

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**September 8, 2006**

**Present**

Susan Nelson, Vice Chair  
 Rosie Toy  
 Jack Schubert  
 George Grosch, City Council  
 Brad Upton  
 Josh Storer

**Staff**

Joe Whinnery, Public Works

**Visitors**

Som Sartnurak, City Traffic Engineer  
 Wendy Byrne

**Absent**

Andrew Ross, Vice Chair  
 Joel Rea

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/ Introductions	X		
II. Approve August 4, 2006 Minutes			Approved, as amended
III. Visitors Comments	N/A		
IV. Old Business • Report from Subcommittee on Education and Enforcement • 2006 CIP Project Prioritization		X  X	
V. New Business			Staff will look at possible installation of signage on multi-use path on SE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street
VI. Information Sharing • Updates on Transportation Enhancement and Bike/Ped Grant Applications	X		

**I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Nelson and introductions were made.

**II. Approve August 4, 2006 Minutes**

Page 4, bullet 4, sentence 2, shall read “The Commission agreed to include this nomination”.

**Commissioners Upton and Storer, respectively, moved and seconded that the Commission approve the August 4, 2006 minutes, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **III. Visitors Comments**

There were none.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **• Report from Subcommittee on Education and Enforcement**

Commissioner Storer presented the report to the Commission. “The report contains recommendations for the City to act on to enhance the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists”. “The following is an overview of the report. The full report is attached”.

#### **EDUCATION:**

- Lack of education among these three groups is the major cause of most accidents. Advertising on buses, billboards and various publications is effective in furthering education.
- An ODOT poster highlighting the danger of riding the wrong direction is a powerful education tool.
- Education packets could be distributed at the time of bicycle and auto purchases.
- Television and radio ads are effective tools for reaching large audiences.
- Promotional events at community gatherings could reach a large segment of the local community.
- Local groups, such as Kiwanis, Elks, etc. could be approached to help get out information.

#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

- The Police Department should pay attention to enforcement of laws aimed at both motorists and bicyclists. Listed in the report are particularly dangerous practices. Also detailed are locations in the City that Commission members have identified as having high incidences of violations.
- “Diversion programs” could be used in concert with education and enforcement tools. Ticket amounts could be reduced if the convicted agreed to complete a diversion class. Councilor Grosch noted that Municipal Court, not the Police Department, is charged with directing offenders to diversion programs at the behest of the presiding judge.

Subcommittee members met with Lt. Jon Keefer of the Corvallis Police Department, a former BPAC staff member, to discuss ways of involving citizens in the enforcement process. Lt. Keefer said there is a community service officer program currently being used by the City of Albany. He likened the program to the National Guard. Citizen volunteers receive up to forty hours of training. Once training is complete, the trainee is considered an official volunteer and commits to policing for a certain number of hours per month. The volunteers can issue citations but are not armed nor can they carry restraints. Lt. Keefer would like to pursue a similar program in Corvallis. With City Council's approval, the Commission would approach Lt. Jon Martyr, current BPAC staff representative, about implementation of such a plan. Commissioner Schubert, himself a Police Department volunteer, said volunteers could be trained to speak about bicycle safety. Volunteers need to complete a training course which currently is offered once per year.

**ENDORSEMENT:**

- ODOT has developed a Transportation Safety Action Plan which contains recommended changes to the driver education program. The Subcommittee endorses this plan and recommends it be adopted by local legislative bodies. Current driver license tests contain one question on bicycle/pedestrian safety. ODOT recommends failure of the test if this question is not answered correctly.

Vice Chair Nelson thanked the Subcommittee for its work on the report.

It was decided that the Commission will read the report and discuss it again at the October meeting. Mr. Whinnery will speak to Public Works Director Steve Rogers on direction for processing for the report.

- **2006 CIP Project Prioritization**

Mr. Whinnery presented a slide show to illustrate various CIP projects. Mr. Sartnurak was in attendance to answer specific questions from Commissioners. At the end of the presentation and question/answer session, Commissioners were asked to rank the projects in order of priority.

Mr. Whinnery pointed out that the project to install bike lanes on 14th/15th Street between Monroe Avenue and Jefferson Avenue does not appear on the prioritization list because it was assumed that the project would be complete by this summer. It has not been completed and is not expected to be completed for another one and one-half to two years.

**The Commission unanimously agreed to put the project back on the prioritization list.**

The Commission deliberated for several minutes and then ranked the projects one through ten.

CIP Project Ranking:

Statistical Rank	Project	Points	Description
1		40	Remove parking, mark bike lanes both sides OSU (Not CIP Eligible)
2	6	29	Country Club - Add bike lanes from 35th to 45th/Country Club Place
3	1	28	35th Street - Western to Washington Way, full improvements
4	17	26	Path - Circle Blvd. to Conifer (Rails With Trails T.E. Grant)
5	4	24	Willamette Park - Goodnight to Multimodal Path, add bike lanes and sidewalks
6	28	24	Monroe Traffic Calming - 14th/15th to 26th
7	20	23	Pedestrian Activated Flashing Lights/Crossing - Circle w/of 9th and Janssen
8	7	14	Path - Chapman to Willamette Park
9	19	11	Path - Willamette Landing to Kiger Island (County?)
10	24	10	West Hills Road, Western to UGB

**V. New Business**

- Commissioner Upton commented that the previous City/County bike maps are easier to read and more informative than the current ones. Mr. Whinnery said the maps will be revised and reissued in October. Commissioners were asked to submit any other suggestions to Mr. Whinnery.
- Vice Chair Nelson asked Mr. Whinnery to look at the League of American Bicyclists poster which recognizes Corvallis as a “Bicycle Friendly Community”. The poster shows bicyclists pointed in different directions on the same bike path and she fears it sends the wrong safety message. (Examination of the poster showed that both cyclists are headed in the right direction. One is a recumbent with a windshield however, making it appear the bike rider is in the wrong position.)
- Commissioner Storer said the multi-use path on SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is a path which needs signage at each intersection crossing to increase safety. The Commission requested that staff gather information on the possible installation of signage at each intersection crossing on the multi-use path on SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Crystal Lake Drive to Chapman Place.

**VI. Information Sharing**

**• Updates on Transportation Enhancement and Bike/Ped Grant Applications**

Mr. Whinnery indicated that no notice had been given for either grant process, but the decision on the Bike/Ped Grant application would, in all likelihood, occur October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meetings:** October 6, 2006, at Madison Avenue Meeting Room, 7:00 a.m.  
 November 3, 2006, at Madison Avenue Meeting Room, 7:00 a.m.