



Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

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6:30 p.m. Welcome

Ray Atkinson, Pete Ihrig, Melinda Montecucco, Bruce Parker, Dave Weber, Ken Sponsel, Del Scharffenberg, Hans Tschersich, Joseph Edge, Kelli Grover, Dick Weber, Steve Adams

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

Representatives: Megan Newell – Graphic Designer

6:35 p.m. – Approval of April Minutes

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

6:35 p.m. – PBAC Logo

Megan presented the four updated logos she developed, with the first one adding Mt. Hood for location, adding an electric scooter, and making Clackamas County more prominent. The second logo is almost identical to the first, but with Mt. Hood being a bit more subtle. The third logo option added an electric scooter and wheelchair, adjusting the lines in the background to signify crops and making them more green, and changing the order of the text making Clackamas County first. The fourth logo was almost identical, but changed the crops to signify Christmas Trees and made them the original green.

For the first option, Kenath, Del and Hans said to make Mt. Hood a little more prominent, but Ray and Del said they like making the mountain a bit more subtle to put more emphasis on the people in the lettering. Bruce said he liked the more subtle mountain as well, and to make the scooter a little smaller. Del and Dick said to move the bicyclist in front of the “B” and perhaps make the bike a little larger. Megan said the bicyclist is actually a child, and Ray said he liked having the kid on a bike. Del said to potentially add another bike, but others worried that would make it too busy. Scott asked the group if they should remove the joggers since there’s a family walking and that represents pedestrian interests twice, and several members said that would be something to consider. Ray emphasized the importance of having the scooter, showing the Committee’s commitment to future mobility. Del said he doesn’t like encouraging scooters in the bike lane, as they’re a potential intrusion and dangerous.

For the second option, Dick said he likes it better because it’s less crowded and more simple, and Hans agreed. Del said we need to emphasize biking more and other modes less, and the bike should be on the “B.” Ken said if there was an added adult biker, make it an upright bike and not a racing bike. Bruce said it may be helpful to get rid of the scooter and add an adult bicyclist. Ray said he liked this one more because it focuses on the people more than the mountain. Joseph said he really likes this one too, and he said he agrees with Ray that including the scooter is important, and thanked Megan for doing exactly what the Committee asked her to do at the last

meeting. Kelli said she liked the mountain in the first option over this option, and many other members agreed.

For the third option, Del said the field in the background is a big improvement, but said the bicyclists should be more prominent. Ken said we could have the pedestrians and bicyclists in different portions of the roadway, mimicking how they would interact in reality. Joseph said he likes this one more than the first two. Pete said he believes this is the best one as well. Bruce said he doesn't like it as much because of the buildings, but said he could live with it if the Committee agreed on it. Dick said he's on the same page, that it's too busy with the buildings and people. Ray said he likes this version over the fourth version because of the crop rows.

For the fourth option, Del said he prefers the third option over this one, and several other members agreed.

Megan asked the Committee if they find themselves leaning toward the first/second option, or the third/fourth option. The group held a little survey, with eight (8) members voting for the first/second option and four (4) members voting for the third/fourth option. Megan said she'll move forward with the final round of edits to the first/second option based on the input provided by the Committee. She asked how people would want to add a second bicyclist, and Ken said perhaps drop the scooter since it's the only non-human-powered device, and several members voiced support for that. The Committee decided to vote to include or remove the scooter, and two (2) members voted to keep the scooter, with the others saying to remove it. Megan thanked the group for their input and said she'll be back at the next meeting with updated logos.

7:20 p.m. – Milwaukie Industrial Area Shuttle

Ray discussed the Milwaukie Industrial Area Shuttle that's current in the planning phase, and showed the potential route options that are currently being considered. He then showed the decals that he placed around Milwaukie directing people to the survey asking if they would ride the potential new shuttle. He provided a map showing the ten locations where he placed the decals. He asked the group to inform their neighbors about the survey.

