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# **Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee**

**DATE/TIME: Wednesday October 9, 2019 from 6:30-8:30pm**

**PLACE: Board Room, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, OR**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

#### **Review and Adoption of August 2019 Meeting Minutes - All**

Action Item

Motion: Approve minutes

Moved by AJ Zelada, Seconded by Gary Purvine.

### **Public Comment**

Sarah Cole – talked about her interest in the Bike-Ped CAC.

### **Chair Report – Andrew Holtz served as acting chair.**

Discussion of the Bethany Hills Trail Project. Currently a gravel road used by Bonneville Power. Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation applied to Multnomah County to turn it into a formal trail. There was a hearing in August, and the Hearings Officer approved for the trail to be built.

### **Staff Report (MaryJo Andersen, Multnomah County)**

Update on the Department's staff shortage, Safe Routes to School grants, recent interviews for new planner.

### **Update on Cornelius Pass and Arata Road Projects (Mike Pullen, Multnomah County)**

Cornelius Pass. The project has moved slower than expected. The road will fully reopen for the winter on October 18<sup>th</sup>. All work is completed south of Skyline. There is still work that needs to be done north of Skyline. This work will need to be done next summer, for one to two months. The road will not need to be closed south of Skyline. Newberry detour will be re-enacted at that time. The biggest problem has been illegal truck trips. The delay in construction will not change or delay the transfer of the road to ODOT. Most trucks took the detour during the project, but some followed the mapping apps and took shortcuts. Mike Pullen will relay this information to Bike Portland. The committee asked what how things went on Newberry, compared to the plan. Mike answered that the detour created about 15 extra minutes in cars, but when illegal trucks were stuck, it increased the time. Some vehicle crashes did happen and then declined after the first couple of weeks. Highway 30 did not have any known/reported problems. Traffic counts on side roads, combined with Hillsboro and Washington County will give us additional data. We heard from the neighbors that we did not need to make as many changes, and we can do it differently next summer.

Arata – many underground surprises. May not be done until late November, and a "project completion" celebration event will happen on a Saturday. This road will transform the neighborhood, so we want to celebrate it. The last element to be updated will be the traffic signal at 238<sup>th</sup> and Arata.

Next year Multnomah County will be working on 238<sup>th</sup>, between Arata and Glisan.

**Road Capital Improvement Plan**, a 20-year look at the County's Roads. This plan has been in process for about 1.5 years and is coming to the final stage. Projects were ranked on multiple factors, using a lot of data. It will be on line in November; an Open House in Wood Village on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, and the online Open House will also be available.

The County Board will be voting on it in December, the date has not been set yet. In the past, the BPCAC has played an important role, so maybe we can go through it at the November BPCAC meeting. Mike reviewed some of the areas and projects.

The Committee needs to get the materials before the meeting, so that we can have meaningful discussion during the meeting. MaryJo will work on this (Action)

The committee asked if equity has been used in other Capital projects. Mike answered that it was included in the Bridge 20 Year Plan, but this is the first time for the Roads.

### **Cochran Road Culvert Replacement Project (Kelsey Copley, Multnomah County)**

Kelsey gave a slide show that detailed the new culvert replacement project. Kelsey served as the inspector. The old culvert is being replaced with a single span bridge and is along Beaver Creek. It cost about \$ 4 million and funds came from the general roads fund and a Metro Natural Area Bond. The old culvert had no space for pedestrians or bicycles. The replacement bridge has 11-foot shoulders and will also improve conditions for fish passage. Kelsey showed photos of the demolition of the old culvert, the stream bypass pipes, the fish and other wildlife that were salvaged and new construction. The bridge is still under construction and it is planned to be done in November.

### **Introduction of REACH Program (Andrew Campbell, Multnomah County)**

REACH stands for Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Health. The County got a 5-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). REACH addresses reducing health disparities for African American, Immigrant, and Refugee populations. Andrew is focusing on physical activity, the built environment and intentional engagement with people of color for community engagement, public policy, and active transportation.

Andrew will conduct a Black Transportation Academy to increase involvement of African Americans in the transportation planning process and inclusion to these types of Committees.

### **Committee Insights (AJ Zelada, BPCAC Member)**

AJ had a conversation with Commissioner Lori Stegmann about the Bethany Creek trail in early September, and that the BPCAC should be included in these kinds of decisions. He also discussed including cargo bikes in emergency plans to help as first responders for things like medications. He also presented the SRTS Davis encouragement event, equity in central Portland, traffic congestion at Multnomah Falls, and attending the BPCAC – possibly in the winter, since her fall schedule is full. We could also invite Commissioner Pederson.

### **Update on new member selection process (MaryJo Andersen, Carolyn Briggs, subcommittee member)**

We had 10 members and 2 members left, leaving us with 8 (6 members and 2 alternates)

10 new applications were received, and scored according to a scoring matrix. The applications varied, so phone interviews were conducted, to get additional information from each candidate.

After the phone interviews, the candidates all increased their scores. The sub-committee and staff decided to increase the number of members and alternates to the maximum allowed, and accept all of

the new candidates as either members or alternates. (14 members and 5 alternates are allowed in the Bylaws.)

Discussion about the difference between members and alternates, and that we need to improve our Bylaws. Members also need to sign an annual release of conflict of interest, etc.

**A motion was made to approve the new members and alternates by Carolyn Briggs and seconded by AJ Zelada. All Approved.**

**Open Share / Project Updates / Other Business (A/I)**

Discussion about how to improve the application process. Ask the new members how we could improve the process. What do we want as a Committee? How to include diversity in our process? Ask HR. How do we get members who represent different parts of Multnomah County, both in geographic location as well as bike vs pedestrian interests? We also need to make sure that everyone is welcome. We may need to be more inviting to underrepresented people, and include transit riders, as well.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm**

**The next BPCAC meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

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