



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 1 2023

Remote meeting held via Zoom

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

6:30 p.m. – Welcome

Joseph Edge, Del Scharffenberg, Kelli Grover, Pete Ihrig, Elena Kazarov, Mindy Montecucco, Dave Weber, Bruce Parker

Staff: Scott Hoelscher – Engineering Division (ED)

Representatives: Nicole Perry – Safe Routes to School, Katie Dunham – North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD)

6:35 p.m. – Public Comment

Elena announced that she and her husband are moving to England. She therefore needs to resign from PBAC. Various PBAC thanked Elena for her contribution and unique perspective on active transportation. PBAC wished Elena the best of luck in new life in Europe.

Katie Dunham announced she relocated to the Dallas area. Katie announced NCPRD will be undertaking a trails system plan soon. NCPRD applied for a TGM grant, with support from County Transportation Department and PBAC.

6:00 p.m. – Approval of June Minutes

Del made a motion to approve the June minutes. Kelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7:05 p.m. – Courtney Ave Complete Streets

Scott provided an overview of the Courtney Ave. project. He explained the project background and the various elements of the project, which include new buffered bike lanes (2 ft. buffer with 6-foot bike lane), sidewalks, two new crosswalks with “speed tables” and stormwater management features. Scott explained that there was enough ROW for raingardens which will help with rain detention and planting strip between sidewalk and bikeway. The project extent is from 99E to River Road. About one mile in length. Scott explained that the project will also include bike detection and a bike box at intersection of Courtney Ave. and 99E. He explained the benefits including safety, connectivity and ADA (about 30 curb ramps) access. “Checks all the boxes” – safety, Safe Routes to School and connection to Trolley Trail. Scott showed existing and proposed cross sections. He went over timeframe for project and website.

Dave asked about the existing ROW and if utility poles would need to be relocated. Scott points out ROW on google street view and explained that utility poles would need to be removed. He explained that the ROW extends beyond the pavement surface. Scott explained that the project is designed to fit in ROW, but some strips of ROW will be needed at intersections.

Del asked how much of the street has curbs and if curbs define the ROW. It was explained that the apartment building with existing curb and sidewalk was built within last couple years. The rest of the street there are no curbs. Joseph explained that it is rare for Courtney to have any curb and sidewalk. Although there is a new subdivision going in that will have new sidewalk and bike lanes.

Jospeh talked about the speed tables and benefits of them. He was excited to see 10-foot travel lanes.

Scott talked about some other project elements – bike box and bike detection and speed tables.

Kelly asked about the grant and what set this project apart from other projects. Scott explained that the project scored high due to equity – there is a high number of equity groups in relation to other portions of the county; multifamily housing and lower income; SRTS was a big selling point and connection to River Road and Trolley Trail. Also, the Complete Streets design helped it score high. Joseph also said connection to 99 was key.

Emma asked if there would be street parking. Scott said there would not be vehicle parking allowed.

7:15 p.m. – McLoughlin Blvd Refinement Plan

Scott and Joseph updated the committee on the McLoughlin Boulevard Refinement Plan, an ODOT-led corridor study looking at bike and pedestrian safety improvements. The outcome will be short term improvements such as sidewalk infill and new crosswalks as opposed to big long-term project such as LRT extension from the Orange line terminus. Scott explained the type of projects. He showed a map showing existing project that are underway. Scott went over the “recent existing” projects that are funded and / or built such as the new crosswalks at Boardman and Hull. Scott went over project that connect to 99 such as Jennings, Courtney. Scott said the projects would include transit, bikeway facility improvements and various pedestrian projects. Scott said plan sets up ODOT to get future funding.

Jospeh talked about Arlington intersection. He talked about how projects were group into categories such as safe walking and transit. Jospeh went over the project list and highlighted some major ones such as the sidewalk in-fills; Tolley Trail crossing and slower speed on McLoughlin. Jospeh showed the project list – appendix of the main document. He talked about techniques to slow speeds – feedback signs, enforcement, etc. Joseph talked about providing consistent bikeway buffers along the entire corridor. ODOT is also proposing separated bike facility in the future, which is not something ODOT has considered before.

Kelli asked about transit queue jumps treatment. Joseph explained that these are when the busses get a green light before cars at intersections.

Del asked what colors on the table represent. Joseph explained that the colors were for priorities categories.

Emma and Scott asked about lighting on the Clackamas River Bridge. The committee looked at the project list which does in fact have a project for ped scale lighting on the bridge.

7:25 p.m. – Community Paths Program

Scott and Del provided an overview of the Community Paths Program, which is an ODOT grant program. Scott explained that part of the money is from the bike excise sales tax. Scott pulled up list of projects they are funding. He explained that Del was on committee that reviewed projects. Del explained they reviewed the projects. He said there were 52 applications. ODOT set up a process for scoring the projects. Del talked about categories – they have refinement project and construction projects.

Committee reviewed the funded list. Clackamas River Trail in Happy Valley was the only Clackamas County project to receive funding. Committee reviewed the funding for each project. Emma indicated the funding summary for each project was the aggregate.

Katie from NCPRD will be coordinating with Happy Valley on the Clackamas River Trail. Katie explained that they would be applying for various funding streams to piece together the project.

7:25 p.m. – PBAC Jersey

Scott explained that the subcommittee (Scott, Bruce and Kelli) has been meeting to discuss the PBAC jersey. He also said there were funds procured for the project. Scott explained they have two quotes and waiting for a third vendor. He showed the group the jersey mock-up from Jakroo, which was a “more relaxed fit” with a polo shirt design. This design is a little different from traditional jersey – has a collar but still athletic material. County is working on getting additional quotes. Scott showed the Aerotech design jersey option. Scott asked for feedback on the Jakroo design.

Kelli talked about the Jakroo jersey being great for pedestrians and bikers. She asked if there was a stipulation for the funding on what type of jersey. Scott explained they haven’t gotten to that level of detail.

Kelli asked about monetary value. Scott said we could get about \$1,500 for project. He said quote from Aerotech was \$1,350 with \$200 for design, for traditional style jersey. One idea is to get combination of style.

Bruce said the idea of the Jakroo style jersey has grown on him. First, committee has no cyclist, and it may appeal to them more. Shirt design may be a better choice for being in the public at events. What about picking 10 traditional jerseys and 5 “shirt style.”

Del said he likes to have pockets in the back to carry things. Uses bike jersey for trail runs. Dave prefers back pockets as well...does not prefer side pockets. Button is ok too, but Dave said he

will not wear biking. Need to pre order and get sizes correct. Committee talked about minimum orders and need to have sizes pre-ordered.

Del suggested two additional vendors – Castelli and Louis Garneau

Emma suggested something that was suitable for both peds and bikes. Pete said he usually rides mostly with button down front style.

Bruce asked if funds needed to be spent by a certain date. Scott said County just started a new fiscal year so timeline is not an issue.

8:05 p.m. – Open Discussion / Project Updates

Jospeh suggested rolling over Walk Bike Plan to next month. Scott asked for volunteers for the County Fair. This would be staffing a Walk Bike table at the Fair – info on plan, bike safety, bike map and other work. Scott said the dates were August 15-19. Send Scott an email if committee is interested. Bruce, Hans and Emma expressed interest. Scott said PBAC would get a free pass and parking.

Bruce talked about ODOT project on Hwy. 211 and adding rumble strips. Bruce talked about Hwy. 42 – rumble strips were placed on the white line. This was a nice feature and added a safety element and was not in the bike lane/shoulder. Del suggested sending letter on rumble strips to OBPAC. Scott offered to prepare a draft and bring to next meeting.

8:20 p.m. – Adjourn