

Pedestrian/Bike Advisory Committee Meeting
November 2, 2010 – Development Services Building

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

Members Present: Del Scharffenberg, Peter Goodkin, Ted Hartzell, Herb Williams, Dick Weber, Ralph Goldstein, Dale Guenther and Lesa Pinker

Staff: Scott Hoelscher, and Lori Mastrantonio-Meuser

Public: None

Minutes: Del moved and Ralph seconded the motion to approve the September 7, 2010 minutes. They were unanimously approved.

Introductions/New Member Packets:

Everyone introduced themselves and Chair Peter Goodkin and the other reappointed members and staff welcomed the new members.

Lori passed out packets to the new members which contained bylaws, the ped/bike facilities section of Chapter 5 of the County Comprehensive Plan, the Pedestrian Master Plan, the Bicycle Master Plan, the Bike It! Map, the committee goals, mission statement, current projects (including the Bike Sign Project which Scott discussed), potential projects and more. Scott and Lori talked about the documents and various projects. Scott talked about the different funding opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Committee members are often asked to review and comment on potential projects for grant funding. Letters of support for grants from the Committee are often needed to supplement the grant application.

Scott mentioned that there may be updates to the Bicycle Master Plan in the next couple of years. The Bicycle Master Plan is part of the County's Transportation System Plan (TSP). The current version of the Bicycle Plan is from 2003.

Historic Columbia River Highway Committee

Dick Weber is on the Historic Columbia River Highway Committee which received a \$3.5m FTA grant to build new trails, a separate path for pedestrians and bicyclists in the gorge area. Congratulations to Dick and his fellow committee members for their important efforts in securing this grant!

Critical Bikeway Connection Map

Lori and Scott explained the project. The map illustrates regionally significant bicycle projects (Lori read through the list of the 18 or so projects) and connections within the county including projects within cities in the county. Scott indicated that these are projects that have been coordinated with the cities. Critical Bikeways

represent a “wish list” of significant bicycle improvement projects throughout the county. The county will be requesting federal and regional funds in order to construct the improvements. Herb asked about coordination with other jurisdictions as bikeway networks cross jurisdictional boundaries. The committee discussed the importance with working across jurisdictional lines. 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. The map is not quite finished but when it is staff will email the map to committee members.

Clackamas Regional Center Pedestrian/Bicycle Connections Project

Lori explained the project and indicated that the county is still working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to complete the Scope of Work (SOW). That should be done within the next week or so. She stated that a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) will be formed and that this will be an opportunity for members of the PBAC to be involved in the project and be members of the PAC.

ACTS Grants

Scott explained the two ACTS grants; one for an ACTS Oregon – Building Safer Communities Mini-Grant Program for completing a Safe Routes to School Action Plan for Sunnyside Elementary School and one for a Bicycle Safety Mini-Grant Program Application to hold a bicycle rodeo for children at the Clackamas Town Center in August of 2011. The grant for the rodeo included money to buy bike helmets for youths. The grant was for \$5,000 and also included an allowance for staff time. We will likely know if the county will receive funding for these sometime in December.

Dick Weber suggested that staff contact Bruce Buffington with Emmanuel Trauma regarding buying helmets for the kids. Dick Weber has obtained helmets at a very low price in the past. Herb Williams suggested providing lights and/or bells at the bike rodeo. The committee thought that providing lights/flashers was just as important as providing helmets.

Debris Brochure

Lori passed out the debris brochure that was developed by the Committee a few years ago. Lori explained that the brochure includes contact numbers for jurisdictions to report debris problems in the road/bike lane. The committee said to move forward with updating the brochure. Ralph asked about sweeping in Clackamas County, specifically glass in the bike lanes. Staff indicated that, in general, sweeping bike lanes is driven by complaints.

Arch Oregon City Bridge

The Committee discussed the upcoming closure of the Oregon City Arch Bridge. Scott stated that ODOT visited the committee a few months ago. The committee discussed options for bikes and peds during the closure with Basil Christopher from ODOT. ODOT has selected the transit/shuttle option to ferry bikers and peds over the river during the bridge closure. The Bridge closure has been delayed. Scott thought the new close date was January or February of 2011.

County Bike Sign Plan

Scott described the project in general and showed committee members the area for the next segment which is Happy Valley. He asked that members think of destinations in the Happy Valley area and to get back to him with those suggested destinations. It was suggested that Sunnyside Road be signed and the following destinations be included:

- Clackamas Town Center
- Happy Valley City Hall
- Eagle Landing
- New Hope Church
- Scouter's Mountain Elementary School

He 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. Scott passed out copies of the River Road segment of the sign plan to the committee as an example of a completed segment. The committee discussed the Happy Valley segment. There was discussion on which routes should be signed. Herb said that MapMyRide.com might be helpful in determining which roads have the most bike traffic. Scott said he will have GIS overlay the Bike IT! Map on the Happy Valley road map. Bike It! combined with MapMyRide.com should show which routes to sign in Happy Valley.

Hwy 43 Bicycle Safety Meeting

Lori mentioned that the minutes from the Lynn Peterson chaired meeting on Hwy. 43 safety are in the packet given to new committee members. Copies were given to the returning members as well. A 2nd meeting about improvements on Hwy. 43 could happen later perhaps this winter.

Discussion of Safety Concerns along the I-205 Path

Del discussed his safety concerns with the I-205 Path, generally north of the Clackamas Town Center area. Del mentioned that there have been a couple of stabbings along the path and that safety is a real concern for riders; unsavory characters have been congregating around the transit stations. Scott mentioned that he generally rides the path once a week in the evening but has not experienced any problems. Scott thought that perhaps the safety problem is a problem during very

late night hours. The Clackamas County Sheriff's Department would have policing jurisdiction in the area within the county. The committee talked about maybe writing a letter asking them to look into this matter.

Dick Weber mentioned that there is no curb cut for riders traveling south on the I-205 at Monterey St. Also, a section of the path near the Clackamas Town Center is dangerous and should have a mirror for visibility installed.

Committee Meeting Date/Time

The committee decided to continue to meet the first Tuesday of every other month.

Item(s) for the next meeting

- County Bike Sign; review of Happy Valley segment
- Oregon Scenic Bikeways – Potential County nomination(s)
- Bike Connections Map

Meeting adjourned at about 8:05pm.