Del asked if this includes TriMet, since there are routes currently in the area of the proposed routes, and Ray said this could be helpful to those who would have a longer walk to the nearest bus stop. Scott asked if the decals were on the pavement, and he said some were on the sidewalk, with some on mailboxes and a drain since there are no sidewalks on some streets in the area. Del said he lives in the area, so this would run right by him. Steve asked if he's provided this info to the Neighborhood District Association, and he said he is presenting to one of them (Hector-Campbell) on Monday. Hans asked who would run this and who it's for, and Ray said Clackamas County would be the manager of this shuttle and would be for anyone, but the planning is still being done on if it's a fixed-route or demand-response type service. Scott asked if it's just an app for the data, and Ray said yes, everything is done through an app.

7:35 p.m. – Bicycle-Pedestrian Data Collection and Draft Locations

Scott went over the upcoming new program that will count bicycles and pedestrians at different locations throughout the County. This will be similar to the traffic counts that have been conducted for many years. The biggest part of the first-step for this project is to determine the locations for these counts. We discussed this a few meetings back and several Committee

members sent in potential locations. Scott showed the group a draft map of potential locations that the County has developed. He asked the group for their feedback on the site locations.

Bruce said there's a bit of a gap in the rural area around Canby and Molalla. Ken said Amisigger Rd would be useful as it's the only route from Oregon City to Sandy without having to use the Springwater Corridor. Del asked if this would coincide with the annual trails count done by Metro in the fall, and Scott said this would supplement that, which focuses on trails, and would include roads, trails, and any other location where bikes and pedestrians use. Bruce asked if this could be city roads, and Scott said it has to be County maintained roads. Pete said there's a portion along Old River Rd that is County maintained and that would be a good location for a count location. Mindy asked what month this would happen since seasonality is important, and Scott said that's a good point and that's going to be considered. He said they won't be done in the winter. Del asked about Strava heatmaps and incorporating that data, but Scott said it only shows Strava users. Mindy said Ride With GPS is a local company and thought they might be helpful to use their data.

Scott asked the Committee to review the map and provide more input in the coming days, as this project is moving forward quickly. Mindy asked if there was a count on Willamette Falls Dr, and Brett said there's a PBAC submittal by Ken right at the Tualatin River. Del asked if these counts would determine differing directions, and Scott said it wouldn't determine which direction the user was going, but it would pick up all users. Dave said he's pleased with the locations in the Beavercreek area. Hans asked about Hwy 43, since it's a state highway, but Scott said it's an ODOT facility and may not fall into this project. He said he may want to work collaboratively with ODOT on that because it would be interesting to see a before and after count following the work West Linn is doing in the area.

8:00 p.m. – Oregon City to West Linn Bridge Project

Scott and Ray drafted a letter for the Oregon City to West Linn Bridge Project following the open house last month to determine the best alignment across the river. Ray said they kept it general, not picking a specific alignment. The letter is addressed to the Oregon City Commission and Del said he liked what the draft says. Hans had a change he was thinking about for the third paragraph of the letter and presented to the Commission. Ken had an option to cut a portion out of the center of that paragraph and moving it to the beginning of the paragraph, and the group agreed. The Committee then made a few more edits. Kelli made a motion for the Committee to endorse the letter and send it off to the City Commission, Hans seconded, and the motion passed 11 to 1, with Pete opting against.

8:00 p.m. – Hot Spots

Scott showed the group a map of the Hot Spots that have been approved by the Committee in previous meetings. Del asked about the spot in Milwaukie, and Brett said it's at the corner of 17th and McLoughlin where the 17th Ave path connects to the Trolley Trail. Ken discussed the issues at that corner, with the pedestrian request button at the bollards blocking a part of the path, and the cement slightly rolling, forcing bicyclist to bounce as they turn and creating a hazard. Del agreed, and added that if pedestrians are waiting to cross, that causes even more congestion. Scott said he's meeting with ODOT to discuss the problem of cars turning right from 17th onto McLoughlin Blvd when pedestrians and vehicles both have a green, creating a collision hazard.

The Committee then took a quick look at a couple other potential hot spots submitted by Bradley. One at the corner of Fuller Rd and Causey, as well as Fuller Rd in front of La Salle College Prep. Scott wants to review this in more detail at a future meeting where Bradley is in attendance.

8:30 p.m. – Open Committee Discussion / Project Updates

Scott let the Committee know that for the Oregon City to West Linn Bridge Project, on May 11th there is a public hearing at the Oregon City Commission.

For the Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan update, the Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultants is currently out.

8:35 p.m. – Adjourn

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