



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Remote meeting held via Zoom

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

6:30 p.m. – Welcome

Del Scharffenberg, Pete Ihrig, Mindy Montecucco, Dave Weber, Emma Lugo, Hans Tschersich, Kelli Grover, Dale Guenther

Staff: Scott Hoelscher – Engineering Division (ED)

Rob Sadowsky – Engineering Division (ED)

Nicole Perry – Street Trust

6:35 p.m. – Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6:37 p.m. – Approval of September Minutes

Del made a motion to approve the September minutes. Pete seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6:38 p.m. – Youth Community Engagement

Rob explained that the Traffic Safety Division is aiming to create new questions that can be used to engage children in traffic safety. These would be questions that could be used at the County Fair for Safety Street. He went over the exercise for PBAC which included two parts – first is to identify two behaviors of young adults and children that create traffic dangers. For example, not wearing seat belts. Task two is to craft 2-3 simple questions that fit on a playing card that seeks to help build normal behaviors that would address the issues identified in Task 1. Questions should be understandable for ages 5 and up. PBAC was divided into two groups to brainstorm these and then report back. Members were divided into two breakout rooms.

Report Back portion of agenda item: Pete reported back for group 1. Pete talked about kid behaviors surrounding e-bikes. Kids riding on sidewalks. Pete talked about a local child being hit by e-bike. Pete mentioned the importance of scooter safety. Need to wear a helmet. He also mentioned safety around “one-wheel devices.” Danger of crossing multi-lane road with center island. People need to be aware of cars in both directions.

Dave reported for Group 2. Dave talked about the need to wear helmets for safety. The question is: what should you wear when traveling at greater speed than walking pace. 2nd question -where should you ride on a MUP? People go the wrong way on Sellwood bridge for example. Where should you cross the street? In Oregon, every intersection is a crosswalk. Question – where is it best to cross street?

7:05 p.m. – Upcoming Transportation Safety Project

Rob talked about upcoming funded safety projects. These are not capital projects. There are three new programs: 1) Campaign on “expecting the unexpected.” Problems that may arise when not keeping your eyes on the road. For example – deer crossing road; kid kicking ball in road; biker in road. Fun campaign to “expect the unexpected.” 2) The Driving under the influence project was completed last year. Need to learn more about this topic. Research project to get a better understanding about this topic. 3) County traffic crash triage project. This will look at best practices across the globe on ways to implement a safe systems approach, which is Addressing traffic safety through a number of different filters. Create a review team to review crashes and better understand them. And deal with trauma post-crash. Can county develop a trauma team to go to crash sites at the time of incident to help support community.

Rob talked about Safe Streets for All grant with the federal govt. Project to integrate Safe Systems into all county planning processes such as TSP, TSAP, Walk Bike Plan, others. It would also develop equity-based scoring matrices to help evaluate county transportation projects and create a more user-friendly online interface with transportation safety.

Funds have not been awarded yet, but the county is hopeful of receiving funding.

Kelli asked about Rob’s presentation on I-phones and distracted driving. Rob talked about the project, which involved focus groups and producing an ad. He talked about a county priority being safety and creating culture of safety. Rob showed the PBAC the ad, which ran about 30 seconds. There was discussion on video and other campaigns. Rob shared a video prepared by the state of Washington on DUI and designated drivers. Rob talked about county messaging – being positive. Want to show positive messages, not messages that scare people and make them feel bad, that type of messaging doesn’t work. Del asked where messages are shown. Rob talked about targeting rural communities – snap chat, twitter, tik tok and you tube.

7:25 p.m. – PBAC Jerseys

Scott talked about where the jersey project stands. He reminded the PBAC that there is a subcommittee (Scott, Bruce and Kelli) for the jersey project. Scott recommended using Jakroo for the PBAC jersey. They have several shirt and jersey options. He said county can order different styles. Kelli mentioned that Jakroo sizing may run small. Scott suggested looking at the website as there may be information on sizing on the website. Scott pulled up website and the design to remind everyone of the mock-up. Scott pulled up Jakroo design. This design is a little different from a traditional jersey – has a collar but is still athletic material. Scott showed PBAC jersey/shirt options on the Jakroo website. Hans asked for a link to the website in the day after the email. Del asked if there were long sleeve options. Scott thought there were. Dave suggested two design options and limiting options to that. PBAC voted for Tango and Vibe as the two options.

Dale suggested making them colorful so you can be seen. Del said he liked the design. Scott said he could add a long sleeve option if budget allows.

7:35 p.m. – Trolley Trail Safety Audit

Scott gave a summary of the Trolley Trail Safety Audit. He pulled up the final report, which was recently completed. County contracted with Alta to do study. He said the project looked at the entire length of the trail. Project started with doing existing conditions and doing a survey of users. Scott said the outcome of the project was a series of recommendations for trail improvements organized around 42 segments. He said the report is centered around 5 “solution types” – Signage, Striping, Maintenance, Safety Campaign and Surface Treatments. He went over the categories and the type of projects under each category. Scott pulled up the Arista Road Section and showed the recommended improvement for that segment which includes speed bumps, pavement marking, among others. Del mentioned that the report includes many things that the PBAC has discussed in previous meetings. Hans talked about the rough pavement for the Arista Road section. Not part of the report. Scott said it would be a resurfacing project.

7:45 p.m. – Open Discussion / Project Updates

Scott gave an update to the committee on rumble strips. He said a letter on 211 rumble strips was sent to ODOT. He said ODOT asked if there were segments along 211 that were “high usage areas” that received lot of bike traffic. He said it was section 211 between Colton and Sandy.

Scott gave a list of topics for the rest of the calendar year. November would be mainly devoted to the Walk Bike Plan and December for the annual trivia contest.

Del talked about the new section of the Tualatin River Trail. He explained that a new segment was recently completed.

8:00 p.m. – Adjourn