

**BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2023, at 12:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers**

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

Bob Lange (Chair) - Present  
Craig Rodenmayer (VC) - Present  
Dana Christensen – Present  
Chip Dennerlein – Present  
Daniel Edwards – Present  
Lesley Orr – Present  
Jason Roberts – Present  
Evelyn Roether - Present  
Ginette Sanchou – Present  
Brent Shannon - Present

**City Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Rob Pell (City Council) – Present  
Wade Elliott (City Liaison) - Present  
Rob Brandes (Jo Co Public Works) – Present  
John Lazur (ODOT) - Present

**1. Roll Call:**

Vice Chair Lange opened the meeting and roll was taken.

**2. Introduction:**

John Lazur, ODOT Active Transportation Liaison for our region. He will get some data about the Hwy 238 pedestrian islands for the February 14 meeting.

**3. Public Comment:** Mika Smith, Chair of the Williams Citizen Advisory Committee and his vision is getting more bike paths in Williams. There was further discussion about this topic.

**4. Approval of Minutes:** December 13, 2022

**MOTION**

**Member Orr moved, member Dennerlein seconded the motion to approve the minutes from December 13, 2022, as written. Vote as follows: "Ayes": Vice Chair Lange, Vice Chair Rodenmayer, Members, Christensen, Dennerlein, Edwards, Orr, Roberts, Roether, Sanchou and Shannon. "Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.  
The motion passed.**

**5. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:**

**MOTION**

**Vice Chair Rodenmayer moved, and member Orr seconded the motion to develop a public outreach event to be coordinated by this committee. Vote as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Vice Chair Rodenmayer, Christensen, Dennerlein, Edwards, Orr, Roberts, Roether, Sanchou and Shannon. "Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.  
The motion passed.**

a. Updates from Local Jurisdictions

City – Wade talked about current projects, including the Portland Loo's that are being installed at the Beaver and Osprey parking lots. Timeframe approximately April of this year. Allen Creek road is moving forward. City Council declared the public need for this project that will help with the property acquisitions. Timeframe late fall and into 2024. The Lincoln Road project with Safe Routes to school is process and nearing the acquiring of right of way. The grant for the Safe Routes for Parkside Elementary was not successful. There will be a project this spring at Foothill and Agnes to improve the roadway. They are looking at a potential roundabout at that location at some point in the future. The Urban Area Planning Commission will be considering the Cities Transportation System Plan amendment for widening of Dowell Road along with Safe Routes to School. It will be going before the City Council soon.

County – Rob Brandes noted some recent history about the Williams area path/trails. He noted that recently they received \$685,000 in grant funding for sidewalks they didn't realize they would be receiving. Hopefully to be built in summer of 2024.

**6. Action Items:**

- a. Members discussed the Highway 238 Pedestrian Islands along with John Lazar. He indicated he will speak with some of his colleagues regarding the Highway 238 Pedestrian Islands. This item will be tabled until more information is available.
- b. The group discussed the new strategic planning goals for 2023. They discussed some of the roadways that have the biggest problems for bicyclists including the Grants Pass Parkway at the soundwalls. It would be a good goal for the 2024 Goal Setting since it is too late for this year.
- c. BPAC Outreach Letter was discussed along with an idea of an atlas of real world examples such as the one in Prineville.
- d. Subcommittee for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street multi-modal route. Timeline for the beginning of the subcommittee will be approximately end of summer or early fall.

**7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:**

- a. Development of a public outreach project. i.e., Ride with the Leaders.
- b. Update on pedestrian islands on Williams Highway and a recommendation from this committee to ODOT about a better safety plan.
- c. Williams Bike/Ped pathway.
- d. SRTS and other projects.

**8. Adjournment**

Chair Lange adjourned the meeting at 1:09 pm.

**Next meeting date:** February 14, 2023, at 12:00 pm

*Minutes prepared by Donna Anderson, City Public Works Department*