



MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 3, 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Bend ODOT Office, 63055 N Hwy 97, Bldg M, Baney Conf. Room

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

Agency/Organization: Tanya Saltzman (Deschutes County), Don Morehouse (ODOT), Aoibhe Richardson (Commute Options), Chris Blake (City of Bend), Derek Hofbauer (CET/COIC)

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 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 March 2025 minutes were approved.

Committee Business

- At Large position update – interview committee interviewed for the three open positions (Mason, Rachel, and Sabrina’s vacancies). BPAC already had an open recruitment so are able to choose from this pool. Had four applicants who were interviewed, all excellent.
- Have three names suggested by the interview committee. Patrick Addobo, Megan Windschill, Kim Reynolds.
 - All were unanimously approved by BPAC
 - Tanya will forward these recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for approval

- Safe Sidewalks – Tanya to email all the recipients to let them know and to let them know about the awards in May (to coincide with BPAC annual report)
- July Oregon BPAC meeting in Bend this year. More info to come.
- Jennifer spoke to Sheriff Van Der Kamp regarding law enforcement participation in BPAC. Has a possible recommendation for a department representative.
- ODOT Revere project has produced three alternatives (3-lane, 4-lane, and 5-lane). Will include 10-foot multi-use paths on both sides. Will also work on signal timing with railroad and street. Will add a stoplight at 4th and Revere (David Green)

2025 BPAC Summit planning (David Green and others) – April 10

- Task assignments: all presenters have confirmed; David has drafted a welcome talk for Jennifer; Bob will pick up coffee; Diane will organize chair setup with Dave Roth (8:30)
- Lunch: currently people will do individual DoorDash orders. Mark will look into alternatives (NYC Sub Shop)?
- Other tasks:
 - Matt and Bob will do icebreakers
 - Possible DoorDash greeters
 - Chair takedown: Neil and Diane will be there
 - Bob will take coffee items back

Working group updates

None this month

External Committee Reports

MPO TAC

Commute Options discussed Safe Routes to School, Get There, vanpool; BPRD discussed active projects, CET discussed expanding hours and new routes

COIC Crash Safety Messaging (Diane)

Meeting presented crash statistics county by county and ideal messaging (bus wraps, etc.)

Other Updates

Sunriver

- Project for roundabouts in the area have been proposed by the County; Mark encouraged people to review the proposals

- Tunnel project ongoing. Had to relocate a 6-inch high pressure gas line (!)

Bend

- Swapping out trucks, getting ready for spring
- At 90% for many wayfinding projects (signs, hot tape, etc.)
- 90% plan for greenways, looking at some directional design elements

Sisters

- Roundabout is functioning, seeing a lot more pedestrians. New nearby uses coming online soon (community center) so it will be interesting to see how the uses change, since the community center will have a different use pattern than when it was used as a school.

Deschutes County

- Will be holding a continued public hearing for the Title 17 Clear and Objective text amendments, scheduled for Thursday 4/10/25, and will be moving into the Board's review process sometime in May.

ODOT

- RFP for Bend-Sisters-Redmond connection planning has been released

Commute Options

- Events in May: May Walk and Roll Challenge, May 5-16, hosted on the Get There platform. This year there are some great prizes (FootZone, Rancher Butcher Chef)
- May 2: First Friday event at the Commons in Bend is a fundraiser for Commute Options
- May 6: 5-7 pm Cascade Lakes Brewery fundraiser
- May 7: Walk and Roll to School Day

CET

- May 8 walking tour of mobility hub: new bike rack, better accessibility, will invite partners to this
- Will work with Commute Options and City of Bend Accessibility Committee walk and roll tour of area
- New logo is in progress, Derek shared options with the group
- Fares begin October 2
- June 2: Bend services go to earlier time: 6:30 am to 7:30 pm
- June 3: International Bike Day
- Legislative update: will have bigger update next month. Funding is getting trickier due to funding stream uncertainty.

- Ridership is near pre-pandemic levels, but it's currently free. Considering \$2/trip locally.
- Will increase rec fares (including Transit to Trails) to \$10 RT regardless; will look at expanding a stop to the east side. Will order an extra bike trailer.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:52 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 1 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm – Sisters City Hall