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Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Board Room, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Dehner
Greg Olson
Tyson Poskochil
Rory Renfro
Chad Tucker
Carolyn Briggs
Gary Purvine
Art Graves
Martha Berndt
Jeff Grover
Joel Huffman
Andrew Holtz
Susan Watt

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Talia Jacobson, Ryan Farncomb, John Russell, Michael Rubenstein, Jim Couch

STAFF: Joanna Valencia, Megan Neill, JD Deschamps

Guest: Rithy Khut, Robert Spurlock, John Hornburger, Matt Sedor, Roger Geller, Steven Simpson

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. There was a quorum of members present.

2. Approve July 2016 Meeting Minutes

Corrections to the minutes include noting that Joel Huffman was present and that Michael Dehner was absent.

MOTION: Joel Huffman moved to approve the July 2016 meeting minutes. Greg Olson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL: July 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment

Rithy Khut from the Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee shared some info on open recruitments for the advisory committee sharing that they are looking for a new member from the East Side of the City. They are underway with outreach efforts and recruitment started last Friday.

4. Troutdale to Springwater Trail Project

Robert Spurlock from Metro shared a PowerPoint presentation of the project. He went over the project goals and went over the different alignment alternatives with the committee. The alignments were scored based on 10 criteria. Committee members discussed the criteria and inquired about the project. Discussion points included the challenges of purchasing right of way and private ownership along alignments and the outreach done so far. Robert shared findings on activities that folks would like to use the trail for (cycling, walking, horseback, etc.) and shared information on some of the top destinations. Robert shared that items around safety, security, and homelessness have come up. Robert shared that there has been mixed support and that he's heard that along the road is ok for the trail location. He went over the challenges climbing out of downtown Troutdale and the options along Sandy Ave and Buxton. Robert also shared information on the project schedule.

Robert responded to comments and questions from the CAC. Questions and comments were around cost, the alternative refinement, and the type of facility. Robert said that they would be working on identifying future funding through grants most likely and the facility would be similar to the Springwater.

5. Staff Report

Joanna provided a staff report.

County bike/ped bridge construction updates:

- Sellwood:
 - Mid-Sept. 2016: 12-foot raised path will open on east approach
 - Late Oct. 2016: South sidewalk and multi-use path bridge to regional trail will open
- Broadway Rail Wheel Replacement:
 - Construction Nov. 2016 to fall 2017
 - At least one sidewalk open (except for about 7 days when bridge is closed)
 - Impacts to sidewalk users will be less than recent painting project
- Morrison Bridge Lift Span Deck Replacement:
 - Construction April - Oct. 2017
 - At least one sidewalk open at all times
 - Two 5-week closures of the south sidewalk path

Joanna provided informed the CAC of the upcoming Regional Travel Options Grant (RTO).

6. Chair Report

Chad asked volunteer time keeper to help keep the agenda flowing. For this meeting, Michael Dehner volunteered to be the role of timekeeper.

7. County Courthouse Update and Hawthorne Bridge Discussion

JD kicked off the conversation. He indicated to the group that they have been continuing work on the project since their last meeting with the BPCAC in March and are asking for feedback and will look into opportunities to refine. They have been working with the City of Portland, looking at City standards as well as best management practices of Massachusetts Transportation. Matt from the SRG partnership, the lead architect for the project, gave an overview of the plans. After the presentation, the CAC had an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

CAC conversation included questions and comments about: the pedestrian experience and environment, the stair access on Naito, parking, building ingress/egress, bike facilities, storm water management and street furnishing. Roger Geller from PBOT presented information on PBOT's desire to see a separated bike facility that includes a mountable rolled curb. Conversation continued regarding an elevated versus at grade facility. Concerns included addressing visual and physical cues to address conflicts and the changing users of the facility related to the use of the building. Roger addressed the comments, noting that a raised facility allows for physical separation but also with a mountable curb allows for easy up and down access. The committee continued to discuss the pros and cons of an at grade versus elevated facility. There was support from the committee for the mountable curb. Committee members raised concerns regarding the choke point on Hawthorne and members asked if there was any possibility to widen and address the pinch point especially since it's a heavily used bike corridor. Staff responded that the 6.5 feet is a minimum and it is currently 5.5 feet and right-of-way limitations are challenging. The CAC asked if there would be storm water gates in the bike lane. Staff responded that the design has these in the motor vehicle travel lane and not in the bike lane.

After CAC discussion an action was taken with a motion to support a rolled curb, with a 4" curb separation for ped-bike along Madison and a 10' staircase with landing for the project. The vote was unanimous in support of these concepts for the project.

It is anticipated that the project will be returning to the BPCAC on January 2017 to provide a construction update on the project.

Meeting minutes written and submitted by:

Joanna Valencia

The next BPCAC meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 from 6:30-8:30pm, at the Multnomah Building.