

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023, at 12:00 PM

Ridge Room (108)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

City Staff/Council Liaisons:

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

1. Roll Call:

Chair Lange opened the meeting and roll was taken.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2023

MOTION

**Member Edwards moved, and Member Roberts seconded the motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2023, as written. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Vice Chair Rodenmayer, Members Christensen, Dennerlein, Edwards, Roberts, Roether, and Shannon. "Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Orr.
The motion passed.**

4. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Updates from Local Jurisdictions:

City - Wade updated the committee about the Allen Creek project. Multiple studies have been completed and the project is moving forward. There is one parcel with a residence that will be demolished, and the land will be used for a storm water retention pond. There are some non-federal funds available to help with trail connectivity and a bridge over the creek. A question was asked about the overgrowth of blackberries along the trail and if they can be removed. This would be a good project for County Corrections.

Rob spoke about the Hillcrest Drive multi-modal path. He would like input from members on how it is coming along so far.

County - Rob continued with the 10th Street improvements and how great it looks up there now. This should be complete by the end of April.

Rob mentioned that the City/County street sweeping service contract has been

purchased by Southern Oregon Sanitation. Members were asked to let him know if streets are getting swept correctly.

The project for the new bus area at 5th and D streets is starting up. That project will take about a year to complete. There will be bike racks on site. Rob also mentioned the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and that they are taking public comment until the end of April. A link to that information was provided via email after the meeting.

A current carbon reduction program from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has funds allocated to the Lincoln Road project to help reduce carbon emissions. There is a complete grant that could assist with that project if we have a strong enough project to qualify. In addition, there is an annual grant for railroad crossings that they will apply for this coming fall.

A question was asked about reporting and pick up of deceased domestic animals along the roadways. Wade explained the street sweeper will handle those types of issues. City personnel will pick up larger animals.

There were no updates from the State.

5. Action Items:

- a. The Williams area project. Rob talked about the grant funding for this project. The engineer's estimate is approximately \$700,000 for the project and the grant at \$570,000 so there will need to be about \$130,000 match. Property owners in that location are supportive except for one so the design can work around the issue at that location. The area still needs a good design for pedestrian crossings. An actuated pedestrian crossing might help.
- b. GIS Update. Emily Thompson from the City GIS division talked to the group about interactive mapping for biking/walking paths and trails. They discussed cleaning up the older datasets, providing PDFs, QR Codes, and other interactive capabilities. They also talked about the new Sugar Bowl trail at Cathedral Hills.
- c. Dollar Mountain Work Day. Chair Lange contacted Parks Committee Chair, Chad Thorson. They discussed the best opportunity for committees to work together on trails would be at Cathedral Hills instead of Dollar Mountain. Chair Lange will inform committee about details when the Work Day date is set up. Chair Lange also reported that the flagging at Dollar Mountain needed for the trails expected for construction this year has been completed.
- d. The group elected to add a category to the agenda for allowing information from the public.

MOTION

Member Dennerlein moved, and Member Rodenmayer seconded the motion to include a recurring item to be added to the agenda for addressing matters from citizens. Item will be 4.a under Matters from Committee Members and Staff. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Vice Chair Rodenmayer, Members Christensen, Dennerlein, Edwards, Roberts, Roether, and Shannon. "Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Orr.
The motion passed.

6. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. Discuss bike lane obstructions with police.
- b. Signage improvements in several locations.
- c. Development of a public outreach project. i.e., Ride with the Leaders.
- d. Update on pedestrian islands on Williams Highway and a recommendation from this committee to ODOT about a better safety plan.
- e. Williams Bike/Ped pathway.
- f. Blackberry vine removal on Allen Creek Trail
- g. SRTS and other projects.

7. Adjournment

Chair Lange adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Next meeting date: April 11, 2023, at 12:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Donna Anderson, City Public Works Department