



# **CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

## **Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

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

### **6:30 p.m. – Welcome**

Joseph Edge, Dave Weber, Dick Weber, Emma Lugo, Bruce Parker, Del Scharffenberg, Dale Guenther, Kelli Grover, Pete Ihrig

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

Representatives: Nicole Perry – Safe Routes to School, Hallie Turk – DKS Associates, Lacy Brown – DKS Associates

Members of the Public – Vanessa Dane-Slagle

### **6:35 p.m. – Public Comment**

Vanessa lives off SE Hill Rd between Oatfield and Thiessen, right by View Acres Elementary School. She said the area isn't very safe for children (or anyone) to walk or bike. She wants to walk to Fred Meyer, but it's quite dangerous right now. She said she's hoping to get some additional help to get some additional safety measures on that roadway, as it's a long-term project on the County's Capital Improvement Program. She wants to see if this Committee could help make this a higher priority project, given that it's on the Essential Bicycle Network and connects to View Acres Elementary School. She asked for this project to be placed on the ongoing Bike/Walk Clackamas Plan. Scott said he'll add her to the interested party's list for that project.

Del asked about speed enforcement in that area, and Scott said that's a good idea that he'll look into.

### **6:40 p.m. – Approval of April Minutes**

Del said there's a missing comma in the attendance. Del then made a motion to approve with that added, Pete seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **6:45 p.m. – OR 211 Road Safety Audit**

Hallie gave an overview of the Hwy 211 Road Safety Audit that was undertaken in the summer and fall of 2022. She said they're looking at adding rumble strips along the roadway from just

east of Molalla to just east of the community of Colton. She said there have been a high number of crashes along this stretch of road caused by vehicles departing the roadway.

Dave said rumble strips were added along a stretch of Hwy 213 in the shoulder, and he said it made the road virtually unrideable. Hallie said that's the kind of feedback they're looking for. Bruce said rumble strips might be safe for rumble strips, but it could be deadly for bicyclists. Hallie asked if anyone knows of the bicycle ridership along this roadway, and Dave said this stretch is the main connection to Springwater Rd., and that adding rumble strips essentially cuts off that connection. He said adding these means vehicles are more important than cyclists. Bruce agreed, and said even if you have a little area to ride on the right side of the strips, you still need to ride over it to make any deviations. Del said debris on the road makes it even more challenging and dangerous. Dick said rumble strips are quite wide as well. Kelli said the fog line is supposed to be a visual track and asked if there could be something within the paint, Lacy said there is something called a rumble stripe that is under the paint, but when there's ice or snow, plows essentially destroy that thing. Bruce asked if there has been any option for adding the rumble strips to the left of the fog line, and ODOT has specific standards. Scott said along Marine Dr., which is a PBOT roadway, in Portland there's an example of rumble strips under the fog line that could be looked at.

Lacy said this is the piece of the puzzle they're really trying to solve. They don't have any specific bike data for this stretch of road, and they're just trying to gather all the information they can. Dave said every time he's been on Hwy 211 he's seen bicyclists, and that it would potentially be a self-fulfilling prophecy that if rumble strips are added, they won't come and you'll hear about it. He said rumble strips make sense for vehicles, but just don't put them in the shoulder to detour bicyclists. Scott said government agencies have Strava data, which isn't the most ideal data, but could be used and he offered it to ODOT. Del said he doesn't use Strava, and not everyone does, so the data is limited. Dave said people who use Strava are competitive and want to see their stats, and those that don't use it would be the most impacted by this project.

### **7:15 p.m. – Safe Routes to School Art Contest Results**

Scott went over the SRTS Art Contest rules, and asked the Committee members to vote on their favorite submittals. Winners get their art put on a TriMet bus and bus stops. The Committee then went over the three age categories, ranked their favorites, and determined winners.

Scott then gave an overview of the Bike Safety Event (Bike Rodeo) the County will be holding on June 24<sup>th</sup>, showing a map of the layout of the event and gave a description of what is being done, such as a helmet giveaway for the first 50 children there, bicycle decorating and a food truck. Kelli asked how the county is promoting the event, and Scott said they're developing a flyer for social media, as well as a press release and other channels the County uses for these types of events. He said he'll provide the flyer to the Committee in the coming weeks.

### **8:00 p.m. – Bike/Pedestrian Count Data Locations**

Scott went over the second round of bicycle and pedestrian count locations the County will be doing this summer, and showed the data that was provided by the last round.

Del asked if the data will be posted on a place the public could see, and Scott said that's the plan, similar to what the County has for traffic counts.

**8:05 p.m. – Open Discussion**

Kelli said it's a little hard to hear people in the conference room. Scott said the County has a new OWL system that should help, and Brett said he'll look into it.

**8:25 p.m. – Adjourn**

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