



MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 4, 12:00 to 1:30 pm

ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Baney Conference Room, Bend

Members Present: Jennifer Letz, David Green, Bob Nash, Wendy Holzman, Mark Smith, Kim Curley, David Roth, Pat Addabbo, Anthony Accinelli, Neil Baunsgard, Diane Flowers

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

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Introductions

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

Public comment

Nunzie Gould sent an email regarding visibility of bike lane intersection of NW Portland and Steidl due to a power pole. Asked for signage?
Jennifer will forward this info to Derek

Approval of Prior Minutes

The August 2025 minutes were approved.

Committee Business

- Officer elections. Discussion of nominations:
 - Nominations: Diane Flowers is interested in chair position. Jennifer and Dave have both enjoyed their positions but do have lots of things on their plates. They discussed the duties of chair and vice chair. Chair makes and distributes agendas, responds to inquiries. Vice chair backs up.
 - Dave nominated Diane as chair; Wendy seconded. Vote: unanimous. Diane will be the new chair.

- Vice chair: Dave will have some medical issues coming up to address, so might not be able to commit. Pat is interested but is fairly new so feels like he might need to learn more first. Or, Jennifer can potentially be vice chair as she transitions out.
- Kim moved that Jennifer and Dave co-chair until January, and then Pat would transition in as Jennifer transitions out. Unanimous vote to approve.
- Meeting schedule update:
 - Dave: One of the 2024 goals was to increase capacity to speak in depth with agency partners. Dave shared a document he and Kim produced outlining different in-depth meetings, based either geographically or topic-wise (for instance, State of Oregon, Deschutes County, Jefferson County and Madras, Sisters area, etc.)
 - Consider involving Warm Springs in the transit meeting
 - Jennifer noted potential difficulties of trying to have two meetings in Jefferson and Crook counties. Consider once a year for one of them and alternate. Or even just trying to engage them to come to regular meetings via Zoom. Or consider working with the cities there. Two contacts: Josh Smith, City of Prineville. Jeff Heard, City of Madras Public Works Director.
 - Conclusion: remove Jefferson and Crook Counties from the list for now, but will outreach for their general participation
 - Start this new schedule in January if possible, retaining existing “road show” locations
- Tumalo underpass celebration: Chris Cheng noted that ODOT could potentially help once things settle down. Maybe incorporate into Summit? Or once signage is installed.

Working group updates

- Community connections – covered above
- Transit – Kim: Oregon Public Transportation Conference will be Nov 2-5 at Riverhouse in Bend. If interested in being a vendor or participating, let Kim Curley know. For affiliated groups they can likely find scholarship money. Private citizens should get in touch with Kim.
- Hero Awards: Anthony needs to revise the logo, can send revision next week. Need to get moving on awards themselves.

External Committee Reports

MPO

- COIC is working on a safety grant funded by ODOT with federal money
- Updating Title VI Plan (Civil Rights in Transportation); President Trump has signed an Executive Order removing people of color and lower income people from this benefit program, there will be some senior benefits but limited.

- Working on a transportation safety action plan, shared some stats: crashes went up dramatically in most categories—impaired driving, distracted driving, running off the road, etc.

Bend La Pine School District

- School has begun. Lots of last-minute registration for bus routes. Continuing to work with partners like ODOT, cities, county regarding school zone safety. Did walking audits with the County in June in South County to collect list of needed improvements. Feedback was well received, and the County is trying to see what they can address. Also gave a big list to the City of Bend.
- Michelle is the new active transportation coordinator for Bend La Pine schools. Role is part time, partnerships will continue. Have a strategic plan that will go public soon.

Other Updates

Commute Options:

- Get There Challenge is coming up Oct 1-14, encouraging people to log their bike/walk/transit trip and win prizes
- Wrapped up monthlong challenge with the Old Mill District, challenging concertgoers to use transit/ride/walk. 82 percent of participants in the program biked or e-biked to concert venue.
- E-bike safety online course: partnering with City of Portland for customized program to go with their rebate program. Will translate into other languages as well.
- Growing the vanpool program to 25 vans, some funding is back (used to be 100% funding, but changed to 50% recently).

La Pine:

- Completed the comprehensive plan earlier this year, now working on TGM grant application for their TSP

Bend

- Derek is in his new position as Mobility Manager. His role is to support what's being built with marketing and outreach. Will look at gaps in system that don't have funding attributed to them. Working with school district to identify nearby projects. May look for some letters of support from BPAC.
- Upcoming Week Without Driving event – more info to come.

Sisters

- Bike path connecting Village Green Park to Peterson Ridge TH; first they'll be redoing the water line

Redmond

- Next week is annual bike and pedestrian count where they will monitor about 25 locations, lots of media outreach about volunteers needed
- Multiuse path from Oasis Village into Redmond has 100% funding
- Received some environmental damage in the canyon due to electric motorcycles. Will be setting up some meetings with the park advisory board. Also is a problem on the roadways.

Deschutes County:

- Deschutes County is continuing its update process for the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) with the plan adoption intended for October 2025 based on the anticipated project schedule.
- Semi-annual Road Naming will continue into the fall
- Road Projects and Capital Improvements: The following projects are outlined in further detail at <https://www.deschutescounty.gov/road/page/projects>:
 - NW Lower Bridge Way / 43rd Street Intersection Improvement Project (involves intersection revisions to improve bicycle safety) – construction anticipated in 2026
 - Tumalo Reservoir Road: OB Riley to Sisemore Road Improvement Project (preliminary engineering is complete with construction anticipated fall of 2025 and spring of 2026)
 - 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 construction).

ODOT:

- Still in limbo. Hopefully will know Sept 17 when senate re-meets. Layoffs are delayed until October 15. Haven't been hiring and people have been leaving.
- Lots of great projects are being dragged out at this time because funding can't move out the door yet
- ODOT is updating statewide TSAP, hoping to complete in October 2026. Will let BPAC know when there are outreach opportunities.
- Safe Routes should open up early next year for project opportunities

OAS:

- Did Sunriver biking event this morning, had a lot of signups. Hope to do an event in Redmond next year. Have about 5 weeks left of adaptive cycling season. OAS has both road and MTB/gravel programs.

Other items:

Oregon Transit Association was looking to get an increase in funding, there will be a doubling of funds but only through FY 2028, so not a great outcome (base stays the same).

Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 2 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm – La Pine City Hall