



# CLACKAMAS COUNTY

## Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

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

#### **6:30 p.m. Welcome**

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

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)

#### **6:35 p.m. – PBAC Possible Future Agenda Topics**

Ray - Climate Friendly and Equitable Rulemaking Process; Kenath – Road Diets; Joseph – Bike/Walk Clackamas Plan and looking at road cross-sections to potentially update the Comprehensive Plan; Pete – Having West Linn come to discuss plans for Hwy 43; Dick – Why can't we have a four, or five, lane road from Rhody to Laurel Hill (Government Camp); Steve – Get representatives from other cities to discuss projects, road diets, etc.; Kelli – Update on the Frog Ferry; Dale – Hwy 43 plans, and Jennifer Ln through Hwy 212 improvements; Mindy – Bringing cities together for a bike/ped project discussion, Clackamas County bikeways connecting cities, and working with Tourism on bicycle and pedestrian advocacy; Dave – funding for needed projects (discuss with Jamie on Federal aspect); Del – more bridge progress and discussions; Bruce – continuing Hot Spots project, having at least one social ride this summer.

#### **6:55 p.m. – Public Comment**

Nicole discussed the 2022 SRTS poster contest, which is underway and PBAC members vote on. She also mentioned that the Street Trust is having a speaker series and need someone from Clackamas County for March. She asked if anyone had any ideas who might be good to talk about multimodal issues. Tonia then asked if federal dollars are coming through SRTS, and Nicole said there are two funding sources that just opened from ODOT and said get in touch with her if anyone has any questions.

Joyce said she's interested in the crosswalk projects she read about from the meeting minutes, and was asking where those are located. Scott said those were from the County's Fee in Lieu funds, at locations in front of Rex Putnam High School and Oregon Trail Elementary School. Brett said he'd provide a map to her.

### **7:00 p.m. – Approval of January Minutes**

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

### **7:05 p.m. – Johnson Creek Blvd Pedestrian Crossing**

Steve discussed the crosswalk issues along Johnson Creek Blvd, where there is a long stretch without any pedestrian crossings. He mentioned that there are a couple intersections (55<sup>th</sup> or 58<sup>th</sup>) that would make sense to add, and he said it might make sense to incorporate these into the County's Johnson Creek Blvd project, which is in the Master Plan. Brett said he'd look into that project, get some more info and let Steve (and PBAC) know at a future meeting.

### **7:15 p.m. – Oregon City to West Linn Bridge Update**

Ray gave an update on the Oregon City to West Linn bridge project. He said it's currently not in the Oregon City's comprehensive plan, but there are some meetings upcoming to discuss the project and will soon be open to public comment. PBAC previously wrote a letter of support for the project, but the new letterhead was added to the letter and sent back to Oregon City this past week. Scott asked about the West Linn side, and Ray mentioned that an Oregon City engineer said their timeline looks to be similar to Oregon City's.

Ray made a motion to submit a letter to West Linn in support of the bridge, Joseph seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ray added that next Tuesday Oregon City Commission will have a work session where they'll discuss the project, but there is no public comment at that meeting.

### **7:25 p.m. – RFFA Grant Application**

Scott went over the County's application for RFFA Grant funds to conduct a planning and project development study on the I-205 path gap between Herbert Ct and Hwy 212. The goal is to connect the existing paths on each side, but the exact route needs to be determined. These options include continuing the path along the I-205 right of way, along 82<sup>nd</sup> Dr. (where bikes currently use) with improved facilities, or along Johnson Rd/McKinley Ave. Scott then showed a PBAC draft letter of support for the project and asked if there are any questions or comments.

Dave said that the current alignment on the overpass of I-205 is quite dangerous for bikers, dealing with semi-trucks and freeway onramp traffic. Steve said he agrees with Dave as it's a very difficult stretch. Mindy said there's no question that it's not just a local issue, but it's such a connector in the entire Portland metro area and it would open up a lot more active transportation options. Bruce agreed with Mindy that this is a broken link that's extremely dangerous. Del asked why not build an underpass on the north portion of the study area to link the path to the west side of I-205.

Mindy said the letter of support should include language about the regional significance of the path. Bruce and Ray agreed. Steve said to include the important connection to the Springwater Corridor and the new Sunrise path. Mindy said to add that veteran riders avoid this area as well as more casual riders.

Steve made a motion to approve the letter of support with the above edits, Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **7:45 p.m. – PBAC Chair & Vice Chair Elections**

The PBAC bylaws state that elections should be held the first meeting of every odd-numbered year, but with the COVID-19 pandemic, it fell through last year. Members voted to hold an election this meeting and have the officers serve until January of 2023.

Joseph said that having turnover at the officer position is healthy, and he nominated potentially himself as vice-chair and Ray as chair. Kelli nominated Bruce to stay as chair for continuity during the pandemic, until we can get back to some in-person meetings. Ray and Bruce gave a quick pitch on their candidacy.

❖ Bruce won the vote and will stay Chair.

Dick made a nomination for Dave Weber as vice chair. Dave gave a quick pitch about himself for his candidacy.

❖ Dave won the vote and will be the next Vice-Chair.

### **8:10 p.m. – Hot Spots**

Scott said he and Brett will go over the current list once done with the RFFA grant application at the end of February.

### **8:10 p.m. – Open Discussion & March Agenda Items**

Scott mentioned a few projects that may be on the upcoming agenda (possibly Hwy 43, Climate Friendly Equitable Communities).

Bruce said this spring he'd like to have a group ride, and many members expressed interest.

### **8:15 p.m. - Adjourn**

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