



MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 5, 12:00 to 1:30 pm

ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Bend

Members Present: Diane Flowers, Wendy Holzman, David Roth, Kim Curley, Bob Nash, Mark Smith, Anthony Accinelli, Matt Muchna, Pat Addobbo

Agency/Organization: Tanya Saltzman (Deschutes County), Chris Cheng (ODOT), Aoibhe Richardson (Commute Options), Donna Barnes (Crook County On the Move), Josh Smith (City of Prineville)

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Introductions

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

Crook County on the Move – Donna Barnes

- Donna presented about their group, Crook County On the Move, which, in addition to general health and wellness education and events, creates opportunities for residents to participate in group walks in and around Prineville. They created walking groups called Let's Walk Together.
- Let's Walk Together: The goal is to walk for 20-45 minutes. Designed routes that are safe and available, walking different days and times throughout the week. Earlier, the group collaborated with other organizations to put benches along main pathways and parks, designed by physical therapists (age-friendly park benches); they create community as well and give opportunities to get out there for those with limited mobility.
 - The group also maintains partnerships with mental health groups, one called Healing Hearts (w/St. Charles), focused on helping people who are grieving
 - Other activities: benefit walks, celebrating being out there, not necessarily about distance
 - Challenge: Minutes Can Matter. 5 cents per minute is donated to worthy organizations.

- Created cards to hand out with best practices, tips, how to create groups. Also created virtual walks (interactive and static), such as historic landmarks, public art.
- Also do a bike map with scenic loops around town
- Progress: have seen people eventually walk further than they thought they could. New moms have continued to meet after certain programs have ended.
- Q: anything outside of city? A: Not really, most are in town. But city pedestrian improvements help get people out and about.
- Funding: the group receives sponsorship funds for Minutes Can Matter; otherwise, everyone is volunteer.

Josh Smith – City of Prineville

- Prineville has three distinct walking areas, plus some other lesser-known ones such as those by Meta offices
- Working with ODOT to increase paths to wetlands, reserve, connecting neighborhoods through Barnes Butte
- Cones Flat Road project: added another trail
- Received Oregon Community Paths Grant from ODOT, used for connecting high school to other areas
- Parks and Recreation Department undertook a master plan five years ago, and included survey for bike ped issues. Top thing that came up was walking. People want places to walk for recreation.
- MTB event last year brought approximately 400 people and roughly \$120,000 into the community.

Updates

Commute Options

- Winter Walk to School Day this past Wednesday; had about 60 people at Bear Creek Elementary
- Funding has been received from City of Bend for School Pool, a carpool program, working on details now
- Get There: Feb 1 update to website and a new app
- Working on expansion of e-bike safety course to Portland, Happy Valley and possibly Washington state
- New hire: Julia Page, for community education

La Pine

- Starting to move on the TSP; once Council approves some items, it will move forward
- Discussion of several ideas: walking paths along the river; of a crossover walkways over the wetlands
- Bike racks are now required with every new business and every new business renewal
- Working on getting benches placed on the path
- Anthony will serve on the TSP working group

Sunriver

- Board adopted the pathway safety plan, including the new Pathway Ambassador Group
- Next tunnel is on River Road towards airport. However, there are liquifiable soils present, so the project will be difficult and will increase cost by \$200k. Goal is completion by this fall.

Redmond

- Met a couple weeks ago for first time since October
- Working on 2026 workplan
- Verified June BPAC visit in Redmond (not March, as done previously)

Deschutes County

The following road projects and capital improvement projects are outlined in further detail at <https://www.deschutescounty.gov/road/page/projects>:

1. NW Lower Bridge Way / 43rd Street Intersection Improvement Project (involves intersection revisions to improve bicycle safety) – construction anticipated January 2026-September 2026
2. Tumalo Reservoir Road: OB Riley to Sisemore Road Improvement Project (preliminary engineering is complete with ongoing construction anticipated until June 2026)
3. Buckhorn Rd to Lower Bridge Way Project (to be improved to current County road standards) – Preliminary engineering will be undertaken throughout 2026 with construction scheduled for 2027.
4. Burgess Rd/Day Rd Traffic Signal Project (installation of traffic signals, pedestrian walks/ramps/push buttons, signage/stripping/illumination, and the clearing of roadside obstructions) – Preliminary engineering will be undertaken until approximately June 2026 with construction anticipated for July 2026-December 2026.

5. S. Century Drive Bridge Rehabilitation Project (north of Sunriver Business Park) – includes repairs/reinforcements, rail replacements, and upgrades to guardrails. Preliminary engineering will be undertaken throughout 2026 with construction scheduled for 2027.
6. S. Century Drive: Sunriver Corridor Intersection Improvements Project. 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. S Century Drive/Huntington roundabout is undergoing continued construction with the roundabouts at Venture Lane and Spring River Road anticipated to undergo right-of-way work and construction throughout 2027.

ODOT

- No updates on ODOT budget
- Bend to Lava Butte:
 - Section from Bend to High Desert Museum will be bumped from 2027 to 2028 to coincide with paving
 - Section from museum, including undercrossing, to Lava Butte remains on schedule
- Working on crossings: Lafayette and Norton. Kicking off another project to add more crossings somewhere between Underwood and Thurston
- Greenwood 1st to 6th St.: found some funding for that work; ideally that road diet on west side of highway will continue and transition into ODOT facility
- Safe Routes to School Redmond: four crossings, has kicked off and includes a multiuse path south of town
- Bend-Sisters-Redmond connection project kicked off last week. Started putting together alternatives. More to come.

OAS

- In the midst of ski season (insert sad sighs from snow-deprived skiers) but bike-related updates continue:
 - Working with BPRD to build adaptive cycling center at Pine Nursery Park; mid-summer should have refurbished area. Possible field trip late summer?
 - Hoping to do some traveling clinics this summer, probably on Fridays

Approval of Prior Minutes

The December 2025 and January 2026 minutes were approved.

Committee Business

- Update of Hero award: Kim put together a form and Diane sent out link. Anthony is working on graphics. Vote in next meeting?
 - Anthony presented logo, the group chose one with some minor tweaks
- BPAC meeting calendar: maybe on 18-month cycle, along with Summit. Discussion about how often to hold it and what the purpose is. Goal: no more than every 18 months. Will discuss next month.
- PAC Deschutes Triangle Active Transportation Plan: Diane added a folder to the shared drive, which contains all the initial documents

Working Group Updates

None

External Committee Reports

COACT:

- Meeting next week, but some updates from last meeting:
 - November meeting discussion item: Highway 126 to the rec center, concerns about safety
 - ODOT presented about wildlife movement and crossings, Dave shared info previously

Other:

- City of Bend is doing an info meeting at 4:30 at Larkspur about a roundabout at 15th and Ferguson.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:28 pm

Next Meeting

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