



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Hybrid Meeting Held at Clackamas County Development Services Building
(150 Beavercreek Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045) Room 301 & Remotely via Zoom
<http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/pbac.html>

6:30 p.m. – Welcome

Joseph Edge, Dale Guenther, Del Scharffenberg, Kelli Grover, Pete Ihrig, Elena Kazarov, Mindy Montecucco

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

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

6:40 p.m. – Trolley Trail Project

Alex gave an overview of the Trolley Trail Project that was born from pedestrian users feeling concerned about the speed of bicyclists and other users on the trail. She said they've started work with Alta Planning & Design to look at existing conditions along the trail through a field assessment. They then conducted a second field visit with individuals looking at speed and shared use impacts. Unfortunately this visit was just last week, so they don't have the data to provide to the Committee just yet, but offered to when they get it together in the near future.

Pete asked what organization requested the safety audit, and Alex said it was actually a request from Clackamas County Commissioner Saavas. Scott asked how long this is scheduled to take, and Alex said about another two and a half months. Del said one of the Committee's Hot Spots is looking at overgrown vegetation along a stretch of the Trolley Trail, and this project might be a good opportunity to look at that in more detail. Alex said Alta is definitely looking into that as trail conditions. Elena said it seems more common where she's from in Chicago for bicyclists to announce themselves, but doesn't seem to be as common here. Alex said that's an educational component that they're looking at. Pete said he rides with people who tend to announce themselves, and that he has a bell that some people don't seem to understand, so he uses both. Kelli said the upcoming kid's safety event that the County is putting on would be a great opportunity to start the education. Scott said that's a great idea. Pete said that with the advent of inexpensive e-bikes, people don't seem to have a grasp of bike etiquette. He thinks that when people buy e-bikes would also be important for education. Joseph said he agrees, as e-bikes are a great opportunity for growing bicycling. He said that the intersection between transportation corridor and recreational corridor is important to look at, given that McLouglin Blvd isn't fit for those users that want to go fast right now. But would like to see a recommendation from Alta to note that.

7:00 p.m. – Approval of May Minutes

Elena said that adding to the minutes where the public comment individual exactly lives (such as adding near the Elementary School). Pete needs to be added as an attendee. The motion passed unanimously with these changes.

7:05 p.m. – Clackamas County Bike Map

Scott provided the mock-up of the new, updated Clackamas County Bike Map that county staff have been working on for more than five years. It has officially been sent to the printer, and Scott said there will be an online companion version created in the next year. Del asked how many will be printed and where they'll be distributed. Scott said they're printing 10,000 copies and they'll be at all the county buildings, other government buildings, and events. They still need to discuss the details with the Tourism department.

7:15 p.m. – Community Road Fund (CRF)

Brett provided overview of CRF. Vehicle registration fee, funding source for road projects. Projects are for vehicle specific locations. There is overlap with bike ped. Increasing shoulder width for example is safety and ped bike. Brett explained the type of projects. He showed a map showing the project locations. Intersection safety projections were reviewed. Four types of project: congestion, safety, intersection, roadway.

Del asked if map is on the website. Brett said that the map could be included in day after email. Brett also explained that there is a website with information on projects.

Kelli asked if there was any oversight mechanism.

Dale asked about where information could be found on completed projects. Brett showed list of projects that are in companion to the map.

Joseph asked if the advisory committee was still in effect and Brett said he'd provide that info to Scott for the day-after email.

7:25 p.m. – Hot Spots

Scott said he wanted to see if anyone has any Hot Spots that people are interested in. Joseph said he's interested in progress on previous hot spots. Scott then pulled up the list of current PBAC Hot Spots and went over each project, giving an overview on each.

Elena asked if people ever actually gets tickets for parking in the bike lane, and Scott said he hasn't been able to get the Sheriff to do that based on their higher priorities. Scott said he's had some lively discussion with the Traffic Engineers because they say they need to be cautious if it's near an apartment building and taking away parking can cause some issues. Scott said it's one of his pet peeves. He asked the Committee to send him pictures of cars parked in the bike lane when they see it to help provide "data" on the issue. If they have a better chance of getting signage put up in these situations over tickets being issued if they can show significant problem areas. Joseph said along River Rd is an example of this working, after signs were put up along a stretch of that roadway it has helped a lot, in front of the Children's Commission. Joseph said it also worked before the pandemic at the school.

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

Scott showed the group the flyer for the 1st Annual Youth Bike Safety Event that will be held on June 24th at Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus west parking lot. Nicole asked if anyone wants to volunteer just shoot Scott an email.

Scott then showed the Committee mock-ups of the bus tail art and bus bench art that will be added soon showing the art contest winners that PBAC members judged.

Scott mentioned a Capital Project that's coming up along 172nd Ave in Happy Valley that's been dealing with lots of growth to improve the bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Del told the group about an in-person OPAC meeting in Medford and their field trip along a bike trail to view the places that were impacted by the Southern Oregon fires in 2020.

Kelli said she has a possible agenda item for next meeting, to discuss if the group wants to develop bike jerseys based on the PBAC logo that was developed recently. The group seemed quite interested.

Scott told the Committee the next meeting will be in August, since the first Tuesday of next month will land on July 4th.

Joseph said the Oak Gove Festival will be held on Saturday, July 15th. Thelma said they'll have secure bike parking there as well.

8:20 p.m. – Adjourn