



MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Bend

Members Present: Diane Flowers, Jennifer Letz, David Green, Wendy Holzman, David Roth, Neil Baunsgard, Matt Muchna, Mark Smith, Kim Curley

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

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Introductions

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

The November 2025 minutes were approved with one correction to OR Community Paths grant.

Committee Business

- January meeting – will be held January 8
- Reed Market Rd changes – David Green provided a draft letter, which states that BPAC is in support of the project but had three comments for items of concern: raising bike lanes, make sure bikes can go both directions on south side by trails; ramp on south side to underpass connection should be designed to accommodate cargo bikes and maintenance vehicles.
 - Additional suggestions: wayfinding; potential for at-grade crossing as a viable path
 - David will make revisions and get it sent out ASAP
- Update of “Hero” award: already have categories identified. Idea is to have recommendations from BPAC for each of the categories: Best Plan, Best Project Completed, Project Champion/Dreamer

- Neil and Mark will send the group the request for nominations. Kim to set up Google form for that.
- Roundabouts (Dave Roth): Dave shared images of various roundabouts in town and highlighted the differences between Bend's efforts and some he has encountered in Europe.
 - Chris provided examples from the Dutch manuals that specify designs based on if bike do or do not have the right of way
 - Availability of land/space is often an issue
 - Chris provided suggestions to improve existing: keep it all at grade
 - Are there some key elements that we can consistently share for future projects?
 - Mark: could we invite consultants to future meetings where we discuss this?
- BPAC Content Contacts: David and Kim developed a draft of these to share, feel free to edit as needed

Updates

Commute Options:

- Get There Challenge ended in October, which was a great success. Almost 4000 trips logged; Central Oregon was only second to Portland in number of trips
- Received funding from Bend Climate Action
- Held Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, which was a big success

City of Bend:

- 3D roundabout modeling updates: city just signed a contract with Kittleson, will be launching the outreach phase this spring. The ultimate goal is for this to be an update to the city's design standards and require developers to provide these for each project at libraries, etc.
- Toby Marx is no longer with the City of Bend. Derek will be taking on some of that work while they consider rehiring/reorganizing.
- Troy Field: will put some bike shelters and wayfinding into this project
- MPO awarded state highway funds; City received funding for some sidewalk infill: NE Boyd Acres at Cooley. SE American Lane sidewalk section. Butler Market between Purcell and Weeping Willow. \$60,000 for education program as well.

Sisters

- Opened gateway transit hub, held ribbon cutting a couple of weeks ago

ODOT:

- Bend to Lava Butte: construction still planned for 2026, starts with tree thinning and clearing, most construction will take place during 2027
- Bend-Sisters-Redmond planning has kicked off internally. Will be reaching out to BPAC and others as the project proceeds
- Hawthorne Bridge: open house is active right now
- ODOT referendum is pending. If successful, funding will be in question.
- Director is leaving as of January 2. TBD on next steps.

Bend-La Pine Schools

- Awarded Safe Routes to School funding for education and programming from Bend MPO
 - Focused on pedestrian education, including roundabout training
- Ruby Bridges event was great
- Shoutout to Bend Bikes for supporting Realms School bike to school

Working group updates – omitted for time

External committee reports – omitted for time

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 8 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm – ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Baney Conference Room, Bend