



Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

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

6:30 p.m. Welcome

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

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

Representatives: Rod Wojtanik – Metro

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

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

6:40 p.m. – Newell Creek Canyon

Rod gave an overview of the Newell Creek Canyon and Metro's process of developing a recreation area. He discussed the history of the area that previously had people camping in the area, discouraging people from visiting and creating a dangerous issue for Metro staff. Metro held some community gatherings to get ideas of what people wanted to see from the area and heard that hiking trails, mountain biking, and general nature activities. In 2016 Metro Council approved the master plan, and after some COVID-19 setbacks they were able to develop a new trailhead with bathrooms and a trail network that will open December 6th. He showed several photographs of the construction, the trails and a video of Tumble Falls.

Dave asked if Metro has been able to keep the houseless from congregating in the area, and Rod said they saw almost immediate behavior changes in the canyon since construction began, but added that they haven't eliminated the potential, but he hopes trail usage will help in the future. Dale asked if Rod could send the trail map to Scott to send it to the Committee, and he said he would. Ray said there looks to be only one entrance on Warner Milne, but that's difficult to get to by bike and wanted to know if they'd have an entrance along Beaver Creek, and Rod said there's a power line corridor along Beaver Creek that's on private property that didn't allow them to use that as an entrance. Hans asked if there'd be any public access along 213, and Rod said he's not as aware of access along 213 as he's been the project manager for only a couple months. Del said he was impressed with this project as well and noticed the homeless activity as well. Kelli agreed that this project looks great, and wanted to know if this was a design build contract. Rod said not quite as they came across unknown obstacles from time to time. Scott asked about incorporating a mixed-use component and if adding a mountain bike component created any issues. Rod said there was some excitement and trepidation about mixing uses with the community feedback, and they included good sight lines, wayfinding and designating downhill portions to help ease the conflict.

7:15 p.m. – Safety Campaign: Bikeway Obstructions (illegally parked vehicles)

Scott gave an overview of the safety campaign project that came out of the Hot Spot program to sign certain locations directing vehicles not to park in the bike lane. He showed a map of the locations that have been approved by PBAC at previous meetings, as well as a road (Webster Rd) that he added. He then asked the committee if they had any other locations that might be appropriate for this project.

Bruce said S Ivy St in Canby would be a good location from 13th to 16th. Scott wasn't sure about the jurisdiction of that road and Brett said he'd get him that information for the day-after meeting. Del asked about delivery drivers who temporarily park in the bike lane and if there's anything that can be done there, and Scott said that's kind-of an allowed thing, and Steve agreed that the City of Milwaukie lets it go just like garbage trucks. Joseph asked about construction zones impacting bike lanes and sidewalks, which is happening along River Rd north of Courtney Ave, and that there's a lack of code enforcement that may need to facilitate an education campaign. He then asked if the stretch of River Rd from Oak Grove Blvd. where the committee agreed to sign could be extended about 100ft north of Maple St. Joseph added that Thiessen Rd from Hill Rd to Webster Rd would be another good candidate.

Scott asked PBAC members if they had any others they'd like to add to this project to send him an email. Del asked about McLoughlin Blvd (99E) as it has bike lanes, and Scott said that's an ODOT facility that he could bring up to them and potentially develop a letter. Joseph agreed and said that during Conditions of Approval for private development by ODOT would be a good time to incorporate signage needs.

7:40 p.m. – Bicycle and Pedestrian Level of Stress 101

Scott and Ray gave a Level of Stress educational presentation for PBAC as the scale (1 to 4) is used in many planning documents. The four levels are broken down like:

- LTS1 – 8 to 80 (anyone from 8 years old to 80 feel confident and safe on an off-street facility)
- LTS2 – Interested by concerned (those that are comfortable with buffered bike lanes)
- LTS 3 – Enthused and Confident (bike lanes butt up against faster traffic and only those who are quite confident ride on this facility)
- LTS 4 – Fearless (only people who don't fear riding with traffic at about any speed)

Ray discussed an ODOT study that looked at 16 unsignalized intersections in Clackamas County and the level of stress for both pedestrians and bicyclists. Bruce mentioned that three of the intersections along 99E are extremely stressful. Dave and Steve agreed. Pete said Rosemont Rd, Stafford Rd, and 19th are all stressful, and he avoids Hwy 43 despite that he lives just off that road. Bruce added that it's not just the intersections, but the space between the intersections such as along 99E where there's no line of sight, which should be considered.

Scott said ODOT is going to come back to a future PBAC meeting to discuss this process and the tolling project.

8:00 p.m. – Hot Spots

Dale submitted a location for consideration for the Hot Spot program in West Linn where Hwy 43 and I-205 intersect. The bike lane traveling south on Hwy 43 when approaching the onramp for I-205 north, a bicyclist is forced to cross the lane where vehicles are trying to get onto the interstate, creating a dangerous conflict point. Pete said he is forced to take the lane there when interacting with this intersection. Dale said that perhaps putting down some paint might be helpful. Steve mentioned that the first phase of the I-205-Hwy 43 project will begin next spring, turning this intersection into a roundabout. Kelly mentioned that project was presented to PBAC at a previous meeting.

Scott asked if the committee wants to draft a letter and send it to ODOT, or if the committee should wait for the construction. Bruce said the committee should review the construction plan before making a decision, and Ray said the plan is already final. Kelli said it couldn't hurt to look over the plan. Dale looked at the ODOT project website and mentioned that this project looks like it's still in the environmental review.

Joseph made a motion to review the short term option of putting down paint along the conflict zones, while also looking at the long-term changes needed with the upcoming construction eminent, Pete seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8:20 p.m. – Open Committee Discussion

Scott asked the committee if they had any ideas of where to put a bike corral, as the one that was to be placed in Oak Grove fell through. Ray said downtown Oregon City might work as one business was looking for bike parking, but couldn't use the sidewalk.

8:30 p.m. – Adjourn

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