

Pedestrian/Bike Advisory Committee Meeting
September 7, 2010 – Development Services Building

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

Members Present: Sherri Dow, Del Scharffenberg and Peter Goodkin

Staff: Karen Buehrig, Scott Hoelscher, and Lori Mastrantonio-Meuser

Public: Ralph Goldstein

Minutes: Dell moved and Sherri seconded the motion to approve the October 13, 2009 and January 5, 2010 minutes. They were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Mr. Goldstein commented that there are locations in the county where bike lanes mysteriously seem to disappear. He asked if the committee thought that bike merge signs were needed. The committee discussed the value of this and the use of 'sharrows'. The City of Portland is installing 'sharrows' on designated bike boulevards. Staff suggested that Joe Marek the county traffic supervisor consider these options. Staff will get back to the committee with any suggestions that Joe may have.

Update of Candidates for Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee

The committee reviewed the eight applications. Sherri moved to recommend all eight be approved as members of the committee. Del seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Critical Bikeway Connection Map

Karen Buehrig presented the map that illustrates regionally significant bicycle projects and connections within the county. These are projects that have been coordinated with the cities, i.e. Lake Oswego, West Linn, Oregon City, Happy Valley, Milwaukie, Canby, Sandy, Wilsonville, Estacada, etc. The county will be requesting federal and regional funds in order to construct the improvements. The county is working with a consultant to create a map that highlights the various projects on one side and includes project descriptions on the other side. Karen showed the committee a City of Seattle bike map as an example of what the map might look like. So far there are about 18 projects and they include;

- 17th Avenue connection; Milwaukie to Springwater Corridor
- Milwaukie/Monroe bike blvd.
- Missing link of I205 multiuse path
- Bike connection to industrial area; multiuse Sunrise Trail and Active Transportation Corridor

- Connection between Lake Oswego and Portland; Hwy 43; 1) improve Hwy 43 and 2) Willamette Shore Trolley
- Lake Oswego to West Linn improvement to Hwy 43
- Bikeway along Willamette Falls Drive
- Scouters/Mt. Scott Loop Trail; (current project includes \$100,000 to scope project – managed by North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District)
- Oregon City loop trail around city
- Tonquin Trail; Metro project – currently reviewing/analyzing route alternatives
- Willamette River Greenway from Lake Oswego to West Linn
- Springwater Corridor – Cazadero Trail; Clackamas County/Oregon State Parks and Recreation Dept. project; funding to do portion of trail
- City of Sandy interested in connecting to Cazadero Trail
- Molalla River pathway connecting Canby to Molalla
- French Prairie Bridge; pedestrian/bikeway/emergency vehicles bridge
- Connection between Lake Oswego and Milwaukie; railroad bridge
- Milwaukie pedestrian/bike connection at Kellogg Lake, connecting Park Avenue light rail station to lake
- Lake Oswego – Tualatin bridge, connection to Browns Ferry Park

Peter asked about the connection between Estacada and Clackamas. Karen said that the issue is that Damascus has not completed their planning process and so there isn't any recommendation for a trail through Damascus at this time.

Del asked about the Molalla Forest Road Trail. It goes to the gun club and there's a wire fence blocking access. No one is championing this trail at this time.

Next step for Critical Bikeway Connection Map; projects and map will be reviewed at the city managers meeting.

Transportation System Plan Update

Karen indicated that over the next 6 months we will be looking at policy direction and ensuring that we will look at the full suite of transportation issues, i.e. public health, pedestrian/bicycle issues, sustainability and more.

The county will:

- Hold stakeholders meetings and interviews in September
- The project will take about 18 months to complete

Karen was asked if the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans will be updated as a result of this project. She said that this project will not include a full update, however any changes to the policies in Chapter 5 of the County Comprehensive Plan will likely include pedestrian and bicycle policies and those would be updated.

Transportation Enhancement Grant (TE)

Sherri moved and Del seconded a motion to approve the committee's letter of support for the TE grant application. It passed unanimously.

ACTS Oregon – Building Safer Communities Mini-Grant Program Application; Safe Routes to School Action Plan for Sunnyside Elementary School

Del moved and Sherri seconded a motion to approve the committee's letter of support for this ACTS grant application. It passed unanimously.

