



**DRAFT -- MEETING MINUTES**

**DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 5, 2026, 12:00 to 1:30 pm**

ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Bend

**Members Present:** Diane Flowers, Pat Addabbo, Dave Roth, Kim Curley, David Green, Jennifer Letz, Bob Nash, Matt Muchna, Neil Baunsgard, Mark Smith, Wendy Holzman

**Agencies/Organizations:** Bob Townsend (Cascades East Transit); Michelle Rhoads (Bend-La Pine Schools), Jovi Arellano (ODOT), Chris Cheng (ODOT), Derek Hofbauer (City of Bend) Don Morehouse (ODOT), Aoibhe Richardson (Commute Options)

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm

**Introductions**

Attendees of the meeting introduced themselves and, if applicable, identified the organization they represent.

**Updates**

Commute Options:

- Get There Challenge with prizes is starting
- May Walk and Roll Challenge is coming up
- Van pools—5 businesses with 88 riders. They are adding vans.
- Working with Bear Creek Elementary School on a “school pool” or car pool program

COIC/CET

- CET has reimplemented fares.
- They are seeing some drop in ridership but primarily from users using the system more efficiently which lowers the number of trips some riders take.
- Bend north mobility hub is still in planning
- Bus stop improvement project will add benches and shelters to several stops
- Updating frequencies on several routes in Bend

- An increased Dial-a-Ride program including Deschutes River Woods and Juniper Canyon in Redmond will kick off soon. New maps for Dial-a-Ride will be available next week

#### La Pine

- TSP has started and Anthony is engaged

#### Sunriver

- People commonly gather to talk on the trails right at the entrance to crosswalks. This causes cars to stop for pedestrians who aren't planning to cross. They are working on solutions to this including by painting a centerline on the trail close to the crossings
- They may be losing the bike patrol on the trails
- Working on getting a GIS representation of the trails and streets which will provide routing instructions for people biking and walking on the trails. Google and other routing apps currently ignore the trails and route people on the streets. A campaign called "Lost in Sunriver" will be testing the application.

#### Bend

- Diverters or modal filters will be installed on the new Bend Bikeways towards the end of March. The city will host a public tour in early May (Tour Diverters) to show off the diverters and educate people about them.
- The city allocated \$1.2 million to do pedestrian safety projects. Part of that will include educational materials and events. No projects or selection criteria have been identified yet.
- Olney Ave opened finally. It includes separated bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Butler Market is 50% completed and will include separated bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Franklin from 4th to 8th has been completed and from 4th to Harriman (through the underpass) is in planning.
- Multiple use path construction on Neff Rd will start soon.
- Bend will be hiring a transportation planner to help with safety data and other engagement.
- The council has asked city staff to consider lowering speeds on some streets.
- A modal filter at Olney and the 6th St Greenway has been installed.

#### Sisters

- The BPAC meeting will be in Sisters in May. The city and Sisters Trail Alliance will present.
- Funding for some crosswalks on Locust north of the new roundabout has been identified. It will include an RRFB
- There was a pedestrian fatality on US 20 in downtown Sisters. This was during a

mid-block crossing and has raised concerns about pedestrian safety. State Highways going through the downtown brings quite a different driver (on a highway trip) than local drivers. The fatality happened at a place where mid-block pedestrian crossings are common. Fixing this location will be part of the conversation.

- Question: Is there data for traffic volume using bypass vs downtown? No data
- Sisters will be contracting to get an assessment of their streets especially along US20.

#### Redmond

- Redmond BPAC has been identifying Safe Routes to Schools projects, probably for next year now.
- They are gathering sidewalk data and will be approaching the city on what to do with this information
- They are discussing expanding the quiet street network from 2 streets to more
- They are working feverishly to host BPAC in June.
- Redmond BPAC's new staff liaison is Lindsey Crowsigt, a city engineer.

#### ODOT

- Waiting for the state budget and lots of plans are on hold until it is complete.
- Lots of money has been cut from SRTS and Community Paths in the proposed budget and this year's call for projects will likely be cancelled.
- Bend-Sisters-Redmond trail/path planning is on-going, led by Don Morehous. The name of the project is the Deschutes Triangle Transportation Plan. They are developing trail locations paralleling the state highways and developing a list of projects that could be funded
- Greenwood Ave (which becomes US20 east of 3rd St): ODOT and City of Bend are working on an agreement to extend the road diet that ends at 1st Street to 3rd St and improvements to the 3rd St and Greenwood intersection. Something will be needed on the east side of US20.
- ODOT is developing plans for 5 new pedestrian crossings on 3rd St in Bend. Some will have RRFBs included. There have been some fatalities at these crossings. Funding will come from the vulnerable crash program.
- Discussion about the traffic signals at the protected intersections of 3rd & Wilson and Wall & Olney. These intersections are managed by the City of Bend. Drivers and bikers seem to be confused by the signals. It may be possible to reconfigure the signals and add signage to help. The 3rd St & Greenwood Ave intersection is an ODOT intersection and could have similar issues after it is built.

#### OAS

- Still skiing, cycling will start this spring

#### Bend La-Pine Schools

- Michelle is concerned about SRTS education grants from ODOT.
- Train the Trainer bike and pedestrian education using the ODOT Jumpstart bike and ped program will be held at LaPine on April 15 all day. They will be adding to Commute Options' capacity.
- Feedback to ODOT about the NE Norton project in Bend is still being taken.
- A sophomore from Bend High will be on the central Oregon SRTS task force. He will be working on a School Streets project

### **Approval of March minutes**

- Wendy moved and Mark seconded that the March meeting minutes be approved. They were approved by voice vote.

### **Committee Business**

- "Hero" award - Neil, Mark, Anthony
  - 5 applicants; Ariel Mendez, James Teeter, Bend Bikes, Horner Foundation, Chris Cheng
  - The committee agreed to present all those nominated with a BPAC Champion Award.
  - They will be titled "BPAC Champion for <5 word phrase>". Neil will be working out the wording for each.
  - We need to create a certificate for each with Anthony's logo and get frames for them.
  - Diane will work with Tanya to get on the BOCC agenda
- Summit Planning
  - Agreed to form a committee to plan the summit and to recreate the committee after each Summit to start planning the next summit.
  - Interest for the committee: Pat, Diane, Kim, Matt, David G.
  - Hal DeShow from COCC is interested in helping sponsor the summit as part of COCC's climate action group
  - Diane will get this group together. Immediate questions include:
    - Why are we doing the summit?
    - What is the geographic focus: Deschutes County or Tri-County
    - Can we tack onto another event and take advantage of their presenters or attendees to get involvement from outside the county? If so, Chris Cheng can recruit from ODOT state employees
- Expiring Term (end of June) for BPAC members - David Roth, David Green, Kim Reynolds, Wendy Holzman, Megan Windschill, Jennifer Letz
  - We will confirm next month

### **External Committee Reports**

- COACT – Dave R: presentation about 14 projects from Madras to La Pine, 9 of which are crosswalks.

## **Adjournment**

*Next meeting:* **Thursday, April 2, 2026 12PM, Bend ODOT 63055 N. Hwy 97, Bldg M, Baney Conf. Room**