



Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

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6:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Members: Bruce Parker, Ray Atkinson, Kelli Grover, Del Scharffenberg, Peter Ihrig, Joseph Edge, Kenath Sponsel, Mindy Montecucco, Hans Tschersich

Staff: Scott Hoelscher – Engineering Division (ED), Brett Setterfield – ED, Nicole Perry – Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Representatives: Rob Sadowsky – Clackamas Co. Drive to Zero, Tonia Williamson – North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

Members of the Public: Tom Civiletti

6:45 p.m. Approval of June Minutes

Del made a motion to approve the June minutes, Kelli seconded and the motion approved unanimously.

6:50 p.m. Public Comment

Tonia gave an update of the Trails Master Plan that NCPRD has been working on. The Coronavirus has slowed down the process in recent months, and she's not sure about the exact timeline moving forward. She said they'll be deciding in the coming weeks if it's just going to be a pause for a few weeks, or a longer pause. She said they're also working to keep on schedule for the Metro Bond Measure on the ballot in November.

6:55 p.m. Safe Routes to School Art Contest

Nicole gave an overview of the contest, saying that Safe Routes to School partnered with the Clackamas County Art's Alliance to allow kids to drop-off submissions. Scott sent out the submissions for members of the Committee to vote on before the meeting and he provided the final scores to everyone, showing everyone the top scoring entries. 1st place gets \$100 gift card, 2nd place is a \$50 gift card, and 3rd place is a \$25 gift card.

Del said he noticed that a lot of the entries had school buses, and he didn't think the students got the exact direction of the contest which was to focus more on walking and biking. Hans said he agreed. Bruce said that the Covid-19 crisis may have had an impact where students may not have gotten the clearest direction.

Rob said there's a Drive to Zero art competition going on right now for primarily high school students in Clackamas County, with the winner getting their art on a billboard and potentially in the Clackamas Town Center and at high schools. Scott said he'd send the info on that competition which closes Friday morning.

7:20 p.m. Asian Transportation Systems & Facilities

Rob gave a presentation on transportation systems on three Asian cities he's visited (Seoul, South Korea; Tokyo, Japan; Chengdu, China). He showed the bike infrastructure, bike parking, pedestrian facilities, crosswalks (separated between pedestrians and bicyclists). He showed the difference in their Safe Routes to School program where yellow painted corners are areas where cars can't pick-up or drop-off. There is photo enforcement all over the city of Seoul. Because biking is so popular in Tokyo, there's actually metered bike parking in parts of the city. There are also protected sidewalks, as well as the busiest intersection in the world.

Pete said he was born in Japan and his father always taught him to walk with your hard briefcase on the side of traffic because people wouldn't risk scratching their cars. Hans said he's disappointed that pedestrian and bike lanes are interrupted in the Portland area because jurisdictions overlap, but in Asia there are continuous opportunities for biking and walking. Hans asked if bike share was expensive and Rob said it wasn't. Ray asked about transit only lanes, and Rob said it works quite well in Asia where traffic may be stopped to your right, but the bus is flowing smoothly in the transit lane. Scott asked if Rob saw many separated bike and pedestrian facilities, and Rob said that's the only way people in Seoul would bike, with very few using the bike lanes.

7:50 p.m. Molalla Forest Road

Mindy gave an overview of the Molalla Forest Road, explaining that they received the grant for the planning work they applied for. However, there is a bit of a slowdown currently with the Coronavirus hitting. She said the next step is to develop an RFQ. She's looking to get the Committee's support for that process, as well as getting support for the process of asking the railroad for either an easement or some type of use of the railroad bridge along the trail. Del asked if the railroad is still used, and Mindy said it is indeed still in use for some logging activity. Scott and Mindy then showed the satellite view of the trail to give Committee members a better idea of the location.

Bruce asked if the Committee should continue support for this project, Kelli voiced her significant approval, and the rest of the Committee agreed.

8:15 p.m. Hot Spots

Scott and Bruce gave an overview of the Hot Spot program, and although it was gaining traction a few months back, Covid-19 has caused it to lose steam. Scott explained that this program is for small projects that provide a safety risk for pedestrians and bicyclists that can be improved through a simple improvement (paint, signage, etc.). He then provided some examples of bike lanes abruptly ending and narrow shoulders ending. Scott then provided the Committee a template of the reporting form that members could use to submit potential Hot Spot examples.

Joseph provided his input, applauding Scott and Bruce's work on this project. He also said it's important for there to be a way to prioritize these projects. Kenath agreed saying it would be great to make everything high priority, but there needs to be a vetting process to get this thing off the ground. Mindy agreed as well. Rob said there's no reason to limit this to just County roads (such as ODOT facilities) as the County has some influence and is asked to provide input on other projects. Bruce said it would be great if each member submitted one or two each that the Committee could discuss and begin the ranking system, just to get things rolling on this project. Joseph agreed, saying at the next meeting once all submitted, we could organize them all into different categories (ODOT facility, arterial, bike lane ends, no signage, etc.). Rob said he knows ODOT and Metro have their own ranking systems that we might be able to take a look at and potentially use or steal from.

8:40 p.m. Open Committee Discussion

Scott said he'll be rolling over the Barton Park discussion to the next meeting due to time.

The Trolley Trail/Oak Grove bike racks have arrived and are at the County's Red Soils Building in Oregon City. Installation has been delayed due to the pandemic, but will happen at some point and Scott said he'll keep everyone updated.

Next meeting will be on August 4th, and items on the agenda will include Hot Spots, Linwood Ave Project, Barton Park, and potential PBAC logo.

8:50 p.m. Adjourn

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