



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

February 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bruce Parker, Dave Weber, Del Scharffenberg, Steve Adams, Emma Lugo, Kelli Grover, Dick Weber, Mindy Montecucco

Non-Committee Members: Lonnie Morse and Shauna Moon

6:30 p.m. – Welcome and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

6:35 p.m. – Public Comment

Shauna Moon: member of the Bike Bunch, users who ride e-bikes have a strong interest in e-bike rules, there are currently 3 classes of e-bikes, some of which don't fit into a certain classification, including homemade e-bikes, many don't know which class their bike fits into. It'd be like classifying car speed limits based on car type, difficult to regulate cars and bikes based on speed potential, we should regulate based on speed practice, not what it is capable. This bill is difficult to enforce, and we should regulate behavior not the type of bicycle.

Lonnie Morse: Complete oversight of seniors (SB471), and do not fit the senior community, I belong to a recumbent club, these sit low to the ground and are e-assisted, seniors need the power of class 2 with throttle assistance. Traffic congestion on an uphill can pose complications without throttle as they don't have the power to push the pedal without assistance, and they can't get up or could tip and roll-over, they need the class 2 e-bike to get the motor started and need the throttle of the class 2 e-bike. The legislation overlooks seniors as a demographics. The bill needs to be inclusive, and I support Shauna's statement, and removed judgement based on the class of bike, but based on the behavior of the rider.

6:40 p.m. – E Bikes: State Parks Rulemaking Letter

Steve Adams: little to no police enforcement on bicycle and MUP, place no priority on it.

Kelli: Motions to approve the letter

Bruce: Shauna stated that the letter didn't address Class 3 e-bikes

Bruce: Suggest adding "Significant number of Class 3 e-bikes users are seniors and require the throttle to use."

Dave: we don't regulate vehicles based on weight or horsepower, we need a speed limit not and overregulation of behavior. We need to make this simple. We need speed limits to remove complexities.

Bruce: I withdraw my suggestion.

Del: I agree with Dave, maybe we should reduce the letter to 1-page.

Bruce: I second Kelli's motion (to vote on letter as is, no changes)

Dave: Let's vote on this, for the Senate Bill let's keep to 1-page in our response.

Vote: 7 in favor, 1 abstention

7:07 p.m. – E Bikes: SB 471

Dave: this is about speed.

Mindy: registration and wider paths

Steve: an e-bike rider cant speed

Scott: we could draft a short and to the point letter in response to the Senate Bill and discuss at the chair check-in

Dave: We will bring a draft letter in March

7:17 p.m. – Minutes Approval

Steve proposes two changes to fix typos, these are changed.

Dave Motions to approve the minutes.

Kelli Seconds

Minutes Approved

7:20 p.m. – Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Bruce: nominate Dave for new chair and Mindy Seconds

Mindy: I nominate Kelli for Vice-Chair and Bruce Seconds

Vote: Vote passes unanimously

Dave Weber and Kelli Grover are elected as new Chair and Vice-Chair

7:30 p.m. – Hot Spots – (1-Wilde Road & Capps Road; 2-OR 99 & Park; 3-Sunnybrook and I-205 MUP; 4-Staircase at MAX Green Line Platform)

Wilde Road & Capps Road: excessive vehicle parking in the bike lane.

Del: the vehicles are too large and cross into the road

Scott: this connects to a lot of businesses, so commuters use it. The sheriff wont do anything, so we need to mark it and have signs so people can't park and put up no parking.

Steve: are those 8” bike line stripes?

Scott: there is bike stenciling, it’s unclear if they have actual bike lane striping.

Steve: police are reluctant to enforce unless there is law enforcement

Bruce: signs that say Bike Lane No Parking

Steve: there’s also no posted sign so default is 25

Scott: the stenciling and paint is incredibly faint

Mya: the north bound bus stop drops off 3-8 people per ride, and we all have to cross OR-99 to get to the SE Park Ave MAX station. The light typically takes 50 – 3 minutes to allow pedestrians to cross causing bus users to miss the MAX which only comes every 15 minutes.

Emma: extend to Oregon City

Mindy: reasonable suggestion

Del: Harrison and other streets in Milwaukie, need to confront ODOT

Bruce: do county engineers control lights?

Scott: they coordinate with the County

Sunnybrook I-205, there’s no red arrow holding traffic, and cars look left to see if they are clear and don’t look for cyclists in front of them. Perhaps we could write a letter again to ODOT.

MAX Green line:

The new hotel had to put in staircase from the platform to the MUP

What was not put in was the bike friendly gutters, install a bike gutter so cyclists to not have to carry or ride the bike down the stairs

Scott: Does the committee motion to address the hot spots addressed by staff,

1. Ask County to address bike lane obstruction and better signage and Capps and Wilde
2. Reach out to ODOT regarding signal timing at OR-99 and Park Ave
3. Reach out to ODOT regarding the signal issue at I-205 MUP
4. Propose a bike gutter at MAX Green Line to the private property owner

Steve: did the county acquire an easement?

Scott: I’ll do some digging to see what it says

Bruce: I motion to the 4 pts

Dick: I second

Passes unanimously

7:50 p.m. – Project Updates | Safe Routes to School Poster Contest | Open Discussion | Recruitment Update | Transportation Safety Action Plan

Scott: County will prepare a Press Release to get the word out to the community
Grant

Do people need to reapply

Del: Alan, from ODOT is no longer with ODOT, he was with the Community Paths grant and wanted to bring it to your attention in case anyone was working with him.

Steve: there was a lot of introductory stuff, it was fairly basic, and we broke up into specific groups. The minutes will be released eventually. It involved 40+ people, and there was a larger variety of people.

Scott: this is a two-year project; we'll try to get the consultancy team and Rob back to meet the committee.

7:57 p.m. - Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, is seconded, passes unanimously.

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