

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 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 – Present
Jason Roberts – Present
Evelyn Roether - Present
Brent Shannon – Absent
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. Committee Member Comments:

Members noted the following items of concern:

- Ebike riders are using the Rogue River Greenway and riding too fast.
- The section of road that goes behind the fairgrounds needs better signage to direct riders and pedestrians.
- A tree located at the NE corner of D and Dean streets is hanging too low.
- There are “Crosswalk Closed” signs at Williams Hwy and Fruitdale Drive but there is no crosswalk.
- The parallel lines on 6th and 7th streets have been blacked out and replaced with continental lines.
- Pedestrian islands on 238 have not been completed by ODOT. Project may be on hold.
- Bicyclists are riding against traffic along 6th and 7th streets more than they ever used to.
- M Street has become a dragstrip (between 7th Street and the Parkway). Would be nice to have the police department use a speed trailer there to remind people to slow down.

4. Action Items: None

5. Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2023

MOTION

Member Orr moved, and Member Roether seconded the motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2023, as written. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Vice Chair Rodenmayer, Members Christensen, Dennerlein, Edwards, Orr, Roberts, and Roether.

"Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Shannon.

The motion passed.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Updates from Local Jurisdictions:

City - Wade updated members on several topics. The survey for Cullison Drive is complete for the sidewalk infill. Could build by next summer. The Safe Routes to School project is progressing. Legal descriptions have been obtained. Next step will be contacting residents. Phase I will be this summer and will include 10th Street for two raised pedestrian crossings, work on Churchill Street, and ADA ramps. Phase II will be for 9th Street, Riddle and Hefley. Repairs for the intersection of Foothill and Agness have been completed. This is a temporary fix until the roundabout is installed in the future.

County – Rob stated work on the 10th Street project is about ready to wrap up. Republic Services is working with residents up on Beacon Drive regarding trashcans that get placed or left in the bike lanes. They are trying to get them moved to one side of the road only. The County is looking at budgeted projects including working more on paving of Azalea Drive towards Pinecrest and guardrail improvements. Sidewalk infill will be happening on New Hope Road just off Hwy 238. Southern Oregon Sanitation has taken over the street sweeping. Any issues can be reported directly to SOS or the City. Fifth Street is closed between D and E for the bus hub for about 3 weeks. The sidewalk on the west side will remain open for pedestrians. There may be other lane closures as work progresses. There was discussion of the new gas station at Manzanita and 6th Street regarding traffic impacts. Dimmick and C street paving is complete. Striping will occur at the same time as the striping on Agness. They discussed the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad rules about changing crossings. Proposals have been opened for the multi-modal study on the 6th and 7th street corridor. There were three proposals and David Evans and Associates was chosen.

State – None

- b. New committee applicant. An application was received for the open position. Members reviewed the application. No action was taken. They will make a motion at the next meeting to approve.
- c. Williams area Bike/Pedestrian Path. Member Roether explained there is nothing really happening at this point.
- d. Allen Creek project. Wade updated that the Federal Highway Administration released the preliminary design. However, there will be many steps to work through. The consultant is working on appraisals with those residents. Demo work on the property on Allen Creek Road for the future storm water facility has been completed. The blackberry vines back behind Red Robin are overgrown and causing issues along that trail including unhoused people living back there.
- e. Hillcrest Project Update. The irrigation line stops up at NE Beacon. City is working with GPID to use the canal right of way as a transition to the regular path. They further discussed the use of irrigation canals, benefits, and detriments.
- f. Members agreed they would like to skip the July meeting.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. GIS discussion with Emily Thompson.
- b. Appoint a new committee member.
- c. Williams bike/ped pathway.
- d. Allen Creek Road improvements/blackberry issues.
- e. Dollar Mountain improvements.
- f. Development of a public outreach project. i.e., Ride With the Leaders.
- g. Update on pedestrian islands on Williams Highway and a recommendation from this committee to ODOT about a better safety plan.
- h. SRTS and other projects.
- i. Signage improvements in several locations including the Fairgrounds.

8. Adjournment

Chair Lange adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Next meeting date: June 13, 2023, at 12:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Donna Anderson, City Public Works Department