



## Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

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

### **6:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions**

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

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

### **6:50 p.m. Approval of March Minutes**

Mindy made a motion to approve the March minutes, Del seconded and the motion approved unanimously.

### **6:55 p.m. CCC Shuttle Service and Access Plan**

Ray gave a presentation on the Clackamas Community College Shuttle Service and Access Plan. The consultant team for the project is a Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) team from Portland State University. The goal of the project is to improve the service between the Harmony Campus near the Clackamas Town Center and the Oregon City campus. He went over the project phases, which is to be completed on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Outreach was impacted by the Coronavirus, but they were still able to get over 550 responses to the online survey, and interviewed 20 students. They looked at potentially moving the bus stop at the Harmony campus to make it more central to the campus, as well as adding new shuttle stops along 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. They also looked at bikeshare/scootershare between the Clackamas Town Center and the Harmony campus, but the numbers didn't show a distinct need or want to use those modes of transportation for that last mile connection. Clackamas County is looking into several other shuttles in the upcoming years.

Scott asked about the shuttles and if they are running yet, and Ray said they are funded, but are not running yet, but could be in the some upcoming years. Del asked if TriMet is operating the shuttles, and Ray said they're funding it through ODOT, with the funds going to the County to operate. The process is wrapping up in the next week, with the PSU students graduating next Friday (June 12). Del asked why students don't want to just walk that last mile, and Joseph said there are people in wheelchairs, along with the area not being the most pedestrian friendly, which makes shuttles a valuable option. Del said he feels this area could use better pedestrian access in this area, and Joseph agreed, stating that the project to improve the area is in the process of being constructed within the next year or two.

Bruce thanked Ray for educating the committee on the needs of the student, and also agreed with Del and Joseph about the value of pedestrian access in the area. Mindy asked about the bikeshare component, making it more affordable and Ray said there's a saying that bikeshare is a gateway drug to buying a bike. Kenath showed the intersection of the Tilikum Bridge's westside landing point and S. Moody Ave in Portland, and said this type of interaction between buses, cars, bike path, and pedestrian path, could be useful in this area. Scott showed the bike/ped improvement going from 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave to the Aquatic Center, and with the new trail he said it may be a good potential stop for the shuttle.

### **7:25 p.m. Clackamas County Transit Development Plan**

Brett gave an overview of the County's Transit Development Plan, showing where they are in the process, and asked the committee to help promote a survey that will be available in the coming days.

### **7:45 p.m. SRTS Infrastructure Grant**

Scott went over the grant he's currently working on to provide funds for Webster Rd. sidewalks to Bilquist Elementary School. This project would connect Bixel Way to Roots Rd. with sidewalks on both sides of the street. Currently the road doesn't have any sidewalks on either side of the road where pedestrians are forced to walk on the shoulder/bike lane. Scott put together a letter of support for PBAC members to look over, edit, and consider for submitting with the grant proposal. Scott said they're hoping as a part of this project is to improve a crosswalk across Webster Rd. in front of the school that's currently not ADA compliant and pedestrians are forced to wait in the roadway.

Mindy asked why the County wasn't considering going all the way to the north end of the school on Clackamas Rd. and Scott said that there is currently a small sidewalk on one side of the road, and there were a number of students observed traveling south. He said the goal would be to add sidewalks on the other side of the road as well, but right now the south side is the focus of this project. Del asked about the right-of-way and Scott said there is definitely some right of way that will be impacted on property that homeowners have planted foliage or placed mailboxes. He said this project will add sidewalk and generic bike lanes, as there's not enough room on the roadway to add a buffer or protection to the bike lanes.

Mindy made a motion to support the letter of support, Joseph seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **8:05 p.m. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update: TGM Grant**

The goal of this project is to update the current Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, which were both last updated in 2003, and not last adopted since 1996, using the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Grant. This update will be added to the Active Transportation Plan, which was updated in 2017. One focus of this update will be emerging technologies, incorporating new technology that can be used with bicycle improvements (such as bicycle detection sensors at intersections). Another focus will be the public health aspect, encouraging bicycling and walking, such as neighborhood streets with slower traffic speeds (similar to the neighborhood greenways in Portland).

Joseph made a motion to have Bruce draft a letter of support on behalf of the committee for the TGM Grant to update the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans, Pete seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **8:15 p.m. Open Committee Discussion**

Scott gave a quick refresher on the Hot Spot project and the potential process to identify Hot Spots by members of the Committee.

Scott then went over some other administrative things. He said he was able to get a little money for PBAC in the budget to do work, such as developing a logo, but that funding is up in the air with the COVID-19 situation and funding issues it's caused at the County. The bike map, which

was also very close to being completed, is up the in air because the department Scott was working with on the map had 11 of 13 people get laid off.

Hans then went over a potential Hot Spot that he's encountered about a power pole that nearly caused him to crash that's in the middle of the sidewalk/bike lane. He also showed the survey sent out to citizens in Gladstone about the Trolley Trail bridge over the Clackamas River. Scott said he'll look into an online survey for this bridge and said he'll try to get in on a future agenda.

**8:40 p.m. Adjourn**

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