ACTS Oregon – Bicycle Safety Mini-Grant Program Application; Bicycle Rodeo, Summer 2011

This \$5,000 grant involves holding one bicycle rodeo for children at the Clackamas Town Center in August of 2011. Sherri moved and Peter seconded a motion to approve the committee's letter of support for this ACTS grant. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Goldstein suggested coordinating with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance regarding the helmets. He also suggested stickers to be given out that say "My dad wears a helmet" and "My mom wears a helmet." Del commented that he has seen helmets for \$6 and questioned whether the price listed in the grant application was accurate. Scott said that the prices in the application were from REI and none were in the \$6 range.

Regional Travel Options Grant

Lori explained that the county is considering applying for an RTO for the construction of a Bike Station located at the retail space of the ground floor of the parking garage at the Green Line Max Station at the Town Center. The county would partner with TriMet and the County Development Agency on this project. The project would include bicycle storage for approximately 50 spaces similar to the Sunset Transit Center Bike Cage. Riders would purchase a 'card' to access the storage spaces. The grant is due Oct. 15.

County Bike Sign Plan

Scott reviewed the segments of the bike sign plan that have been completed. These include River Road; Webster Road; the I-205 segment and several east-west connector segments. Scott explained that the county is now moving to other areas. The next segment, near the Clackamas Town Center, provides connection to the City of Milwaukie sign plan. Scott passed out copies of this segment of the sign plan to the committee. The committee had several comments on the Clackamas Town Center segment.

Del said that the sign mock-ups do not label Bell Ave. consistently: some have Bell Road while others show Bell Avenue.

Peter suggested that the signs should direct cyclists to 85th Ave. instead of 90th Ave. 85th Ave. provides a better connection to Monterey Ave than 90th Ave. Sign 8-19 should be placed at 85th Ave. and Causey instead of 90th Ave. and Causey. The sign at the end of Causey (sign 8-10) should be left in-place as it directs cyclists to the I-205 bike path.

Sherri commented on the Fuller Road – King Road intersection: taking a left onto King Road from Fuller is very dangerous. This intersection is very close to the King Road – 82nd Ave. intersection and vehicles often back-up on King Road waiting to turn onto 82nd Ave. Peter and Shari suggested that a better route to sign is Monroe to Maplehurst to Harmony. Milwaukie is considering Monroe as a bike boulevard so the Monroe to Maplehurst to Harmony route could be a good alternative to Fuller Road.

There was considerable discussion about connections from King Road to Bell Road in order to access the Springwater Corridor. Two options are Linwood Ave. and 66th Ave. Linwood in this area is in the city limits of Milwaukie. 66th Ave. is a low traffic residential, local road.

Scott said that staff would consider the Committee's comments. Field work to revisit sign locations and inspect the suggested alternatives for signs would probably take place the week of September 13. Scott commented that field work may entail biking certain segments. Scott would send Del and Ralph an email about field work for the bike sign plan.

Rail-Volution

Lori explained that the county is sponsoring Rail-Volution this fall, Oct. 18-21. This is a national annual conference focusing on the roles that transit, alternative modes of transportation and transit-oriented development play in creating livable communities. Lori handed out an information sheet about the conference which included the website for more information. As part of the sponsorship there are 10 scholarships available to county citizens allowing them to attend the conference without cost (the registration fee would be \$425).

Hwy 43 Bicycle Safety Meeting

There will be a meeting Sept. 28, Tuesday, 5:30-7pm. Community members can learn about projects planned for the Hwy 43 corridor and share ideas about how to improve safety. Lori indicated that the location of the meeting is unknown at this time. She will notify the committee as soon as that information is available.

National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project

Lori talked about this project and distributed an information sheet. The count dates are Sept. 14-16 from 5-7pm and Sept. 18-19 from 9-11am. She recommended that if anyone has questions about the project call Katie Dunham with the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

Committee Meeting Date/Time

After discussion about possibly changing the date of the committee meetings it was decided that this should be discussed with new committee members at the next meeting.

Item(s) for the next meeting

- County Bike Sign; additional segments to review
- Transportation System Plan – Update
- RTO Grant – Update
- Hwy 43 Bicycle Safety Meeting – Update
- Trolley Trail – Update

Meeting adjourned at about 8:05pm.