



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Hybrid Meeting Held at Clackamas County Development Services Building
(150 Beavercreek Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045) Room 401 & Remotely via Zoom
<http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/pbac.html>

6:30 p.m. – Welcome

Joseph Edge, Dave Weber, Hans Tschersich, Dick Weber, Elena Kazarov, Emma Lugo, Bruce Parker, Del Scharffenberg, Dale Guenther

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

Representatives: Thelma Haggenmiller – Friends of the Trolley Trail

Members of the Public: Grover Jeffrey Bornefeld, Anatta Blackmarr

6:30 p.m. – Approval of February Minutes

Bruce said Joseph made a comment about gender equality, and he said he wanted to ensure the minutes included his comment about the importance of geographic equality, on top of gender equality.

Bruce made a motion to approve the February minutes with the above revision, Joseph seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6:35 p.m. – Public Comment

Grover said he lives in unincorporated Jennings Lodge and said getting up and down the hills can be quite challenging, as well as dangerous along McLoughlin Blvd. He said there are a lot of other options besides the Trolley Trail that could be improved with bicycle and pedestrian facilities. He wants the group to potentially look into that. He mentioned that the Milwaukie-Lake Oswego bike/ped bridge is still being looked at by the County, despite the idea he had that project had been tabled. He believes that bridge would have significant harm on the community of Oak Grove. Scott let him know that project is on the Transportation System Plan, but doesn't have any funding.

6:45 p.m. – New Member Welcome and Introduction

Scott and Brett introduced themselves to the two new members (Elena and Emma), giving a little background on their planning background. The group then went around, introducing themselves and listing things they're passionate about and they'd like the group to work on in the coming year.

Scott said County Staff will put together a little welcome packet in the coming weeks for the new members, consisting of County bike/pedestrian projects, plans, and a few other relevant documents.

7:10 p.m. – Public Comment

Hans said he goes to the gym on the corner of Arlington and McLoughlin in Gladstone and he doesn't understand why people constantly drive there and not bike, given the good location for bike traffic. He said the parking lot is very large and constantly full.

Anatta asked if the OGLO bridge was on the agenda, Joseph said it wasn't and she said she'll hold off on adding a comment.

7:15 p.m. – Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Scott gave an overview of the TDM grant program that the County will be submitting a grant application for at the end of the month. TDM projects are those that fit into specific categories:

- Services (like car-share parking or community shuttles)
- Infrastructure (like bicycle storage or wayfinding)
- Parking Management (like preferential parking for carpooling)
- Multimodal Subsidies (like subsidized transit passes)
- Education (like new resident/employee kits)

TDM projects that have been completed in Clackamas County include bike parking, bike map, Town Center wayfinding signage, bike signage & Clackamas Connects Shuttles. There have also been Safe Routes to School projects that fall in this category. Metro's Regional Transportation Options (RTO) program provides grants and supports efforts that increase walking, biking, transit and other active transportation modes.

The County's TDM Action Plan project is a two-step process: Develop a toolbox of TDM strategies (year 1) & then implement said strategies. Scott showed the Committee the letter of support drafted up by PBAC for this project.

Bruce made a motion to approve the Letter of Support, Joseph seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:25 p.m. – Clackamas Regional Center (CRC) Promo Video

Scott showed the Committee the new CRC promotional video showing the new bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements around the Clackamas Regional Center.

7:35 p.m. – Hot Spots

Scott gave a quick introduction to the Hot Spot program for the new members, where PBAC members identify bicycle or pedestrian issues that can be addressed with minimal cost improvements (new signs, fix/add paint on the roadway, striping, etc.). Elena asked what constitutes a low cost, like that storm grate that was wide enough to catch a bike tire. Scott said there isn't a definitive cost for this, but any project that only requires paint or a few signs, as even a small amount of sidewalk is quite expensive.

The group went over a hot spot that PBAC has been discussing for several years, where Hwy 213 meets I-205. There is a bicycle and pedestrian crossing right where vehicles start increasing speed as they hit the onramp onto I-205. Scott said he meets with ODOT quite frequently, and since these are both state facilities it might be a good idea to have the Committee write a letter addressing this Hot Spot that he could provide to ODOT. Dave said the best move would be to find an alternative route under I-205 to meet up with the bike path on the north end. Emma said she agrees that spot is a “nightmare” and it’s uplifting to hear other’s in Clackamas County understand that. Scott said he’ll put a draft letter together and bring it to the next PBAC meeting.

7:55 p.m. – Bilquist Elementary Sidewalks

Scott gave a quick overview of the Bilquist Elementary Sidewalk project, designed to improve walkability to the elementary school. He showed the project website and said he’ll send that link with the online open house in the day after email.

8:00 p.m. – Project Updates / Open Discussion

Scott went over the results of the Bike/Walk Clackamas Plan survey, where they received 720 comments and over 900 page views. Del asked about the comments (if they were positive or negative), and Scott said looking through those comments has just started.

Chair Tootie Smith and the Board of County Commissioners sent a letter of support of the project u PBAC discussed last week about the crossing of Hwy 26 up in Rhododendron.

Thelma asked if there are any updates on the Jennings Ave project. Scott said the final design is done, and they’re now in the process of right-of-way acquisition. He said he’ll send out the info once he has it.

Bruce said he wants to see the group put together a group ride, and he said the Molalla River ride.

8:15 p.m. – Adjourn

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