



## MEETING MINUTES

### DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 1, 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Sisters City Hall, Sisters

**Members Present:** Jennifer Letz, David Green, Diane Flowers, Matt Muchna, Bob Nash, Wendy Holzman, Neil Baunsgard, David Roth, Mark Smith, Meghan Windschill, Anthony Accinelli, Kim Curley

**Agency/Organization:** Tanya Saltzman (Deschutes County), Chris Cheng (ODOT), Aoibhe Richardson (Commute Options), Jackson Dumanch (City of Sisters),

#### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

#### Introductions

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

#### Public comment

Kurt Springman, 8681 W Antler Ave, Redmond: Had comment about signage for the Tumalo underpass. It's a great feature but it is not well signed. Informal surveys of cyclists in the area, they're unaware there is a tunnel and they use the roundabout, which is relatively unsafe. How to add signage? The group discussed the jurisdictional issues (ultimately it will become the County Road Department's purview); further discussion is below.

#### Approval of Prior Minutes

The April 2025 minutes were postponed until next month due to a clerical error.

#### Committee Business

- Introduction of new members: Meghan Windschill, Kim Curley, Pat Addabbo (not in attendance)
- Safe Sidewalk Awards update: Waiting for date for annual report, considering June 11 (Tanya to confirm). Tanya requested help contacting the safe sidewalk winners once a date is set (Meghan and Diane)
- Annual Report: looking for volunteers to compile and present (summarize letters, Summit, etc.), Dave Green and Kim will volunteer

- Tumalo underpass signage concern: Chris from ODOT noted existing signs as envisioned by the project are complete. The route was intended to be uni-directional, which is why the signage is only on one side. Tanya to ask Chris Doty if he can weigh in. Kim had an idea of having a type of ribbon-cutting ceremony or event to raise awareness beyond just signage. Could it be worth asking Bend MPO (Neil)?
- Post-Summit review: overall went really well! Morning sessions had more engagement than afternoon sessions. One difficulty was the AV, was hard to hear. Wendy: struggled a bit with the Tri-County aspect of things since it was hard to get participation from the others. Kim: what about having the event in those counties?
- What is the ultimate goal for the summit?
- Possible to have a post-event survey? Matt has the ability to do so via Eventbrite, though it is a bit late.
- Media outreach was great
- Think of what we could do with actual funding. Consider some way to partner with an organization that could provide some funds more easily/directly.

## **Sisters Presentation**

Jackson provided a summary of what's happening in Sisters:

- McKinney Butte Rd Safety Improvements: came about after the relocation of elementary school. Pedestrian safety improvements: three raised crossing tables; moved an odd midblock crossing; added some additional crossings (one came about from citizen input)
- North Pine Street multi-use path connecting Forest Service property to Barclay. Creates a loop around the entire FS property. Built by city via ODOT Small City allotment funding
- Hood and Pine intersection improvements: removed turn lane, made a 4-way stop
- New roundabout at Locust and Hwy 20 is working really well
- Transportation Hub (East Portal): on west end of town. Substantial completion of Phase 1 by June 30. Includes an RV pull-through with dump stations; will have bus stops; multi-use paths. May be able to function as a trailhead for existing scenic bike routes. Close to a lot of new multifamily housing.
- Barclay Drive improvements: first phase currently in construction, to be completed mid-May. Adding crossings and bulb-outs.
- Elm Street multi-use path: connects Village Green Park to Petersen Ridge Trail System
- N Locust Street Pedestrian improvements: new ramps, marked crossings, removed turn lane, adding rapid flashing beacons

- Adams Avenue Streetscape: bringing Adams and the connecting side streets to the same design standard as Hood.

### **Working group updates**

None this month

### **External Committee Reports**

#### COACT

- Prineville street extensions, working with irrigation district
- Transportation funds package: many ideas for this.
- State is developing a capital investment plan; some people noted the lack of items for Central/Eastern OR
- County: Chris Doty discussed Sunriver roundabouts

### **Other Updates**

#### La Pine:

- 2045 comprehensive plan is ready for public hearing at the end of the month, then move into TSP update once approved and anticipate BPAC involvement
- In talks with COTA to try and get a pump track
- Anthony will be regularly speaking with City Council about BPAC initiatives

#### Sunriver

- Have a safety pathway task force, coming together with a plan. Lots of people involved.

#### Deschutes County Sheriff's Office

- Aaron Harding, DCSO introduced himself and is aiming to participate in future BPAC discussions

#### Deschutes County

- For Title 17, we are moving into the Board's review process for Clear and Objective standards which will lead to a public hearing likely on 6/4/25.
- For S Century, the online open house is still available and any comments or questions can be directed through that portal: <https://www.deschutescounty.gov/road/webform/s-century-drive-sunriver-corridor-intersection-improvements-project>

### Commute Options

- Get There challenge is upcoming. Log your trips!
- Will be at Cascade Lakes Brewery on May 6, fundraiser for Safe Routes to Schools
- May 7: Walk and Roll to School Day
- May 28: hosting community Oregon Friendly Driver Course

### CET

- May 8: CET open house at Hawthorne Station from 11-4
- Try Transit Week is June 2-8. Fun events and prizes to celebrate extended hours of CET.

### Misc

OR Transit Association is looking for people to testify May 18 5-7pm, submit comments in writing. Ask Kim for more details.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 pm**

### **Next Meeting**

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