MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 3, 12:00 to 1:30 pm
ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Bend

Members Present: Diane Flowers, David Green, Wendy Holzman, David Roth, Pat Addabbo, Mark Smith, Ryan Howard, Neil Baunsgard, Kim Curley

Agency/Organization: Tanya Saltzman (Deschutes County), Chris Cheng (ODOT), Whitney Bennett (City of Bend), Derek Hofbauer (City of Bend), Aiobhe Richardson (Commute Options), Michelle Rhoads (Bend-La Pine Schools), Aaron Harding (DCSO)

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.

Updates

Bend La Pine Schools

- Next Wednesday is first day of school (for some)
- Thanks to Commute Options for events promoting walking and rolling
- October 7: Int'l Walk and Roll to School Day
- November 13: Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
- Always need volunteers, please reach out to Michelle
- Commute Options and Bend Bikes are all discussing how to expand having bike buses
- Seeking grant funding for a kick scooter safety education program; this is a low-barrier entry to rolling education. Commute Options be shifting their program with respect to Safe Routes to Schools—further updates to come.

- Kicked off the La Pine project management team for Safe Routes program. Alta is the consultant.
- There is now an updated walk and roll map for La Pine Elementary and are planning to install a traffic garden there.
- City of La Pine has been awarded an ODOT Small Cities grant to install some safety improvements in La Pine; installation in 2027. Adding a crosswalk in front of La Pine Elementary.
- Will provide input to City of Bend about neighborhood specifications

OAS

- Group just got back from Cycle Oregon. Reminder to all that they can be good source of programmatic support.
- Slated to open adaptive cycling center October 15 at 5 pm

DSCO

- Aaron.harding@deschutes.org is the person to reach out to at Deschutes County Sheriff's Office

ODOT

- OHA funding for downtown Sisters is slowly percolating, hitting small milestones in terms of obtaining funding
- Deschutes Triangle: begin concept planning, this will kick off outreach
- Greenwood 1st to 6th St: should be kicking off in next couple of months. Very different than other things in Greenwood corridor so will be interesting.
- Shared Mobility Grants: open right now (i.e. kick scooter related)
- Added some funding to Bend-Lava Butte project ($2M in carbon reduction funding), more RAP (reclaimed asphalt pavement) percentage will be mandated
    - Have FLAP application for doing the trailhead, TBD on results
- Diane had question about signage in Sisters roundabout indicating the Locust bypass, noting the potential need for a sign within the roundabout itself

Sisters:

- Paving the new path and waiting for new bridge over Whychus to arrive

Bend

- September 17 open house at Larkspur for Neighborhood Connections, will also have surveys there too

- Walk and Roll event: September 24, 3 pm; walk from City Hall around downtown (courthouse, Olney and Wall, others) for COBAAC
- Working on pedestrian flag crossings in certain limited areas

Sunriver

- Started the tunnel project this week, will be changing direction for traffic soon, hoping to be complete by Thanksgiving
- Planning to improve the road that doesn't yet have a path; will move the road using existing right of way in preparation for path in 5-10 years
- For next month in Sunriver: consider requesting Road Department. Tanya to follow up.
    - Meeting will be in SHARC

Commute Options

- For Safe Routes questions, reach out to Brian or Julia.
- Get There: end of summer commute challenge, so get those rides in
- Will be doing a bike valet for Jack Johnson concert in collaboration with Jack Johnson Foundation
- Statewide Get There Challenge will take place October 1-14, similar to previous years
- ODOT launched a statewide vanpool subsidy, contracted with Enterprise

Committee Business

- Approval of August Minutes
    - The August 2026 minutes were approved.
- Hero Award: BOCC Sep 23; Tanya will double check with County Administration to verify date
- Potential Tumalo art at the roundabout (Chris)
    - Consider discussion about this and how it might mix with an announcement of the undercrossing, maybe a mural
- BPAC Goals Conversation:
    - Reviewed documents provided to the group
    - Summit discussion:
    - Library: caveats are you can't book it before 90 days out, and one's reservation can be booted up until the day before. It's probably still worth it.
    - Goal: April 8, and someone from BPAC will try and reserve January 8 from 9:00 (event would start at 10). Neil will volunteer to reserve space.

- Goals: refined goals were shared with group.
    - Comments: most were measurable (improve understanding of projects is a bit tricky to check off)
    - Diane to discuss with Blaine/Road about doing 6 month updates
    - Consider noting frequency of meetings with various entities; David G. to put a spreadsheet together to track this
    - David G moved that draft goals be adopted for 2027. Unanimously approved. Tanya will update the website.
- BPAC Chair, Vice Chair elections
    - Diane was nominated for chair; unanimously approved
    - Pat was nominated for vice chair; unanimously approved
    - Congrats to all!

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 1 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm – Sunriver SHARC