



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

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

6:30 p.m. – Welcome

Dave Weber, Bruce Parker, Ray Atkinson, Del Scharffenberg, Hans Tschersich, Joseph Edge, Pete Ihrig, Steve Adams, Mindy Montecucco, Dale Guenther

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

Representatives: Nicole Perry – Safe Routes to School, Tonia Williamson - North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD)

6:30 p.m. – Approval of April Minutes

Hans made a motion to approve with a minor change provided by Ray, Ray seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6:35 p.m. – I-205 Tolling

Scott quickly went over the I-205 Tolling project designed to potentially add tolling to I-205 between I-5 and Gladstone. Scott setup an exercise of three different areas along that stretch of road (around Wilsonville/Canby area, Stafford/Borland Rd area, & Oregon City/Gladstone area) where members of the Committee would provide their thoughts on roads that might gain additional traffic due to tolling.

The group began with the Canby area, discussing the existing Logging Trail that travels north-south, and Bruce said the need for a connection from that trail to head west toward downtown is needed. Mindy, Dave and Bruce said connecting to Pine St might be a good solution, but connecting to the trail is difficult as it inclines to cross over 99E. Dave said the potential for added traffic along Arndt Rd and Knights Bridge Rd could be significantly increased to the west of Canby. Adding a bike lane along Knights Bridge Rd might be helpful and needed. Ray said he's not sure that local roads are up for mitigation funds for bike/ped projects, instead of just along 99E. Bruce said the crossings of 99E at Ivy St and Elm St are challenging for bicyclists. Scott asked if there was a good spot for a pedestrian overpass in the Elm St area, and Dave said he doesn't see anything like that being added with the current makeup of the downtown area. Del said the area near the high school might make sense, but would be quite expensive. Ray said Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) might be useful in this area for pedestrian safety.

For the Stafford/Borland area, Joseph said Stafford Rd from Wilsonville to I-205 and then Borland Rd is a high need area, and Pete added that Stafford Rd all the way up to Lake Oswego

is also a high need area. Steve said Willamette Falls Rd is also quite dangerous because of vehicles going at high speeds, but did mention that Mountain Rd is the only “safe” road in the area. Bruce said that can be dangerous too because of high speeds and low sight distances.

For the Oregon City/Gladstone area Pete said the Oregon City Arch Bridge is going to be quite packed with traffic, encouraging the proposed bike/ped bridge crossing that’s been proposed in the area. Joseph said the crossings over the Clackamas River and Willamette River are all dangerous, aside from the 82nd Dr. bridge that is only for bikes and pedestrians. Ray said the LPIs would also be beneficial in Oregon City along 99E. Bruce said the Falls Overlook needs better connectivity, and Ray said there’s a planned crossing there in the works with the Willamette Legacy Project.

7:30 p.m. – Molalla Forest Road Update

Mindy said at the April meeting of the Canby Bike/Ped Committee they had a discussion of Phase 1 of the Traverso Section of the logging road. They had the property owners at the meeting to discuss their questions and concerns. She said first step would be to setup a SOLVE cleanup day for picking up the trash people have been dumping in the area. She also mentioned that the Community Paths Grant that they hoped to submit for that project has hit some organizational snags, and it looks like they won’t be able to get it in this year, and will be aiming to get it submitted next year. Tonia said SOLVE offers free support twice a year, with the next one coming in April, and for the group to keep that in mind.

7:35 p.m. – Safe Routes to School Art Contest

Scott and Nicole thanked the Committee for voting for this year’s Safe Routes to School Art Contest. The Committee went over the first, second, and third place vote getters, letting everyone know that the winners get gift cards. Del said it might be helpful to know which age group they were voting for, and Nicole said two of the three age groups only had two submittals. Ray said it might be nice to have it be Clackamas County specific in the future.

7:45 p.m. – Hot Spots

The Committee went over two different Hot Spots that Joseph submitted that he received from his community organization. The first was along Rusk Rd where the roadway doesn’t have sidewalks or shoulders for any bikers or pedestrians, despite it being along the Essential Pedestrian Network and ends at North Clackamas Park. This roadway is 30 mph and gets between 4,000 and 5,000 Average Daily Traffic (ADT). Scott said this might be a good one to look at as part of the upcoming Bike/Walk Clackamas Plan. Mindy said this might not be a hot spot, but a roadway the Committee should be advocating for better amenities. Joseph said he’s okay with not having a vote on this one as there doesn’t seem to be any low-cost solution since this area needs a lot of work. Bruce made a motion to add “Pedestrian on Roadway” signage along Rusk, Joseph seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The second Hot Spot is the pedestrian path between Torban and Wabash Roads where the entrance is blocked by a wire fence, and at the other end the paved portion doesn’t actually connect to the street (blocked by a thin stretch of vegetation). This path is also very narrow and doesn’t meet ADA requirements. Nicole said this is part of the SRTS Oak Grove Action Plan. The group decided to hold off on approving this Hot Spot until Scott looks into who has the jurisdiction there.

8:15 p.m. – PBAC Meeting Moving Forward

Scott wanted to get a feel for how this first hybrid meeting went with the group, and how the Committee wants to move forward. Dave said he thought the hybrid option worked well, and it allows more attendance for those who might be out of town. All of the others seemed to agree.

8:25 p.m. – Open Discussion

There won't be a meeting in June, as Scott will be at the Monroe St. Open House on June 7th at 6:30 p.m. Scott said he'll send the information in the day-after email. There will also be a poll created to determine what day/time works best for the July meeting.

8:30 p.m. - Adjourn

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