



MEETING MINUTES

DESCHUTES COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Bend

Members Present: Jennifer Letz, David Green, Bob Nash, Wendy Holzman, Neil Baunsgard, Meghan Windschill, Anthony Accinelli, Kim Curley

Agency/Organization: Tanya Saltzman (Deschutes County), Chris Cheng (ODOT), Henry Stroud (BPRD), Chris Blake (City of Bend)

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

Introductions

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

Approval of Prior Minutes

The April 2025 and May 2025 minutes were approved.

Committee Business

- Safe Sidewalks Awards update – Tanya updated the committee about the process and will update those who want to attend the June 11 BOCC meeting with timing once the agenda is published.
- Annual report update – David Green noted some of the edits that were made to the report.
- Tumalo underpass signage concern follow up: possibility of ribbon cutting event/art? Tanya sent email to Chris Doty and Chris Cheng. Kim can help reach out to people.
- Deschutes County TSAP survey – Jennifer noted this survey, which is still open, to the group. Neil is currently serving on committee.
- Presenter ideas for future meetings: any ideas? David and Wendy noted that Bend Planning is often not represented at BPAC. Chris Blake can try to get more info from planners there. Henry noted that TBOC has a good dashboard of ongoing projects. Chris reiterated the TBOC connection, as TBOC may transform into a general transportation committee in the future.

- What exactly does BPAC want to hear from various groups or jurisdictions? Simply a list of new projects, or more than that?
- Jennifer suggested Visit Central Oregon or other tourism groups
- David: Bend City Council is considering redoing the bike-ped master plan in advance of their TSP update; also looking at a zero fatality goal.
- Jennifer will try and reach out to Bend mayor for some coordination
- Looking for more input from the County Road Department

Working group updates

Outreach: none

Community connections: generally, working with other communities relies on coordination and outreach, per above, so this is an ongoing topic of conversation.

Transit: none, but David noted that CET has a lot of initiatives, could be a good speaker at a future meeting.

Agency project input: this topic can get folded into other updates in the future.

New and improved Big Chainring awards: still working on logo, awards are still in development

Check in on working groups, update needed? – a lot of these topics are intertwined.

External Committee Reports

MPO TAC

- Discussed allocation of state highway fund dollars; emphasized active transportation in scoring

Bend/La Pine SD Committee

- Have had a couple of meetings designed to get feedback from stakeholders on building a student transportation plan. Many agencies and jurisdictions are involved, and it's a very engaged group. Still very early so not a lot to report on. This week they are doing a specific effort at La Pine schools concerning walking to school.

Lava Butte – La Pine trail planning

- ODOT has additional FLAP money but is waiting for legal action to reach completion.

Deschutes County TSAP

- First TSAP meeting was held a couple weeks ago. Updating the TSAP but only for Deschutes County outside of city boundaries (previous TSAPs included cities). Types of safety issues and funding are quite different for cities and the unincorporated county.
- Two virtual open houses: one was spring and other will occur in summer.

- Survey is open until June 9

Other Updates

La Pine:

- 2045 Comprehensive Plan passed the Planning Commission and is with City Council. Once that is approved, they will move into transportation portion, at which time BPAC will be involved.
- Has been speaking with COTA about establishing a bike park

Bend

- Striping season is underway.
- Franklin from 5th to Lava plans are at 100%. Not sure about funding.
- Wayfinding project is put on hold, waiting for some legal issues
- Bear Creek is closed for a new roundabout
- Butler Market is about to be closed for a new roundabout
- 2nd Street is almost ready to open
- Bend Beautification program allows people to adopt a section of road

Sisters

- Barclay Phase 1 is currently being built
- Gateway transit center Phase 1 is nearly complete
- New apartment complex of 80 units is now open, close to transit center

Redmond

- Starting sidewalk survey to determine where they don't have sidewalks, as the city lacks accurate data; using same methodology they used for bike map, in which each member assesses a certain area.
- Would like to find funding to be able to distribute helmets to kids for National Night Out
- Engineering Department has reached out to Redmond BPAC about the Homestead Trail, which disappears when you get to downtown Redmond. Also looking for feedback on Quiet Streets.
- Central Dry Canyon project has begun; revamping traffic patterns there and organizing parking.

Deschutes County

- Wrapping up the Title 17 clear and objective amendment update, which is tied to a similar update to Title 12 (related to Roads, Sidewalks, and Public Places).
- The County will be working with regional partners and Bend-La Pine Schools to further discuss Safe Routes to Schools funding and project options for the region.

ODOT

- Oregon BPAC will hold meeting here on July 22 12-4. Does Deschutes County BPAC want to present anything? It is a public meeting, so all are welcome. Will have an opening on OBPAC for a rep from a bike shop as current member is leaving.
- Chris Cheng will likely lead a bike tour of ODOT North Corridor on July 23.
- Hoping to kick off Crook County e-cargo bike program for the library.
- Projects:
 - Crossings of US 20 on 3rd St: have money for at least one crossing, studying several crossings.
 - Bend-Sisters-Redmond planning is in negotiations with a potential consultant, will definitely reach out to BPAC for future coordination
 - Hawthorne bridge project to be starting soon
 - Should hear back from OR Community Paths soon

BPRD

- Completed safety upgrade to a midblock crossing on Brinson at Canal Row Park. The project consolidated existing unstriped crossing and a driveway crossing.
- Finishing access improvement project at Miller's Landing Park
- Trail construction projects: Discovery Park to Shevlin Park, including Manzanita; working with developer on Outback Trail, paving some section
- Future: releasing RFP for consultant for a new alternatives analysis for Sothern Deschutes River Trail to Rimrock/Good Dog.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:46 pm

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 10 – 12:00 to 1:30 pm – ODOT, 63055 N Hwy 97, Building M, Baney Conference Room, Bend