

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Minutes
November 3, 2000**

Present

Tony Howell, Council Representative
Susan Nelson
John Lee
Michael Clark
Greg Bennett, Vice Chair
Susan Christie, Chair
Keith Olsen

Absent Un-excused

Sonja Larson, ASOSU

Staff

Greg Wilson, Public Works Transportation
Steve Rogers, Public Works Transportation
Ron Noble, CPD

Visitors

Andrew Ross, OSU Bike Committee
Dave Cleaver
Walt Prichard, Mid Valley Cyclists

Summary of Discussion

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
Downtown Parking Study		X	yes, see minutes
Try Transit Week	X		
Land Development Code		X	yes, see minutes
Leaf Collection Schedule	X		

Content of Discussion

1. Introductions

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

The October minutes were approved with one modification. It was pointed out that the continuation of bike lanes on Monroe Street (5th to 1st) should be included on the list of potential ODOT grant requests for 2001.

3. Visitors' Comments

Dave Kliever brought several issue to the committee for discussion. They included:

- Are there standards for bike path construction and do we adhere to them ?
- Several area paths are in need of repair.
- Problems with vehicle and bikes at intersections along 53rd Street.

- Bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements are needed on 35th between Western and Philomath Blvd.

Staff responded that our paths are currently built to state and national standards, however, these standards did not exist when ODOT constructed the Philomath path. We have previously requested that they upgrade the surface and will contact them again regarding it's condition.

The path along 53rd Street is a county facility and it was suggested that the issues with it be presented to county staff.

A project to upgrade a portion of 35th Street (Western View Middle School to 100' north of Philomath Blvd.) is included in the capital improvement program in FY 05-06 , but is not fully funded at this time.

4. Follow-Up Items from Previous Meetings

Downtown Parking Study - The members reviewed a letter that they had directed staff to write to David Dodson of Willamette Valley Planning (WVP). It requested that they (the consultant) examine the parking impact of several alternatives the commission has developed for providing improved East/West bicycle access through the downtown. Dave Dodson (WVP) sent the letter on to Kittleson who was doing the Future Parking Conditions Analysis component of the Parking Study. Kittleson, however, did not follow up on the request as they considered it to be outside of the scope of their work.

The members decided to request that their “alternatives” be included within Task II-A, of the Alternatives Development and Analysis element of Phase II of the Parking Study. Under this element, the consultant will be looking at “non-auto” mode system improvements.

The members also reviewed the Key Findings and Conclusions found in Memorandum #6, of the Future Conditions Analysis which showed that parking is currently adequate over the study area.

Try Transit Week - Try Transit Week ran from October 2nd through the 7th. The emphasis of this years event was expanded to include all transportation modes other than the single occupancy vehicle. Customer Appreciation Day was held at the transit center on October 6th. On that morning coffee, juice and pastries were given to all transit users. All Corvallis area employees with representatives on the City's TDM committee, i.e., HP, OSU, Good Samaritan, Corvallis Clinic, the City, DCA and CH2M Hill were able to register to win prizes for getting to work “another way” at least once during the week. CH2M Hill and the City of Corvallis had the greatest numbers of employees participate.

Land Development Code - Susan Christie wrote a letter to the Planning Commission and Council stating the BPAC's overall support for the proposed codes that will effect the 9th Street area and also listed several options/suggestions for compliance by effected businesses.

The members strongly support the regulations and believe that all users of the area

(motorists and non-motorists) will benefit from the new requirements which will make the area more multi modal in nature.

5. New Business

Leaf Collection and Bike Lanes - The members were informed that the leaf collection program would be commencing on November 6th and that prior to that leaves were not to be placed in the street. Under the collection program, all bike lanes will be swept from Monday through Friday through the end of the leaf fall period. They were advised to call the Public Works office if they noticed areas that were not being swept on a daily basis.

6. Information Sharing

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) coordinator for the downtown - The Administrative Services Committee has approved a request by the DCA for a transfer of appropriations to fund a part-time TDM position to help downtown employers create trip reduction programs (transit, car pool, etc.,) for their employees. The request will now go to council for approval.

OSU Parking and Transportation Task Force - OSU has formed a task force composed of both campus/community members to look at and recommend solutions to transportation and parking issues on and around the campus area. They are currently soliciting public input and the BPAC will submit a list of suggestions/ recommendations.

Next meeting: December 1, 2000 at Burton's Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.