BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
September 2, 2016

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Present
Meghan Karas, Chair
Brian Bovee
Trevor Heald
James Whittemore
Emersen Price
Mike Beilstein, City Council

Absent
Ron Georg, Vice Chair
Brad Upton

Staff
Greg Wilson, Public Works
Lisa Scherf, Public Works
Jeff Marr, Corvallis Police

Visitors
Jenna Berman, Oregon Department of Transportation
Laurie Starha, Benton County Public Works
Laura Duncan
Vernon Huffman

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions	X		
II. Review of August 5, 2016 Minutes			Approved
III. Community Comments	X		
IV. Old Business • 2017 CIP Project Suggestions • Green Lane Markings	X		The Board recommended a trial installation
V. New Business • Update on Corvallis-Albany Path • 4th Quarter Bicycle/Pedestrian Crash Report	X X		
VI. Information Sharing	X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	X		
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 Whittemore moved to approve the August minutes; Board member Bovee seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Community Comments

Jenna Berman introduced herself as Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Active Transportation Liaison for Region 2. She stated that there may be some funding available for ODOT facility improvements.

Visitor Laura Duncan reported that there is still a hole in the multimodal path on South 3rd Street by Fireworks, where the old railroad crossing arms used to be. Mr. Wilson stated that he will send details to Ms. Berman and Chad Gordon, the city's new Street Maintenance Supervisor.

IV. Old Business

2017 CIP Project Suggestions

Mr. Wilson reviewed the Board's final CIP rankings with the members, stated that Public Works will determine which projects are most feasible and for which funding will be pursued. He provided details on some of the challenges with projects.

Green Lane Markings

Chair Karas stated that the working group produced a recommendation about a year ago, but that several members of the Green Lane working group had resigned before the group had made a formal recommendation to the Board. She stated that the Board needs to decide whether or not to put forward a recommendation to Public Works. After discussion, the Board recommended that the City of Corvallis Public Works Department begin a trial installation of green lane treatments as described in the National Association of City Transportation Officials design guidelines. The markings would be placed in conflict areas where both bicyclists and motorist would benefit from a clearer indication of where bicycle infrastructure begins, continues, or ends, such as locations where motor vehicle turn lanes cross bicycle lanes at intersections. The Board suggested installing the trial in three locations on Kings Boulevard – at Buchanan, Harrison, and Van Buren Avenues.

V. New Business

Update on Corvallis-Albany Path

Laurie Starha from Benton County Public Works reviewed some of the history of the project for the new members of the Board. She reported that the County had received a grant to build the connection between Corvallis and Albany, a project that has been in the works for over ten years. She stated that the Benton County Board of Commissioners had decided not to proceed with the design and construction of the path in 2014, and instead agreed to fund a study to determine if there is still broad enough interest in the community for this path to go forward. The Commissioners hired a firm to do public engagement and the results will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on October 4. The Commissioners will be discussing whether to fund the next phase of the project, which would look at possible alignments. A section of the path in North Albany, from Northwest Scenic Drive to Northwest Hickory Street, has funding secured and is moving forward, with design in 2017 and construction in 2018. There will be an open house on the project sometime this fall.

Ms. Starha also reported that the County is widening and adding bicycle lanes to some sections of Chapel Drive in Philomath. She stated that the County is also updating the Benton County Transportation System Plan. She reported that the County has started to use the grindings from resurfacing projects to widen roads in the county, allowing for wider shoulders and bicycle lanes.

4th Quarter Bicycle/Pedestrian Crash Report

Sergeant Marr presented the 4th quarter crash report, noting that there were 14 crashes reported. He stated that there was no discernable pattern or notable increase in the number of crashes this quarter. Ms. Scherf asked how officers decided what to cite for if there seem to be multiple possible citations in a crash scenario, such as failure to obey a traffic control device as opposed to a failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Sergeant Marr stated that an attempt is made to determine the most direct cause. Board Member Whittemore stated that he was appalled at the behavior of bicyclists that he witnesses riding the wrong way or not using lights at night, among other behaviors. Sergeant Marr stated that the ticketing of cyclists is not a high priority and that due to staffing limitations the Corvallis Police Department (CPD) is forced to be reactive, rather than proactive. Chair Karas asked about the status of the traffic safety posts that the Board had written and sent to Lieutenant Wood for publication on CPD's Facebook page. Sergeant Marr responded that he believed Lieutenant Duncan is now handling the Facebook page and he'd follow up on it.

VI. Information Sharing

Ms. Scherf stated that she has been contacted by ODOT, who told her that Corvallis has $116,000 dollars of unspent funds from prior projects to be used for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

Mr. Wilson reported that the open house will be held on October 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Old World Deli. He has talked to a number of bicycle-based businesses about attending.

Mr. Wilson reported that the Spanish version of the City's bicycle map has been printed and is available for the public in a number of locations. He noted that his program had paid for the translation and layout of the materials for the map and that the Benton County Health Department had underwritten the cost of printing the maps.

Mr. Wilson provided details on two upcoming Corvallis Sustainability Coalition events: Pedalpalooza, which will take place on Sunday, September 18 and Car Free Day, which will take place on September 22.

VII. Commission Requests and Reports

Board Member Heald reported that he is resigning from the Board.

Councilor Beilstein reported that he is not running for Council again and that December will be his last meeting.

VIII. Pending Items

None.

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

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