



MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 8, 12:00 to 1:30 pm

ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Bend

Members Present: Diane Flowers, Jennifer Letz, David Green, Wendy Holzman, David Roth, Kim Curley

Agency/Organization: Tanya Saltzman (Deschutes County), Chris Cheng (ODOT), Derek Hofbauer (City of Bend), Michelle Rhoads (Bend-La Pine School District), Jovi Arellano (ODOT)

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Introductions

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

Public Comment

Diane noted that BPAC received an email from Nunzie Gould regarding Troy Field parking area, with respect to the name of the project as well as some design elements. Derek from City of Bend will address these (see below) and will respond directly to Ms. Gould.

Updates

City of Bend:

- Regarding the Troy Field Mobility Hub comments, Derek noted that the renderings available now generally are a few years old. CET hired a consultant to develop some design concepts, but they did not reach 100% design. CET was going to be responsible for building but that has been shifted to the City of Bend. Derek will be managing the project now and is looking at the project, including the environmental constraints. Nunzie's points are well taken; Derek is working with engineers to see if path could potentially be pulled out several feet. Next steps: meeting next week to determine what's needed to move forward with respect to plans and potential changes. Hopefully this will be built this summer.
- Hiring a transportation planner; that recruitment will come out on Monday

- Question from group: Any info about the Mirror Pond north parking lot? Derek will look into it for next meeting.
- Question about Greenwood status: still pilot status but the plan is to keep it.

Sisters

- As noted last month, the city they officially opened the transit hub.
- Hopefully by end of the year, Elm Street bike path will be completed.

Deschutes County

Transportation Planning (notes include more information than was provided verbally at the meeting due to time)

- Deschutes County is continuing its update process for the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) with the plan adoption intended for February 2026
- Semi-annual Road Naming will continue through the spring – focusing on Cloverdale Rd area right now.
- Terrebonne Community Plan update will commence initial public engagement phases in the next several months.
- ODOT recently held a kickoff meeting to review improvement designs for the OR126/35th St intersection in the western edge of City of Redmond. These improvements should improve safety for north/south vehicles on 35th St and OR126 east/west vehicles entering and exiting 35th St.
- Baker Rd/Lava Butte multi-use pathway (included in the current ODOT STIP) is expected to enter beginning construction phases in the next several months.

Road Projects and Capital Improvements

The following projects are outlined in further detail at <https://www.deschutescounty.gov/road/page/projects> (included here are the ones that have not yet been completed and/or include opportunity to provide comment):

- NW Lower Bridge Way / 43rd Street Intersection Improvement Project (involves intersection revisions to improve bicycle safety) – construction anticipated January 2026-September 2026
- Tumalo Reservoir Road: OB Riley to Sisemore Road Improvement Project (preliminary engineering is complete with ongoing construction anticipated until June 2026)
- Buckhorn Rd to Lower Bridge Way Project (to be improved to current County road standards) – Preliminary engineering will be undertaken throughout 2026 with construction scheduled for 2027.

- Burgess Rd/Day Rd Traffic Signal Project (installation of traffic signals, pedestrian walks/ramps/push buttons, signage/striping/illumination, and the clearing of roadside obstructions) – Preliminary engineering will be undertaken until approximately June 2026 with construction anticipated for July 2026-December 2026.
- S. Century Drive Bridge Rehabilitation Project (north of Sunriver Business Park) – includes repairs/reinforcements, rail replacements, and upgrades to guardrails. Preliminary engineering will be undertaken throughout 2026 with construction scheduled for 2027.
- S. Century Drive: Sunriver Corridor Intersection Improvements Project (project schedule has moved past the public outreach phase but still lots of time before anticipated 2026-27 construction). S Century Drive/Huntington roundabout is undergoing continued construction with the roundabouts at Venture Lane and Spring River Road anticipated to undergo right-of-way work and construction throughout 2027.

ODOT:

- Budget update: governor would like to repeal HB 3991. We'll see what happens in the upcoming short legislative session (reallocating funds, etc.)
- Question from Wendy about winter road maintenance: there is limited critical maintenance staffing so there will be less service and they're getting caught up on that.
- New interim ODOT director: Lisa Sumption
- Bend-Sisters-Redmond connection project is moving forward: will be reaching out for input soon
- Safe Routes to School grants opening in next few months
- Getting an EV sweeper (the first EV heavy maintenance equipment they've had)

Bend-La Pine Schools

- Feb 4: winter walk and roll to school day; consider volunteering or participating
- Safe Routes opportunities opening soon as Chris mentioned; Michelle is doing outreach to partners to promote this
- Jewell School: so many kids want to walk to school that it's clogging up the sidewalks; could they make a small bike lane to ease the congestion? Exploring this.
- Bend – La Pine Schools is working with Parametrix to develop a shared use path for High Desert Middle School. Will include short- and long-term improvements, including crossings, access, and circulation.

Approval of Prior Minutes

The December 2025 minutes were pushed to next month due to lack of quorum.

Committee Business

- Update of “hero” award – Kim had put together a form—has this been shared? Don’t think so.
- 2026 BPAC Meeting Calendar:
 - Kim discussed the potential meeting schedule with topics
 - Concerns about timing within the meetings, and generally accomplishing the regular business within that time frame.
 - Could we make it leaner?
 - David suggested the regional meetings plus Bend and Deschutes County
 - In general: how do we get ahead of projects as BPAC?

Working Group Updates

Outreach: continuing discussion about mailing lists

Probably need to add a Summit working group

Transit: CET will begin requiring fares starting in February

External Committee Reports

COACT:

- Update delayed until next month due to time constraints; Dave noted a presentation from ODOT about wildlife crossings

Other:

- Derek noted that there is some e-bikes legislation for Oregon Micromobility Network.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:36 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 5 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm – ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Baney Conference Room, Bend