Clackamas County. This fee doesn't apply to large developments. The goal is to avoid "piece-meal" sidewalks and use the funds on sidewalk projects that will cover an extended portion of roadway. The goal tonight is to select a project with the funds currently in the pot. He went over the FILO policy, and past projects that have been used from the funds.

Scott then showed the Committee a map of five different projects that County staff determined would fit this round of FILO funds. There were two options in Oak Grove, one just south of Mount Talbert, one along 152nd and the final one along Pilkington Rd just north of Rivergrove. Joseph asked which projects could be fully funded without leveraging other money. Scott said the three crosswalks would probably be fully funded, being about \$450,000, and the sidewalk projects might need additional funds being more expensive projects. Scott then showed some examples of Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) which would be portions of the crosswalk projects.

Scott added that doing nothing is also an option, letting the money sit and accumulate more funding. Joseph asked if the Committee is prioritizing these projects or make a recommendation, and Scott said this is a new process, but the goal is to have PBAC make a project recommendation, based on how the policy is currently written. Scott said it might work to make a crosswalk and a sidewalk recommendation. Joseph said it might make more sense financially to pick two crosswalks, and suggested PBAC select the two that serve schools (5 and 2A). Bruce asked if 2 and 2A are one or the other, and Scott showed the Committee the potential locations on Google Maps and the curve along 152nd creates challenging line of site for drivers that will force the County to look closer. Tonia mentioned that the one further north might be beneficial

as well because Pioneer Dr. is an access point to Hidden Falls Nature Park. Scott then showed the intersection further north that has direct access to Oregon Trail Elementary School.

Scott then showed the crosswalk project that would serve Rex Putnam High School along Roethe Rd. He then added that he's open to potential locations that staff didn't highlight as well if any members have ideas. Pete said he agrees with Joseph that the Committee should do something, and recommend the projects that impact schools. Hans asked about the Park Ave and River Rd intersection, and Scott said he'll talk about that project in the next agenda item. Kelli asked if PBAC is looking to make a recommendation tonight, or might revisit at a later meeting. Scott said he's looking for a recommendation tonight. Kelli made a motion to have PBAC recommend project 2A, 5 and 12, with project 2A prioritized highest, project 5 second, and project 12 third, Pete seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:30 p.m. – Community Development Block Grant: River Rd and Park Ave RRFB

Scott went over the CDBG program that focuses on pedestrian projects, and gave examples of a few different projects that have utilized this funding source. This grant proposal is to install a crosswalk with Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the Park Ave and River Rd intersection that connects to Willamette View Retirement Community. Steve gave some background on RRFBs and their value in adding them to crosswalks, and discussed the City of Milwaukie's CDBG grant for sidewalks and curb ramps throughout the city.

Joseph said the Oak Grove Community Council has been discussing this for a while, and they support getting this project funded. Joseph made a motion for PBAC to back the project through the support letter for the Park Ave-River Rd CDBG grant, and Del seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Scott then showed the draft letter from the City of Milwaukie, and Steve said North Clackamas School District and the Street Trust mentioned they'll support the project as well. Ray asked what low to moderate income is defined as, and Steve said Clackamas County provides a map showing what areas fall in that category. Joseph made a motion that PBAC approve the letter of support for Milwaukie's CDBG grant request, Del seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7:45 p.m. – Linwood Ave Separated Path

Steve provided an overview of the Linwood Ave separated bicycle and pedestrian path along the eastern edge of the City of Milwaukie. He said the goal was to help children and parents walk in the area, as well as reducing speed of vehicles. He showed some before and after photos of the street. He said Clackamas County is constructing the northern portion of Linwood Ave, from the city boundary to the Springwater Corridor. Del said he was out there for the grand opening a few weeks ago, and said he talked with the Mayor who's excited about the County's portion. Hans said sharing a separated path between bicyclists and pedestrians can be challenging, and said it might make sense to add some paint to delineate between the two paths. Steve said the city wasn't sure on that, but they're playing it by ear and if down the road it's deemed necessary they can throw down paint. He mentioned this is the first off-street path Milwaukie has ever constructed. Scott said he was out there and appreciated the narrower roadway that encourages drivers to slow down.

8:00 p.m. – Hwy 43/I-205 Intersection Follow-Up and Letter of Comment

Scott said he's had several conversations with ODOT about the details of the improvements at this area, and is still waiting on those. He pulled up the draft letter to ODOT that defines the problem and provides some potential solutions, and asked if anyone has any comment. Pete made a motion to accept the letter as written, Hans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8:10 p.m. – Public Comment

Thelma said she's one of the seven original members who helped make the Trolley Trail a reality from start to finish. She said lights on the trail always came up at public meetings at Friends of the Trolley Trail, and they said they'd address this once the trail was in use, which has yet to be addressed. She said at night, it's challenging for people to differentiate between the dark asphalt and the gravel on the sides. They're working to find matching funds to install paint on the trail to help individuals guide themselves along the trail, similar to what's seen along the Springwater Trail. She said they're selling t-shirts at \$20 each to help raise the funding. Scott said he'll send out her info in the day-after email for those interested.

Dale asked Scott about a flashing yellow light at a right turn along Sunnybrook Rd, and said he can't find any info about the installation of that. Scott said he'll discuss with the engineer and ask what that's all about, and get back to Dale.

8:25 p.m. – Adjourn

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