



# **CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

## **Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee**

### Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

Hybrid Meeting Held at Clackamas County Development Services Building  
(150 Beavercreek Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045) Room 301 & Remotely via Zoom  
<http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/pbac.html>

#### **6:30 p.m. – Welcome**

Bruce Parker, Hans Tschersich, Dave Weber, Pete Ihrig, Mindy Montecucco, Del Scharffenberg, Joseph Edge, Kelli Grover

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

Representatives: Jeff Bohman – President, Peninsula Trails Coalition

Members of the Public: Elena Kazarov

#### **6:35 p.m. – Public Comment**

Elena lives in Oak Grove and just moved from Portland. She said she's worried about the pedestrian and bicycle safety in the neighborhood. She said she tried biking when she moved and it was a "bad move." She wants to encourage the County to increase bike and ped safety, such as making Oatfield Rd a one lane road.

#### **6:40 p.m. – Approval of November Minutes**

Pete made a motion to approve the minutes, Del seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **6:45 p.m. – Olympic Discovery Trail**

Jeff works with the Peninsula Trails Coalition, an organization that began in the 1980s. They've worked on converting an old, abandoned railroad corridor into a multi-use path. Through their work they've helped to complete several long sections of the trail, with gaps in between, across the north end of the peninsula, between Port Townsend to the Pacific Ocean. He said he's been on the board since the early 90s, and they're continuing to grow their financial abilities to potentially add staff. He added that organizations are using the trail for organized rides, which can be between 30 to 35 a year. They are also the western edge of the Great American Rail Trail, which traverses the continental US. He finished by saying that the vision is succeeding, being one of the primary features of the northern Olympic Peninsula, and mustering public support for protecting the trail.

Dave asked how much of this trail is paved, and how much is packed gravel. Jeff said the standard is to have a paved surface with an equestrian trail alongside. There is a portion of the

trail that's packed gravel right now, as it was developed before his organization got started. Scott asked if the entire portion is separated from the roadway. Jeff said the goal is to have it separated throughout, but for the time being there are portions that are along a paved road shoulder. Mindy asked how they overcome property owner opposition, as she's been dealing with that on the Canby trail. Jeff said it was parcel by parcel, and it was done by the local jurisdictions as his organization doesn't have any legal precedent. Sometimes it was change in ownership, and other times discussing with owners the benefit they can receive if the trail maintains its alignment compared to if the alignment was adjusted. Mindy then asked how much tourism/economic benefit has been had, and Jeff said he doesn't have the numbers on hand, but can provide those later by email. He mentioned that the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy has done a number of studies on the topic. Del said he rode that trail earlier this year with a large group of international riders in the Cascade 1400. Hans asked if there's a lot of local spillover from daily commute trips or errands, and Jeff said absolutely. Scott asked what kind of trail counters they use, and Jeff said they use EcoCounter and they have about 6 on the trail currently. Elena asked if they're building the economic data for the trail benefit, and he said they're working with local agencies.

### **7:20 p.m. – PBAC Trivia!**

The Committee held their second annual trivia night. Del ended up winning and taking home the trophy for the first time.

### **8:30 p.m. – Project Updates**

Scott and Brett discussed the current PBAC recruitment for new members, and let the Committee know that five members have their terms running out. If they want to stay on PBAC they'll need to reapply. Scott said he'll provide application details and which members terms are running out in the day after email.

### **8:35 p.m. Adjourn**

Pete made a motion to adjourn, Hans seconded and the motion passed unanimously.