

Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee (BPCAC) Minutes

Date	October 9, 2013
Called to Order	6:36 p.m.
Location	Boardroom, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland Oregon
Attendance	Present: Susan Dean, Susan Watt, Andrew Holtz, Carolyn Briggs, Matt Picio Excused: Lis Cooper, Ericka Nelson, Roger Averbek, Greg Olson, Jane Wallis, Carl Larson Absent: Jonathan Winslow Guests: Art Graves, Heidi Beierle (East Multnomah County Bicycle Tourism Initiative) Staff: Kate McQuillan (Transportation Planner), Joanna Valencia (Senior Transportation Planner), Kevin Cook (Land Use Planner)
Minutes/Approval	The meeting minutes for July 10, 2013 were reviewed and approved (M/S, Andrew Holtz/Susan Watt). Meeting minutes were approved unanimously with one abstention (Susan Dean)
Decisions Made	N/A
Background/Handouts	Agenda; Meeting minutes for July 2013; FAQ's for East Multnomah County Bicycle Tourism Initiative
Agenda Items	<p><u>Public Comment:</u> No public comment.</p> <p><u>Staff Report:</u> Kate shared that two members have resigned from the BPCAC, and that a future discussion about membership will need to happen soon. Also, the County has undergone some slight rebranding with a new logo so please delete any older versions of BPCAC letterhead if members have it. Kate can provide new letterhead when needed.</p> <p>Joanna shared that the Cornelius Pass Road Safety Project is seeking members for a Citizen Advisory Committee to help inform how the \$8 million in state funds will be used to improve the road. Applications and more information can be found on the County's website. Also, the Bridge Engineering section is kicking off a new 18-month process to update all the bridge projects in the County's Capital Improvement Plan. The County expects to form a stakeholder committee sometime early next year to help inform the process. Lastly, Joanna provided a very broad overview of the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan update. County-coordinating committees across the region are beginning the process of updating the RTP federally constrained project list. The process to change the RTP's project list is very quick- final requests for changes must be made to Metro by early December 2013. Stay tuned for more updates by either checking out Metro's website or contact County staff. The RTP update will likely be a future agenda topic.</p> <p><u>Chair Report:</u> Matt had two items to report: First the restriping of the Hawthorne Bridge as discussed at the BPCAC last year has happened. The east-bound, east end part of the bridge lost one traffic lane and now has a buffered bike lane and a temporary striped pedestrian area. Second, the new bridge along the Historic Columbia River Highway over Moffatt Creek is nearly completed. ODOT held an opening event in September, and expects the bridge to be open to bicyclists and pedestrians by end of October.</p>

Sauvie Island / Multnomah Channel Rural Area Plan and Transportation System Plan Update:

Kevin Cook from Multnomah County Land Use Planner and Joanna Valencia, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on the Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel RAP & TSP project which has just begun. After the scoping report completed earlier this year recommended a full update to the Rural Area Plan and TSP, the project received one-time funding from the County's general fund to complete the process through June 2014. A local consulting firm has been hired to help with the process, along with an AmeriCorps RARE volunteer dedicated to the project. The project is beginning its public outreach with an identified Citizens Advisory Committee that will meet regularly, and a Technical Advisory Committee that will be consulted as needed mostly via online. County staff have worked hard to outreach to interest groups not often consulted in planning projects such as local tribes and farmworker advocacy groups. In addition to the committees, workshops and open houses will be held in early 2014.

Kevin noted that he hoped that members of the BPCAC would play a role in the TAC. The BPCAC asked for regular project updates at committee future meetings, particularly on issues related to transportation.

East Multnomah County Bicycle Tourism Initiative

Project Coordinator Heidi Beirle shared the latest on the East Multnomah County Bicycle Tourism Initiative which received the East County allocation of Metro's Regional Transportation Options (RTO) grant earlier this year. The project is also supplemented by the region-wide competitive RTO grant fund as well as the Visitors Development Fund. Overall the project is a two-year capacity building project with the first year focused on outreach to build a strategy, and the second year focused on implementation.

With support from Travel Oregon, the project is hosting two workshops in November (one in Troutdale, and the second in Corbett) to convene East County stakeholders to develop a list of prioritized projects to implement the region's strategy to promote cycling tourism.

The BPCAC had the following suggestions for the project:

- Get in touch with the East Portland Action Plan
- Address the problems from a couple years ago when people were purposefully leaving tacks on the roadway shoulders
- Consider connections from transit, especially the MAX stops in Gresham
- Improve way finding signs directing to nearby trails, destinations, bike-friendly businesses
- Encourage improved bicycle parking at businesses- the best bicycle parking at a pub or restaurant is where the cyclists can visually see his/her bike
- Connect with the shuttle bus that offers services between Sandy and Government Camp for winter sports
- Suggested amenities in Corbett include: water fountains, bathrooms, bike parking, car parking for cyclists, places to drink coffee and beer, areas with bike tools ("bike boxes"), and hotels/lodging that is bike friendly (for example, hotels that will allow bikes in the rooms)

Safe Routes to School Update

Kate gave a brief update to highlight the success of Safe Routes to School during the 2012-13 school year at Troutdale Elementary School which was funded from Oregon

	<p>SRTS grant funds. Highlights include increasing participation in the May Walk and Bike Challenge nearly 50% from the previous year, and completing the pedestrian safety video with support from MetroEast Community Media.</p> <p><u>Other items, news and updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haycox Estate proposed development – Andrew shared the news that the property owner who proposed partitioning the lot has since sold the property. Thus the development application that the County submitted a comment letter for is dead. • The Cornell Road Sustainability Coalition and the Forest Park Neighborhood Association are recommending to the City of Portland and to the County to reduce traffic speeds along NW Cornell Road and to consider parkway status. Representatives from the Coalition will be meeting with County transportation planning and engineer later this month to get more information and see what is feasible. Stay tuned. • The James Beard Public Market – The County just recently sold land at the west end of the Morrison Bridge to be developed into a new public market. The BPCAC noted there are many concerns for bicyclists and pedestrian connectivity around this immediate area, and that the committee would like to be involved in forming bike/ped facility requirements for the development. County staff will track the project.
Next Scheduled Meeting	Wednesday, November 13 2013 at the Multnomah Building
Adjourned	8:29 PM
Submitted by	Kate McQuillan, staff liaison