

Pedestrian/Bike Advisory Committee Meeting  
**May 6, 2009 – Development Services Building**

Website: <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/dtd/trans/info/pedbike.htm>

Members Present: Peter Goodkin, Sherri Dow, Del Scharffenberg, Dale Guenther and John Borden.

Staff: Scott Hoelscher and Lori Mastrantonio-Meuser.

Public: Susan Corwin, Dick Weber, Matt Picio and Thelma Haggemiller

Minutes: John Borden moved to approve the March minutes. Dale Guenther seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Matt Picio is a Vice Chair of the Multnomah County Bike/Ped. Advisory Committee. He informed us that they are not cancelling the committee.

Happy Valley Pedestrian Master Plan

Sarah Mizejewski with the City of Happy Valley presented the Pedestrian Master Plan funded through a 2007 TGM grant. Sarah passed out copies of the draft Plan and Trail Development Handbook. The City has been working on the project for two years. Large growth in the City; citizens have expressed a desire for more pedestrian facilities. City wanted to create a system of walking trails. Developers are required to build trails if property that is being developed is planned for a walking trail.

Sarah noted that some walking trails are already constructed and consist of gravel, boardwalk and other hard-surfaced trails. The Pedestrian Master Plan consists of a "Primary Pedestrian Loop and "Supporting Pedestrian System," these are identified on the map of the pedestrian plan.

The trail system includes Metro regional trails, e.g. Mt. Scott, Scouters' Mtn and Rock Creek.

Sarah indicated that so far the project has received mostly positive responses. The Planning Commission has recommended in favor of the project. The next hearing will be before the City Council May 19.

Federal Stimulus Package

Lori gave the committee an update on possible projects for a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Energy. This would be money made available via the federal stimulus legislation. Lori passed out a list of possible projects and mentioned that 3.1 million

dollars is available to Clackamas County. There is still a question of whether or not the money can be used to purchase right-of-way. Lori mentioned that 122<sup>nd</sup> and 132<sup>nd</sup> sidewalk projects have been bumped out on the CIP and are important projects listed on the Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan so they are recommended as part of the stimulus package. Dale suggested that the projects scoring highest on the Master Plans should be included on the list for the package submittal. Peter supported the Monroe (Linwood to Thompson project).

There was discussion on the Linwood Road project. The southern portion is very rough; the northern portion needs bike lanes. Robert Wong suggested funding 122<sup>nd</sup> and 132<sup>nd</sup>.

### Oregon City Arch Bridge Closure

Basil Christopher, ODOT Region 1, Ped/Bike Coordinator. The Oregon City Arch Bridge will be closed for repairs for two years. The committee discussed with Basil the issue of providing crossing alternatives for pedestrians and bicyclists. Basil passed around pictures of the bridge showing a recent closure. This project requires full closure. There is an open house on May 20. Basil recommended that members attend the open house and voice their concerns and ask questions. He will get back to staff regarding the time and place of the open house. Staff will then email members the information.

I-205: Basil indicated that bikers are prohibited by law from using I-205. Robert and others suggested installing a barrier on I-205 to create a separate bike detour. Del said that it's unreasonable to expect bikers to not cross the river. John B. suggested a Ferry crossing option. There was discussion on bike and pedestrian counts across the bridge. Basil indicated that in June on a Saturday they had a count of 50 pedestrians and 80 or so bicyclists. John B. indicated that ODOT has the manpower to easily obtain updated, accurate counts because there are currently workers stationed at each end of the bridge. He recommended that ODOT utilize the workers and perform new counts including weekdays. In short, denial of access for 2 years was unacceptable to the committee. Basil indicated that weekend openings are being considered.

The committee felt that the TriMet shuttle was an option to consider. They asked if the shuttle would be free. Basil didn't think so. More information regarding the shuttle is needed. How long will it take? What are the times of the shuttle? How many bikes can a shuttle bus hold?

Sherri asked why pedestrian access and bicycle access were not part of the original bid or study of the bridge repair. Basil said that they found that the bridge damage was more extensive than was thought. The costs almost doubled.

Del asked about future work on the I-5.

## ODOT Stimulus Project/Updated Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Basil talked about the new lighting for I-205 bike path funded through federal stimulus funds. Lighting would be installed from Foster/Woodstock to the Town Center and also south of the Clackamas Town Center to the Gladstone interchange. ODOT will be responsible for maintenance within the I-205 right of way. One of the committee members said that the path was scheduled to open in May but now it appears that it won't open until September.

Basil passed out a draft copy of the updated Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. He'll send staff a pdf file and staff will send it to the committee members. It includes information on design standards, drainage standards, bike blvds., shared roadways, rumble strips, pervious surface for walks and bike paths and more.

### Other Issues

Basil said that there are opportunities for \$5,000 grants through ACTS for Oregon related to bike and ped safety projects. Funds can be used to purchase helmets, lights, reflectors, etc.

Peter asked how ODOT remedies improvements made by contractors that don't meet standards. Basil said that committee members should contact him about improvements that aren't meeting standards.

There was discussion about the section of the Trolley Trail that is 14' wide; 10' is paved and 4' is soft. The 4' soft trail is strong enough to handle some vehicles.

Staff will email Robert and the committee regarding the Carver Bridge repair.

### Items for the next meeting

- Columbia River Gorge Hwy Video
- CIP: Capital Improvement Plan
- Oregon City Arch Bridge
- Milwaukie Light Rail
- I-205 path
- County Bike signage project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.