

Pedestrian/Bike Advisory Committee Meeting
September 6, 2011 – Development Services Building

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

Members Present: Dick Weber, Ralph Goldstein, Del Scharffenberg, Ted Hartzell and Lesa Pinker

Staff: Lori Mastrantonio-Meuser, Scott Hoelscher

Public: None

Minutes: Del moved and Ralph seconded the motion to approve the June 7, 2011 minutes. They were unanimously approved.

Update on Engineering Projects

Joel Howie, Civil Engineering Supervisor, provided a summary of the major projects that the Engineering Division is working on and those projects that have recently been completed. Joel passed out a 2010/2011 Prospectus Summary and a Funding Sources handout to Committee members. The Prospectus Summary identifies road projects, bike/ped projects, safety projects, overlay projects, bridge projects and storm drainage projects. Joel explained the Prospectus Summary and discussed several recent projects. The Stafford Road overlay project is complete; the Holly Lane bridge project is finished. Some projects are in the planning or design phase as indicated on the Prospectus Summary.

Lori asked about the section called, "Ped/Bike Priorities Program." The project cost estimate is listed as \$138,602. Lori asked what ped/bike projects were included in this program. Joel didn't know which specific projects were being funded but mentioned that Joe Marek, Traffic Engineer, is the Project Manager. The Ped/Bike Signage Update Project is listed on the Prospectus Summary below the Ped/Bike Priorities Program. Scott indicated that this is funding for the bike wayfinding signage that the Committee has reviewed at past meetings. Scott stated that the urban portion of this project is completed and that the rural areas of the County will get some limited wayfinding signage in the future. The \$188,982 listed on the Prospectus for the project has not been expended.

Joel discussed the Forecasted Funding Sources handout. For fiscal year 2010/11 the County anticipates receiving funding from the various sources listed on the handout. There are three general sources of funding listed: local, state and federal. The largest state finding source is from the Oregon Transportation Improvement Act (OTIA), which is \$3.05 million. These funds are used primarily for bridge projects.

Scott asked about overlay/resurfacing projects and how the Engineering Division establishes priorities. Joel explained the process for developing priorities, which is based on a number of factors. Dick asked about the Carver Bridge replacement.

Joel stated that the project was put out for bid this past spring. An RFP was also sent out. Joel talked about the Carver Bridge RFP and the process for the bridge replacement: it will take three years to build the bridge; there are only 6 weeks per year for “in-water” work and they need to build a temporary bridge.

There was discussion regarding bike signals. The Prospectus Summary lists the Johnson Creek Blvd. /Bell Ave. bike signal as in the “Design Phase.” This bike signal will help riders cross Johnson Creek at the Springwater Corridor.

Clackamas Regional Center (CRC) Pedestrian/Bicycle Connection Project Update

Lori gave the Committee an update on the CRC Ped/Bicycle Connection Project. She stated that the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) met on August 30. Gail Cutis from ODOT attended, Dennis Curtis from the Town Center as well as several other PAC members. Lori talked about what the PAC discussed at the meeting. The PAC reviewed Tech Memo #1, which included crash data for the study area. Lori mentioned there is significant pedestrian activity in the area, specifically at the intersection of 82nd Ave. and Causey. The PAC also discussed the surveys that will be conducted by TriMet and Clackamas County staff as part of the CRC project. TriMet is conducting a system wide destination/origin survey this fall. The data from this survey will be helpful to the CRC project. Two other surveys will be conducted: 1) survey monkey of major employers in the area – Kaiser, Clackamas Community College, etc; 2) a field survey of TriMet users at two stops at the Clackamas Town Center. Ted asked what the goal of the employer survey is. Lori stated that the County would like to find out what the travel patterns are and what walking/biking routes people use in the study area.

Lori discussed the next steps for the CRC project. There will be a field visit with the PAC in late September or October. Scott mentioned that this will be an on-going project for the next several months. The grant calls for the project to be completed by June 30, 2012.

Trail Counts

Scott informed the Committee that Clackamas County will be involved in Trail Counts and surveys of trail users (bikers/peds) as part of the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project. Counts of trail users will be obtained at three locations: SE 17th Ave at Milport; Springwater Corridor near Boring at SE Rugg Road and two locations along the Trolley Trail. Scott mentioned that there is a volunteer training session on Thursday, September 8, 2011. Committee members were encouraged to volunteer if they have time.

172nd/190th Corridor Project

Lori passed out a map of the recommended alternatives for the 172nd /190th corridor plan as well cross sections of the proposed roadway. The cross section alternatives

vary from 3-5 lanes. There are a number of round-a-bouts along the corridor. Del asked if the roundabouts are being constructed before the cross streets are built. Neither Lori nor Scott knew the answer to this question but would look into the matter. Dale is on the PAC for this project and may be able to give the Committee an update at the next meeting. Lori told the Committee that the website for this project is still active and has a wealth of information on the project.

TSP Update

Lori talked about the update of the Clackamas County Transportation System Plan (TSP). She indicated that there will be an extensive public involvement process and that the plan will consider various modes of transport; a big priority for this update will be consideration of alternative modes of transportation. The update process is just starting. Funding for transportation projects and available funding sources will be an element of the plan. Scott asked if the Bicycle Master Plan and/or the Pedestrian Master Plan will be considered during the TSP update process. Lori indicated that active transportation will be looked at but the process will not include a full update of those plans.

Sunrise Corridor Update

Lori passed out a handout on the Sunrise Corridor to the Committee. The handout, "Status of the Sunrise Project", gives a summary of the project. Lori told the Committee that Phase 1 of the project will not include a multi-use path.

Sunnybrook West Extension

The Sunnybrook West Extension is on hold at this time.

Hwy. 43

The County hired consultant CH2M Hill to undertake a Bike Lanes Alternatives Analysis on Hwy. 43. Lori passed out a draft of the three alternatives. There will be a public meeting on the project this fall. Del asked what the length of the project was. It was unclear from the alternatives map what the scope of the project is. Scott thought the project extended from just north of downtown Lake Oswego to the Sellwood Bridge. Lori indicated that she would find out the project area and get back to the committee.

There was extensive conversation about the three alternatives. Several members thought that alternative 2 was the best option. No member liked alternative one because the bike lanes were not continuous. There was also discussion about "buffered bike lanes" and what form a buffering would take. Is it raised from the street? Is there a physical barrier between the travel lanes and the bike lanes? Scott thought that the buffered bike lanes meant that there would be painting (cross hatched) between the travel lane and the bike lane.

Item(s) for the next meeting

- Clackamas Regional Center Connection Project
- Bike Wayfinding Signage
- Hwy 43 Bike Facilities Project

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.