

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Agenda**

**February 7, 2014
7:00 a.m.**

**Madison Avenue Meeting Room
500 SW Madison Avenue**

- I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions
- II. Approve January 3, 2014 Minutes (attachment)
- III. Visitors Comments
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Information Sharing
- VII. Commission Requests and Reports
- VIII. Pending Items
 - Draft Bicycle Parking Monitoring Strategy
 - Potential Bike/Ped Improvements to the intersections of Circle Blvd at 9th Street and Circle Blvd and Hwy 99
 - Kings and Garfield Crossing Options
 - Bike Friendly Map draft

Commission Members:

Brad Upton, Chair	Susan Christie
Jeanne Holmes, Vice Chair	Meghan Karas
Thomas Bahde	Sayard Schultz
Brian Bovee	Mike Beilstein, Council Liaison

Next Meeting: March 7, 2014

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 3, 2014
DRAFT**

Present

Brad Upton, Chair
Susan Christie
Meghan Karas
Jeanne Holmes , Vice Chair
Thomas Bahde
Mike Beilstein, City Council

Staff

Greg Wilson, Public Works

Visitors

Vivek Jeevan
Paula Leslie, BikePac of Oregon
Laura Duncan Allen

Absent

Sayard Schultz
Brian Bovee

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions	X		
II. Review of November 1, 2013 Minutes			Approved
III. Visitor Comments	X		
IV. Old Business • None	N/A		
V. New Business • Presentation of 2013 Bicycle Counts at Thirteen Area Intersections	X		
VI. Information Sharing	X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	N/A		
VIII. Pending Items • Draft Bicycle Parking Policy • Violators Class for Motorists • Potential Bicycle Improvements at Circle Boulevard and 9th Street and Circle Boulevard and Highway 99W • Crossing Options at Kings Boulevard and Garfield Avenue • “Bike Friendly” Map Draft	X		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions

Chair Upton called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

II. Review of Minutes

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the November 1, 2013 minutes; Commissioner Christie seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Visitor Comments

Visitor Paula Leslie, Legislative Director for BikePac of Oregon, reported that her group has been working on a sign or magnetic sticker and will be asking that it be put on the back of County trucks. The sign or sticker would have images of a pedestrian, bicyclist and motorcycle rider and be a reminder for motorists to look out for them. The Commission gave her some ideas for funding sources and recommended that she contact Sheila Lyons, who may know who to contact within ODOT. Ms. Leslie stated that BikePac is also working on other issues, such as slick paint markings and roadway resurfacing projects where only a part of a travel lane is overlaid, leaving an uneven and potentially dangerous pavement surface.

Visitor Laura Duncan Allen expressed continued concern with ODOT's failure to maintain their facilities, specifically south 4th Street and the on-ramp to Philomath Boulevard. Mr. Wilson stated he will contact ODOT regarding the issue and will provide Ms. Duncan Allen with information on a local ODOT staff person for her to directly communicate with.

Visitor Vivek Jeevan asked why crosswalks do not continue the concrete of the sidewalk across the road, rather than the asphalt of the road. Chair Upton responded that the largest issue is cost. Mr. Wilson noted that having concrete extend across all intersections might make drivers less likely to see them as "enhanced" pedestrian crossings and perhaps less responsive to pedestrians wishing to cross. Chair Upton noted that marked crosswalks can also give a false sense of security to pedestrians which sometimes result in collisions.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

Presentation of 2013 Bicycle Counts at Thirteen Area Intersections

Greg Wilson and Vivek Jeevan presented the results of the bicycle counts. The counts were conducted by volunteers from BPAC, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, and MidValley Bike Club in October of 2013. They noted that the weekday counts were down from the 2012 survey, but that Saturday ridership numbers had increased significantly at nearly all locations. This offset the weekday decline and created an increase in total trips overall.

VI. Information Sharing

Chair Upton asked staff for follow-up on the issues of leaf pick up and vegetation complaints that were brought up by visitors at the last BPAC meeting. Mr. Wilson stated that he was preparing to post on the City's website a spreadsheet staff keeps showing the status of vegetation complaints. This hasn't occurred yet, pending a decision on how to handle privacy issues regarding some of the information. Mr. Wilson stated that City staff follows up on complaints regarding leaves in the bike lanes within 24 hours of receipt of the complaint. A safety inspection is made following each complaint. If it is determined that there is an immediate danger to bicyclists a city sweeper will pick up the leaves. If there is no immediate danger to bicyclists, Republic Services is notified

and it is included in their next day's pickup. Property owners who put leaves in the bike lane incorrectly are contacted by phone or email. Door hangers are used if no phone or email information is available for a particular property. Each fall Public Works staff notifies landscape companies, property management companies, OSU, the Corvallis School District, Benton County and other large organizations and businesses of the City's leaf pick up policy through letters and emails. However, there is no code enforcement option for Public Works to exercise for getting leaves removed.

In response to a question regarding the signal timing of cross streets along 3rd and 4th Streets downtown, Mr. Wilson stated that those signals are now controlled by ODOT and outside of the City's control.

VII. Commission Requests and Reports

None.

VIII. Pending Items

Draft Bicycle Parking Policy

Mr. Wilson stated that he has begun looking through records on this project, but needs clarification from the Commission on what the goal is for the project. Chair Upton stated the item originated some time ago from a belief among Commission members that there was not enough parking for bicycles in the downtown area and on north Monroe Avenue during certain days and times. There was also a concern that certain types of bicycles, such as those with trailers or extended frame styles (cargo type) might not fit in the city's standard bicycle racks. Mr. Wilson stated that he has GIS data that shows all of the locations and numbers of racks in both areas, but the data does not indicate the style or condition of the racks. Mr. Wilson proposed that he draft a survey plan for the Commission's review and that following their review a subcommittee be formed to fine tune the plan and assist with the implementation of the survey. The Commission agreed with this approach.

Violators Class for Motorists

This item was removed from the list of pending items. Commissioner Bahde will determine who he should address a letter to at the City's Municipal Court and express the Commission's support for a class for motorists that violate the rights of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Potential Bicycle Improvements at Circle Boulevard and 9th Street and Circle Boulevard and Highway 99W

The subcommittee has met several times. They aren't ready to present at this time, though they have found some ideas that may be beneficial and are doing additional research on them.

Crossing Options at Kings Boulevard and Garfield Avenue

With the loss of one member of the subcommittee, nothing has progressed with this project. It will remain on the list of pending items.

"Bike Friendly" Map Draft

The subcommittee's next step is to ask the OSU/City Collaboration Group dealing with traffic and parking and OSU's Alternative Transportation Advisory Committee to review a draft of the map. They plan to have something to present in February or March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 7, 2014, 7:00 a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room