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Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Board Room, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, OR

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carolyn Briggs
Art Graves
Gary Purvine
Joel Huffman
Rory Renfro
Susan Watt
AJ Zelada
Greg Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Holtz
Michael Rubenstein
Jim Couch
Ryan Farncomb

STAFF: Joanna Valencia (Transportation Planning and Development Program Manager), MaryJo Andersen (SRTS Coordinator), Mike Pullen (Public Affairs), Jon Henrichsen (Engineering Services Manager)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. There was a quorum of members present.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes – minutes were not available, so deferred to the next meeting

3. Public Comment - none

4. Chair Report

Rory reported that he has not been able to put in the time that he wanted, so would like to pass the torch to someone else who might be interested in serving as Chair of the committee. Rory asked members to please consider if you are available and can devote the time to lead the group.

Susan Watt mentioned that it would be good to send out an email to request interest in the Chair position.

Greg Olson mentioned that the Gresham staff sends out information about 2 weeks before each Bike-Ped meeting. This gives committee members more time to follow-up.

Rory mentioned that a Vice-Chair position could be another helpful position for the committee. Jim is currently vice-chair. Joanna also mentioned that staff will work on developing more of an agenda outlook/planning document to help with identifying future agenda items to bring to the committee.

5. Membership and Recruitment Update

Joanna Valencia and Mike Pullen provided an update on the Committee's membership and recruitment. Applications have been received and are being scored. In addition, all current members need to go online to fill out the form and renew their membership status.

6. Staff Report

Joanna Valencia reported that the County received \$240,000 from Metro's RTO program for the Safe Routes to School program. This is the largest SRTS amount that Metro awarded as part of this cycle! We will hear from ODOT in August, and are looking at other funding options to continue the SRTS Program Coordinator position.

Joanna Valencia reported that the Port of Portland is now working on sections of the 40 Mile Loop. The City of Fairview transferred the project over to the Port to deliver. They are working on the design components.

Joanna Valencia reported on the status of the Road Capital Improvement Plan. The survey response lists are being scored and a draft document will go out for review. We received good, detailed data to work with on this project.

7. Staff Transitions

Kate McQuillan is leaving Multnomah County to go into a Senior Planner position in Beaverton. She will be in the Land Use division, as their transportation expert. For now, Joanna Valencia will be the point of contact for the committee. If you send Joanna an email, please add "BPCAC" in the subject line to flag the email. The County will be recruiting for Kate's position soon.

We will skip the July meeting, to give everyone a summer break.

The group expressed gratitude for Kate serving on the Committee. They noted her being open and willing to come to the group, and that her longevity, continuity, consistency, and prompt responses were especially appreciated.

Joanna committed to providing continuity and also would like to make a workplan or forecast of upcoming topics.

10. NW Cornelius Pass Closure Updates

Mike Pullen gave a presentation summarizing the work that will be done, the closures, and traffic impacts. He passed out a 4-page summary. The estimated time frame for the project is from July 8th to September 21st. There will be financial incentives to the contractors for early completion, and financial penalties for late completion.

Comments and discussion. Mike Pullen asked for feedback and advice on how to reach bicyclists. The group suggested: Bike Portland, Portland Bicycle Club (formerly Portland Wheelmen), Velo Club, Washington County Bike-Ped Committee, and PBOT.

Susan Watt expressed concern about the signal at Highway 30 and Newberry, as it could back up traffic. Her thought is that most people will be turning right, so the signal will cause unnecessary backed up traffic. There was discussion that included the idea that with the road closure, more vehicles are expected to be turning left onto Highway 30. And, it was clarified that the signal will have a radar-loop detection, which should help with the expected increase in left turns.

After the construction, Multnomah County will transfer ownership of Cornelius Pass to ODOT. There is no firm date for this yet.

11. Hawthorne Bridge West Ramp Updates

Jon Hendrichsen gave a presentation summarizing the temporary and permanent projects for the west end of the Hawthorne Bridge. This is a tricky location, with vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians.

Committee members liked the idea of adding candlestick delineators to better define the bike and pedestrian lanes. They would also like painted bike-pedestrian symbols on the deck/sidewalk for further clarification. They also asked if the signal lights could be better timed to address the stack up of east-bound bikes. This is a question for PBOT.

Jon also talked about the crosswalk that PBOT is going to install at Jefferson and Naito. There will be additional traffic problems when the Courthouse construction crane is removed. It will take 3 days, June 21st through June 24th.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Meeting minutes written and submitted by: MaryJo Andersen

The next scheduled BPCAC meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2019