

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023, at 12:00 PM

Ridge Room (108)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

City Staff/Council Liaisons:

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

1. Roll Call:

Chair Lange opened the meeting and roll was taken.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2023

MOTION

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

4. Committee Members Comments: A member asked about the egress at the Fairgrounds and why drivers cannot turn left. Can something be done about it? Wade explained the egress goes onto the Redwood Avenue slip ramp and not to the highway. As a result, the egress cannot change without a major reconstruction at that location.

5. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Updates from Local Jurisdictions:

City - Wade shared updates about current projects such as the paving projects at "C" and Dimmick streets and Foothill and Agness, the pickle ball surface install at Lawnridge Park that will be occurring as soon as the weather cooperates. A new waterline will be installed at Laurel and SW Mary streets. The Hillcrest project is still in process. The SRTS project up at Lincoln Elementary is currently working on legal descriptions for the right of way. The area of 10th, Churchill, and Riddle streets should get started this summer. Two speed bumps on 10th Street will be removed and replaced with pedestrian crossings.

County – There were no updates.

State – John Lazur introduced himself as the ODOT Active Transportation Liaison for Region 3 which includes Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos, and Curry counties. He is currently working with Wade and others on the TGM Grant for 6th and 7th streets, as well as trying to assist smaller communities with their needs. A new section of the Rogue River Greenway is progressing to the procurement phase. He mentioned the lack of access management along Highway 99 south of Grants Pass. They are hoping to have a plan next year to address this issue.

6. Action Items:

- a. Bike lane obstructions. Sergeant Moore helped the committee regarding the nuisance of obstructions in the bike lanes such as trash cans, parked cars, and other hindrances. He advised complaints to be called in to the police non-emergency number so it can be addressed properly. From an enforcement perspective, there needs to be help from the sanitation companies as well as public education. Member Orr asked if the Bike Rodeo from years ago could be started again. Sergeant Moore stated at this time the bike team has declined and they do not have anyone certified to do bike repairs during the rodeo.
- b. Hillcrest Plan review. Wade gave an overview of the plan to add a 10-foot, detached multi-modal path on the south side of Hillcrest from 9th Street and then over to Beacon Drive. They discussed the dangers around 6th and 7th streets with the multi-modal path terminating in that area.
- c. Allen Creek project. Members discussed progress on the Allen Creek Road project and the importance for pedestrian and bicycle travel in that area. They also discussed the proposed fourth bridge alignment and the Transportation System Plan. Chair Lange recommended reading that plan to help understand how it works in relation to this committee.

MOTION

Member Orr moved, and Member Rodenmayer seconded the motion to approve a letter from this committee in support of Dollar Mountain. The vote resulted as follows:

"Ayes": Chair Lange, Vice Chair Rodenmayer, Members Edwards, Orr, Roberts, and Shannon. "Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Christensen, Dennerlein, and Roether.

The motion passed.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. Williams bike/ped pathway.
- b. GIS discussion with Emily Thompson.
- c. Allen Creek Road improvements/blackberry issues.
- d. Dollar Mountain improvements.
- e. Development of a public outreach project. i.e., Ride With the Leaders.

- f. Update on pedestrian islands on Williams Highway and a recommendation from this committee to ODOT about a better safety plan.
- g. SRTS and other projects.
- h. Signage improvements in several locations.

8. Adjournment

Chair Lange adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Next meeting date: May 9, 2023, at 12:00 pm

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