

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2021 at 12:00 PM
Council Chambers

Member Attendance:

Keith Yoho (Chair)
Bob Lange (Vice Chair)
Lesley Orr
Chip Dennerlein
Cliff Kuhlman
Dana Christensen - Absent
Paul Hart
Heidi Morris – Online
Melissa Pingree
Eric Parrinello

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Brian De La Grange (City Council)
Daren Fowler (County Commissioner)
Wade Elliott (Public Works Assistant Director)
Rob Brandes (Jo Co Public Works) - Absent
Jenna Stanke Marmon (ODOT) - Absent

Public:

Trish Paredes – Board of County Commissioners Office
Tom Bradbeer - Citizen

1. Roll Call:

- Chair Yoho opened the meeting and took roll call.

2. Introductions:

- Members of the public introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment:

- Tom Bradbeer asked a question about project 118 in the Transportation System Plan and when it would be completed. The project is 'Lower River Road' and the section of roadway is under Josephine County jurisdiction. Wade Elliott and Daren Fowler discussed the jurisdictional exchange from ODOT to Josephine County and how the project may jointly move forward in the 20-year planning horizon.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from January 12, 2021

MOTION/VOTE

Member Orr moved and Member Dennerlein seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Chair Yoho, Vice Chair Lange, Members Orr, Dennerlein, Kuhlman, Hart, Morris, Pingree and Parrinello. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Christensen.

The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

- Elect new Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Member Dennerlein moved and member Hart seconded a motion to re-nominate Chairman Yoho and Vice Chairman Lange to another term. A discussion ensued about how chairs are elected, and the process involved.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Dennerlein moved and Member Hart seconded the motion to re-nominate Chairman Yoho and Vice Chairman Lange to another term. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Chair Yoho, Vice Chair Lange, Members Orr, Dennerlein, Kuhlman, Hart, Morris, Pingree and Parrinello. "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member

Christensen.
The motion passed.

- Review Committee applications (if applicable)
 - a. None
- Crossing at 199 and the Fairgrounds
 - a. Wade Elliott provided a presentation on the 3 crossing locations in the area: Redwood Avenue and US 199, Redwood Avenue and Allen Creek Road, Allen Creek Road and US 199. The group discussed the crossings and determined that the Redwood Avenue and US 199 intersection could use additional crossing time and future enhancements to make it safer to use. This discussion also included potential reconstructions of the area in accordance with the Transportation System Plan and developments for TMB Racing. A couple committee members may attend the UAPC meeting for TMB racing to try and get additional enhancements to the existing pedestrian path. Wade Elliott will forward the preliminary plans sent into the City for TMB Racing to the committee for review.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

City/County Project Update –

- Wade Elliot provided an update on City Projects
 - a. The City of Grants Pass received the Safe Routes to School Grant in the amount of \$1.7 million. They will be putting in sidewalks and ADA ramps on 9th & 10th Streets as well as some of the cross streets around Lincoln Elementary School. Cliff Kuhlman said he toured the area and was blown away by the magnitude of the project.
 - b. The City also received a Project Implementation Program Grant from Safe Routes to School. This grant will be used to take the information that was compiled for the Safe Routes to Schools grant and using a consultant, they will collate that information for a Safe Routes to School program that can be amended into the City's Transportation System Plan. This will also help the City to apply for Safe Routes to School grants in the future.
 - c. Wade said they are still working on the Spruce and Western project. This is a \$2.7 million Sewer, Stormwater, and Pavement project. They are doing some ADA improvements in the area as well.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- Formation of sub-committees to address committee goals.
- Review of Committee Handbook and By Laws options
- Transportation System Plan and how it affects the Allen Creek / Fairgrounds area.
- TMB Racing/ Flying Lark/ Josephine County Fairgrounds development plans.

8. Adjournment

- Chair Yoho adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm

Next meeting date: March 9, 2021 at 12:00 pm in the Council Chambers

Minutes prepared by Wade Elliott, City Public Works Department.