

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
May 6, 2016
DRAFT

Present

Meghan Karas, Chair
 Thomas Bahde, Vice Chair
 David Ullman
 Ron Georg
 Trevor Heald
 Mike Beilstein, City Council

Staff

Greg Wilson, Public Works
 Lisa Scherf, Public Works
 Mary Steckel, Public Works
 Sergeant Jeff Marr, Corvallis Police

Visitors

Laura Duncan Allen
 Dave Rabinowitz

Absent

Brad Upton
 Brian Bovee

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions	X		
II. Review of April 4, 2016 Minutes			Approved
III. Community Comments	X		
IV. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike Practitioner Summit • BPAB Annual Report to Council 			
V. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Quarter 2015/2016 Bicycle/Pedestrian Crash Report • Local Unimproved Street Standards 	X		The Board expressed no opposition to the idea of legacy streets.
VI. Information Sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Elections in June • Get There Corvallis 	X X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	N/A		
VIII. Pending Items	N/A		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions

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

II. Review of Minutes

Board Member Ullman moved to approve the April 4 minutes; Board Member Georg seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Community Comments

Visitor Laura Duncan Allen commented that she noted a number of accidents on Harrison Boulevard and asked if it would be possible to identify that area as a safety corridor for a period of time and increase enforcement. She opined that there is not enough enforcement of speeding in Corvallis in general. Sergeant Marr had already left the meeting, but Mr. Wilson stated that he would ask that Sergeant Marr attend the next BPAB meeting to discuss options and how the Police Department handles enforcement.

Visitor Dave Rabinowitz asked if BPAB has any plans for making bicycle improvements to Harrison Boulevard west of 29th Street. Councilor Beilstein noted that the BPAB had been recommending the addition of bicycle lanes for many years, but that the obstacle to widening Harrison in that area is the number of mature trees along both sides of the street that would need to be removed.

IV. Old Business

Bike Practitioner Summit

Mr. Wilson presented the agenda for the upcoming Bicycle Summit. He noted that only four BPAB Members are able to attend and that four “scribes” are needed for the event.

BPAB Annual Report to Council

Board Member Ullman noted that, if the Board could finalize where to install the pilot, the green pavement marking goal could be included in the report. Board Member Ullman recommended changing the wording in one of the recommendations to be a more active recommendation. Mr. Gescher noted that the goals in the report should be fairly specific so staff can address needed resources. The Board will finalize the report at the June meeting. The Board discussed other projects/goals to include in the Report, such as addressing over-length vehicles hanging into the bicycle lanes and increasing awareness of Public Works bicycle corral program. The members agreed to consult with Board member Upton before adding the over-length vehicles issue to the report. The Board will continue to collect items to include in this list.

V. New Business

3rd Quarter 2015/2016 Bicycle/Pedestrian Crash Report

Corvallis Police Sergeant Jeff Marr presented the third quarter 2015-2016 report detailing traffic crashes involving bicycle and pedestrians. He stated that he had been compiling the report for the last two years and would now be the person presenting the reports to the Board. He asked that the Board advise him on what they were looking for in future reports. The Board discussed one crash where a bicyclist ran into a vehicle that was parked in a bicycle lane. Board member Georg stated that the ordinance reads that a motor vehicle may temporarily stop in a bicycle lane to unload or load and yet the report stated that the auto was parked in the bicycle lane. Sergeant Marr replied that he had actually been called to the crash to assist with the investigation. He stated that the cyclist admitted to having been drinking alcohol and not looking ahead and that the officers could not determine how long the motorist (who was stopped to pick up a passenger) may have

been in the lane. Because the officers could not definitely determine the cause of the crash they chose not to cite the motorist for parking in the bicycle lane.

Local Unimproved Street Standards

Public Works Director Mary Steckel and City Engineer Greg Gescher stated that Council has asked staff to look at City standards for unimproved streets. Ms. Steckel provided information on what the current City standards are for new streets and what unimproved streets typically look like, noting that these streets were built to County standards before being annexed into the City. Ms. Steckel asked the BPAB to provide feedback on three possibilities: rural legacy (leaving these streets as they are); improve the base for these streets and install curbs and gutters and pipes to improve drainage; or improve the base, provide curbs and gutters and drainage pipes, and construct sidewalks and landscape strips as needed to provide desired connectivity. Ms. Steckel discussed the pros and cons of the three options. Councilor Beilstein noted that the issue of unimproved street standards came up because the City does not have a program or funding for maintenance of non-urbanized streets. In response to a question, Ms. Steckel stated that the Transportation Maintenance Fee is restricted to improved streets per City Municipal Code. Councilor Beilstein noted that there has been discussion about more efficient use of land by not including bicycle lanes and sidewalks in new development, which would currently be subject to the current development codes. The Board as a whole did not oppose the idea of legacy streets, noting that they could be safer.

VI. Information Sharing

Board Member Ullman reported that he is leaving the Board and July will be his last meeting.

Board Member Bahde reported that he is also leaving the Board and June will be his last meeting.

Mr. Wilson reported the following:

- Oregon State University has hired a person to coordinate their Transportation Options program for faculty, staff and students. The new person is anticipated to start the first of July.
- Public Works staff are helping Cascades West Rideshare establish a bike share program in Corvallis. Staff has assisted Rideshare staff in identifying and evaluating sites for the placement of the installations. A total of six locations have been selected for the bike share pilot, including the Corvallis Transit Center, Benton County Health Department, Osborn Aquatic Center, Lincoln School Health Center, OSU Credit Union, and Sam Fit. Cascades West is tentatively planning to hold a kickoff ceremony for the program at the Corvallis Transit Center in late June.

Ms. Scherf reported that she was asked to participate in an interview panel for a new Active Transportation Liaison with the Oregon Department of Transportation's Region Two office. This position's job will be to ensure that active transportation elements are represented properly in projects.

Board Elections in June

Mr. Wilson stated that Board elections are normally held in June, but had been delayed in 2015 due to the number of vacancies that existed on the Board at that time. He recommended that elections be held at the June meeting and the members agreed with the recommendation.

Get There Corvallis

Mr. Wilson reported that the Get There events have begun. He stated that he had assisted Hoover Elementary School staff with their National Bike/Walk to School Day event on May 4. He noted that the first of a month-long series of Bicycle Repair classes would be taking place at the Corvallis Benton Couth Public Library on May 7 and that Transit User Appreciation Day would be taking place at the Corvallis Transit Center on May 13.

VII. Commission Requests and Reports

None.

VIII. Pending Items

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2016, 7:00 a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room