



MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 6, 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, David Roth, Pat Addabbo, Anthony Accinelli, Neil Baunsgard, Diane Flowers, Megan Windschill, Matt Muchna

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

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Introductions

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

No minutes from October were available due to audio issues.

Committee Business

- Update of "hero" award – no update, Neil will check in with Mark to assess

Monthly agenda discussion

- Diane offered discussion about how visitor/other items are always at the end of the agenda, and sometimes that can be tight, time-wise. Consider flipping them to after the Committee Business in the future? The group agreed.

Other Updates

Bend-La Pine Schools:

- Continue to collaborate to promote events like Walk to School days with Commute Options
- Now the school system has Michelle in a specific active transportation role as well

- Have a coalition including BPRD, City of Bend, others. Meet quarterly and have an implementation plan, which will be posted on website.
- Continuing to do outreach—thanks to Neil and Derek for joining Michelle at Juniper Elementary to observe drop-off
- Thanks to David Green for helping to support Bike to School mornings in a couple of schools

City of Bend:

- OR Transit Association conference was held this week; Derek will be tracking legislation in his role with the city
- STIF increase will sunset – will likely go out for a “repeal” vote soon
- Received \$5000 transportation funding for small project from ODOT, will be funding a wayfinding project that will utilize Bond Street sidewalk. This will start this winter to hopefully coincide with Troy Field project.
- Working on scope of work for 3D intersection project. Will be 3D printing a few roundabout designs and test those models. Will kick off in March. Ideally when developers build different kind of roundabouts, they would be required to 3D print models of intersections.

BPRD

- Just awarded large contract to Kittleson to re-study planned southern connection from the Deschutes River Trail to Rimrock Trail area. Board authorized funding to look at possible ways to connect the trail. Next 12-18 months will have a robust public process
- Recently received \$400k ODOT grant via OR Trail; underpass to connect Big Sky Park to Stevens Road Tract expansion area. That will kick off 10-12 months from now and will likely seek input from BPAC.
- Question: Does anyone have any kind of comments regarding the Reed Market bridge, has there been any prior discussion or would people like to discuss offline? David Green mentioned that Bend Bikes is working on a letter.
- Q: should BPAC provide comments? Dave Green will get something together for consideration for December meeting.

Redmond:

- On hold due to staffing issues (planner for Redmond has moved to Sisters); Redmond BPAC won't meet until January

ODOT:

Working on connections between communities:

- Bend-Lava Butte construction anticipated soon
- Bend-Sisters-Redmond planning: have consultant on board and had kickoff meeting

Other projects:

- US 97 Safe Routes project in Redmond, connecting Yew Ave to Desert Terrace Estates
- OR Community Paths: connect 9th to Oasis Mobile Village towards Redmond
- US 20 East planning project, ODOT is working with BPRD on this
- Greenwood and 3rd Street: have money to get the path from 1st Street to 3rd Street. Looking for funding to make that happen.
- OR Community Paths will open up grants in early 2026, lots of potential options for connecting paths together, depends on if they hire a Program Manager
- Safe Routes to School funds should open early 2026

OAS:

- Wrapped up cycling programs at the end of October
 - 157 unique individuals went on 564 bike rides, mostly at Pine Nursery. Mostly recreation focused.
- Attended Sunriver accessible travel conference, which had nationwide participants. Tourism is really emphasizing accessibility. Grant funding is increasingly available for accessible tourism.

Commute Options:

- Bike/Walk to School Day was successful. Doing lots of bike-ed safety education throughout fall
- Get There Challenge: Central Oregon did a good job logging trips

Sisters:

- Sisters has a contract to design wayfinding signs to get a cohesive sign strategy; have open house about this next Wednesday 4-6 pm
- Voted on preferred UGB expansion map last night. Pushes UGB northeast utilizing Priority 1 lands, close to the core.

Deschutes County:

Transportation Planning

- Deschutes County is continuing its update process for the Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) with the plan adoption intended for February 2026 based on the anticipated project schedule.
- Semi-annual Road Naming will continue into the fall
- Terrebonne Community Plan update will commence initial public engagement phases in the next several months. The final TCP deliverable will include updated goals and policies related to transportation facilities in the unincorporated community.

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 2026-27 construction). This project includes installation of single-lane roundabouts at the intersections of S Century Drive and Huntington Rd/Spring River Rd/Venture Ln, bike/ped improvements at each intersection, and new signage/pavement markings.

Revere Ave. improvements (David Green):

- This will reorganize traffic along the corridor, with multi-use paths on both sides
- RR crossing will be quiet crossing compliant. Right now, there are two gates on each side; project will utilize four gates
- Will maintain five lanes between 3rd and 4th Street and will need to acquire additional right of way
- Not enough focus on slowing traffic
- Chris explained that the origins of the project are as a rail crossing project, hence some of the awkwardness in the transitions and the funding.

La Pine Update (postponed from last month)

- Last year La Pine received a TGM (Transportation and Growth Management) grant; they still have the grant but with the federal layoffs, the people who are in charge of the grant are backed up, so they have to wait (currently waiting for five months). Until that goes through, there isn't much of an update. All projects—sidewalk improvements, bike paths—are therefore on hold. Any grant funding would be for putting the plans together for these items.

- Otherwise, working with planners and businesses to establish bike racks. There's been good success there thus far. Also getting some new sidewalks, which have different materials designed to function better over the winter.
- Looking to coordinate to hold some bike races in the area (cyclocross, gravel).
- Anthony noted that it's difficult to get user data on various paths (other cities like Bend have useful Strava data, but La Pine does not have that user base) but anecdotally, the new path is well used by cyclists and walkers. It also seems to be mostly clear even during snow events.
- Michelle noted the County project along Coach Road for Safe Routes to School. It's in progress and shows that the Road Department is doing great work.
 - Also opening a Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day event where students will participate in Walk to School Day event with La Pine and Rosland Elementary. Sheriff will close off the relevant intersections, etc. to ensure safety and visibility.
 - Nov 12: two La Pine HS students will present at the City Council meeting about the event, plus press releases will be issued

Working group updates

- Outreach: Matt noted the potential need to refine our communications. Tanya to follow up with Matt and Jennifer re: future meeting.
- Community Connections: no update

External Committee Reports

COACT

- Dave Roth had asked Crook and Jefferson County their thoughts about tri-county summit. Waiting for response. Meeting is next week.
- Madras is still asking about a bypass
- COACT previously did not have an aviation representative, now they will

MPO TAC

- The MPO TAC been mostly focused on recommending what projects to allocate State Highway Fund dollars to for FY 28, 29, and 30:
 - Commute Options: Safe Routes education
 - CET: Microtransit pilot in DRW
 - Bend: assessment, education, engagement programming funds and three or four different sidewalk improvement projects

- Policy Board will meet soon to allocate those funds

Lava Butte – La Pine trail planning

- Moving forward, need new cost estimate but still on schedule
- Dave Roth asked if a tunnel by the east side ramp by new irrigation pipe is feasible. Chris noted that it is included in plans (and TSP).

Meeting Adjourned at 1:34 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 4 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm – ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Baney Conference Room, Bend