

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
September 12, at 12:00 PM
Ridge Room (108)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

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

1. Roll Call:

Member Orr opened the meeting and roll was taken.

2. Introduction: Welcome new member, Terry Haugen.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Committee Member Comments:

Members noted the following items of concern:

- Member Christensen took photos of the bike path behind the racetrack that Rob requested.
- Member Haugen spoke about the lack of walking or biking area along West Park Street noting there is very little space along the shoulder.
- Chair Lange talked about the closure of some parts of the Fruitdale Trail. There was discussion about that area in general and a new subdivision that will be going in that will alter the existing trail.
- The area under construction (6th, 7th, at Morgan) under the I5 overpass is dangerous for bikes.

5. Approval of Minutes: August 8, 2023

MOTION

Chair Lange moved, and Member Christensen seconded the motion to approve the minutes from August 8, 2023, as written. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Members Christensen, Dennerlein, Edwards, Haugen, Orr, Roberts, Roether and Shannon.

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

The motion passed.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Updates from Local Jurisdictions:

City – Wade updated the group on the Allen Creek Road project. They have officially recorded 4 temporary easements/ROW out of the forty needed. The Safe Routes to School project for Lincoln Road is in Phase I of construction. However, they lack funding for Phase II. The sidewalk project on 10th Street is finishing up. The Schroeder Park project is in progress. Chair Lange asked about adding bike lanes there if possible. Wade said he would see if they can be added. The sewer line project at Laurel and Mary should get started again soon. Clyde Place is moving along slowly. The 6th and 7th Street Multimodal Corridor study is still under review with the DOJ. The City is not planning on doing any street overlays this year. They would rather use those funds next year for A Street around the area of the high school. Members discussed the desire for limited parking along that same area due to the road being tight in that location. They also noted that the bump-outs on 6th Street seem to be making a difference on the speeding habits of drivers.

County – Rob was not present for an update.

State – John provided a map called the “Region 3 Edge Line Removal Proposal”. He noted the map shows where the State highways that are under 6,000 ADT (Average Daily Trips) will no longer be maintained or restriped. The State feels with reduced gas tax funding, they are now forced to make cuts where they can. Chair Lange suggested this committee could write a letter to our local representative to express committee concerns.

Member Orr spoke about the Ride the Rogue event that is coming on September 23, 2023. Online registration closed on 9/12/23. She thanked Bob and Dan for agreeing to help during the event and that she can still use more volunteers. Registration is down this year.

7. Action Items:

- a. Chair Lange reminded members to use the GIS link provided last month by Emily and to provide some feedback that will be useful for her.

8. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. Lack of walking path along West Park Street leading to Tussing Park and the pedestrian bridge.
- b. Overland Trail / Fruitdale Creek Trail and the tie into Cathedral Hills.
- c. The roadway from Schroeder Park to Redwood Park on Leonard Road.
- d. Williams bike/ped path.
- e. Development of a public outreach projects such as the 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. Safe Routes to School and other projects.

9. Adjournment

Chair Lange adjourned the meeting at 01:00 pm.

Next meeting date: October 10, 2023, at 12:00 pm

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