



MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 9, 12:00 to 1:30 pm

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

Members Present: Jennifer Letz, David Green, Diane Flowers, Matt Muchna, Dave Roth, Bob Nash, Wendy Holzman, Mark Smith

Agency/Organization: Tanya Saltzman (Deschutes County), Brian Potwin (Commute Options), Chris Blake (City of Bend), Chris Cheng (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

None

Approval of Prior Minutes

The December 2024 minutes were approved.

Committee Business

- At Large position update: welcome Diane Flowers as our new at-large member.
- Sabrina Haggerty has resigned. Thanks to Sabrina for her service. Tanya will work with HR to post the vacancy.
- Wendy noted that today is the day of remembrance for Jimmy Carter.
- Set 2025 meeting calendar: Redmond is next up for a remote meeting, the city's preference is March. There was discussion about whether or not to have April meeting in light of the summit, but we will hold the regular April meeting.

- July 3 meeting: postpone or as scheduled due to holiday? Move to July 10.
- La Pine or Sunriver in October
- Redmond in March
- Sisters in May

2025 BPAC Summit planning (David Green and others)

- Dave G. distributed draft agenda that he created with Bob, Matt, and Wendy, reviewed that with the group
- Icebreaker ideas: questions to ask right before breaks (What are your bike ped issues? Why are you here? Etc.)
- Panel: preference was for regional transportation efforts. Second preference is schools and transportation.
 - Re: schools, Bend-LaPine schools was just awarded an ODOT grant
 - Infrastructure tour ideas: Miller's Landing, Riverfront Street, Haul Trail, Bend Streets equipment demo
 - Save the Date Flyer: Anthony has been voluntold to create this 😊
 - Dave G. to send link to a spreadsheet to collect contact info for other potentially interested parties

Working group updates

- Outreach:
 - Matt reviewed his experience at the bike industry mixer last month
 - Matt will provide invites to the new Google Drive to everyone
 - Follow up to get law enforcement participation in BPAC meetings
- Agency project input: looking for additional organizations we would like participation from, this can get rolling once meeting schedule is set
- Big Chainring Awards: Mark to follow up with Anthony re: award logo.

External Committee Reports

MPO TAC

- Gearing up to work on City of Bend TSAP

- CET provided an update, are finally getting caught up with respect to buses and drivers so feeling optimistic about possible expansion

Revere Ave

City project for Revere is new; Dave G. is on the committee. Looking at the railroad arm barrier timing, and looking at sidewalks as well as traffic calming.

Other Updates

Sunriver

- The community has decided to have another pathway safety task force; Sunriver requested volunteers and had a huge response. Perception is that user group conflicts are an issue.
- Sunriver shares similar bike safety issues with lots of places, with the additional issue of new/former people on bikes just for the summer or the duration of their rental
- Will be looking for help on bike path width standards as well as traffic counts

Bend

- Challenges with Greenwood bike lane. People are parking in the bike lane.
- Budget season: working on budget to go to Council
- Approval to increase hot tape crew to three full-time employees
- Working with Finance to be able to make signs for other jurisdictions, since sign shop will be large and will have capacity
- At 60% design for 9th Street and Franklin improvements

Sisters

- Bike path from Village Green Park to trailhead has been posted as a public hearing. Have the right of way mostly, and would have to include the bridge
- Starting Phase 1 of Barclay Street improvements, which includes sidewalks and bike paths

Redmond

- Met this week, three new Redmond BPAC members
- Supporting the city in an OCP grant application to pave the path to Oasis Village
- 2025 workplan includes update of Redmond Bicycle Master Plan
- In water bills, people will receive a flyer about soliciting info on new bike map

Deschutes County

- BPAC info can now be found on the meetings portal at www.deschutes.org/meetings. Old meeting/agenda/audio is still found on the old link—both are available via the BPAC website.

ODOT

- Universal Accessibility Committee is starting, can send info out
- Will be hosting watch party of Mobility Matters conference Feb. 27
- Safe Routes to School grants are going to OTC next week, which includes a multi-use path in Redmond and some new crossing on OR 126, Glacier, and Highland
- Just ended Innovative Mobility Program; doing scoring now.
- OR Community Paths program closes next week. Lots of good projects, about \$20M of requests in the region. About \$63M available statewide.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:37 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 6 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm – ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Baney Conference Room, Bend