



Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

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6:30 p.m. Welcome

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

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

Representatives: Rob Sadowsky – Clackamas Co. Vision Zero, Abe Moland – Clackamas Co. Public Health, Nicole Perry – Safe Routes to School, Tonia Williamson – North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD)

6:50 p.m. – Approval of September Minutes

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

6:55 p.m. – Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Campaigns

Rob presented about the campaign, giving a description of one previously completed. The goal of these campaigns is to change behaviors to increase safety on the roads. He showed an example of some targeted ads to high school students in the Canby and Molalla areas to encourage putting cell phones on “Do Not Disturb” mode while driving. Dave asked if there’s been thought given to giving a fine, as well as taking a class and taking a test. Rob said that would be less of a campaign and more of an enforcement program by police, which could be used in future campaigns. Ray then said you can put “Do Not Disturb” mode on anytime the phone recognizes that a person is driving. Rob then showed another campaign where a man in a Sasquatch costume helped people safely cross a road, and asked if any PBAC member wanted to wear the costume for a future event, and Del said he would.

Rob then walked through with members how to put on “Do Not Disturb” mode while driving with PBAC members. Dale said some insurance companies use an app to encourage not using the phone through discounts. Rob asked if anyone knows a “soft celebrity” – such as a school principal or football coach or someone else who stands out in the community to help with the upcoming pedestrian campaign. Del said the principal at Scouters Mountain Elementary might be a good one.

7:15 p.m. – I-205 Tolling: Multimodal Project

Scott went over the I-205 Toll Project with a little background on the project extent from Gladstone to the Stafford Triangle area. He showed a map of the Hwy 43 corridor just north of I-205, the Stafford Rd area south of I-205 and the portion of I-205 just west of the Willamette River crossing and asked the Committee their thoughts on those impact areas. Steve said he doesn’t believe the analysis is complete on their traffic impacts based on other tolling projects in the region that are being considered. Scott said it probably is an open ended question until ODOT completes their analysis in 2022. Dale said he likes the idea of moving forward with a multimodal project in the Stafford area because the tolling will impact that area no matter the

conclusion of the ODOT analysis. Dave agreed that this is going to happen, and PBAC needs to prepare to address the inevitable increase in traffic. Steve asked if Scott had any news on the French Prairie Bridge study in Wilsonville, and Scott said he's not sure where that study sits and he'll follow up. Scott said if there are any other ideas to send them his way in the coming weeks.

7:30 p.m. – I-205 Tolling: Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC) Draft Policy and Strategy Recommendations

Abe gave a quick overview on the EMAC and his role on the Committee and its input on the tolling project. He said he resonated with Steve's comment earlier about this project still being underway and there's a lot of work to be done in the coming months. Ray asked about the recommendations on the tolling hubs and how bike/scooter share will play a role with the equity portion and technology challenges. Abe said there are still a lot of questions to be addressed, and they're looking at different cash based options compared to technology systems and how to navigate it. He said there are conversations about how to conquer the digital divide.

Joseph asked if the data has been gathered about who is using the I-205 corridor currently, and if there'd be more free-flow traffic after tolling is implemented? And is there a way to incorporate equity in this project? Abe said they are still acquiring data from ODOT and showed a graphic of the project's equity framework, and said there's memo of who's currently traveling on I-205 that was completed several months ago. He added that this is a very challenging project from an equity lens and said they want to continue the Committee after the project is completed to ensure this view continues to be looked at after 2022. Bruce asked if it's equitable for people in eastern Portland and Multnomah County to have tolling impacts, where residents in other areas of the state won't be looked at in the same way? Abe said there is a concern from the County and there is regional conversation about it, but added that he doesn't have the exact answer.

7:50 p.m. – Hot Spots

Scott provided the committee a couple different hot spots for consideration. The first was submitted by Hans and is southbound Oatfield Rd where the bike lane bottlenecks with the guardrail and overgrown vegetation. Dave said he's ridden on this portion of the road and it's a tough area to ride, and wonders if it makes sense to make this one a hot spot. Joseph added that this is on a minor arterial where the speed is posted at 35 mph, and so he'd support making this a hot spot to help bikers avoid merging onto this roadway. Hans said the bike lanes on this road is poorly maintained throughout, and Joseph agreed. The committee voted to make this a Hot Spot.

The second potential hot spot was submitted by former member Bradley Bondy where cars are parking illegally along Fuller Rd. in front of La Salle College Preparatory. The fix here would be to add 'No Parking in the Bike Lane' signs. Dave said that the areas along River Rd and Oatfield Rd are higher traffic areas where a bicyclist being forced onto the road is more dangerous, compared to Fuller Rd. He added that it would be helpful to conduct counts to see how many cars are using this road, and to focus the signage on the most dangerous areas for people on bikes as there's only limited funding, and Mindy agreed. Steve said this is in front of a school, making it more important, and Joseph agreed. The committee voted to make this a Hot Spot.

8:20 p.m. – Open Committee Discussion / Project Updates

Scott said Metro has bought a bunch of land in Newell Creek, just west of Hwy 213 in Oregon City. He said there are a bunch of trails for mountain biking and hiking in this area. He said in November the committee will have a discussion about Newell Creek. Del said he visited there last weekend and said it's a great facility with restrooms and bikers already using it.

The State of Oregon is updating the Transportation Planning Rule, which has impacts on all transportation plans in the state. He said it might impact the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan update that the County is conducting, and he'll go over it in November or December.

Scott mentioned that the County's Tourism Department is rehiring after the pandemic forced many layoffs. This means the Bike Map may soon be completed.

Next meeting will be held November 2nd.

8:30 p.m. – Adjourn

Dick made a motion, Joseph seconded and the motion passed unanimously.