

**OBPAC Meeting
October 22 – 23, 2009
Mariner Room, Embarcadero Resort
Newport, Oregon**

Thursday, October 22, 2009

OBPAC meeting called to order 10:30 AM

Present

Committee: Erin Kelly, Jenna Stanke, Jerry Norquist, Maureen Sevigney
Wayne Baum, Lee Shoemaker, AJ Zelada

Staff: Basil Christopher, Rodger Gutierrez, Sheila Lyons

Visitors: Conrad Willet, Bob Hine, Meridith Savage, Lee Ritzman

Admin

Introductions

Minutes

August '09 – Approved 6/7 – One abstained (did not attend meeting)

Open Discussion

Committee roles, goals, desires, staff load etc. Discussion with Newport Representatives

US Numbered Bike Routes – Ginny Sullivan

Ginny Sullivan with Adventure Cycling presented information and background on the US Numbered Bicycle Route concept and Adventure Cycling. Adventure Cycling began as bicentennial in 1973 and culminated with the signing of the Transamerica bicycle route 76. AC now offers route maps, tours and other bicycle tour support and information.

With the support of various partners, Adventure Cycling began staff support for the effort to designate and sign cross continental bicycle routes a few years ago. They've worked to identify possible interstate bike route corridors and have worked with AASHTO to develop a signing convention and application. Four potential corridors have been identified in Oregon, including the Bike Centennial Route. The Oregon Coast Bike Route, the Lewis and Clark route and the new Sierra Cascades Bicycle Route. Peter DeFazio, Oregon's House Representative for District 4, has written a letter of support for the effort and at this time the draft federal transportation package includes funding for the National Numbered Bike Routes.

Oregon City Bridge Closure – Hwy 43

Sheila read an e-mail update from Susan Hanson. A working group of West Linn, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Bicycle Transportation Alliance and ODOT representatives met to devise a solution for bicyclists and pedestrians during the 2 year closure of the Hwy 43 bridge over the Willamette River. The project will provide a shuttle with capacity for up to 4 bicycles. Priority times will be the morning and evening commute hours: 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. if costs preclude 24 hour, 7 day per week operation.

Lunch

School Transportation Update

AJ gave an update on a meeting held to explore ODOT's role in changing school bussing policies. Currently school bussing is a department within Department of Education. The formula is based on a per capita distance from school – 1 mile for elementary school, 1.5 miles for high school. Reimbursement for transporting students within the donut hole is penalized.

The meeting included representative of ODOT, the Oregon Transportation Commission, state representatives, Oregon Business Alliance, The Chalkboard Project, The Bicycle Transportation Alliance and others. There was not a lot of interest in challenging the school transportation funding mechanism. Follow up meeting in November. Possible allies: Dept. of Human Services. Strategy – include all pupils in a transportation strategy, and provide funding for non-motorized support services.

Meeting Structure, Logistics and Protocol

Review of Boards and Commissions training. OBPAC member should always copy Sheila on all correspondence and meeting notes. She will archive on ODOT computer system.

Letters – review of need for committee to be author of all correspondence. Chair shall serve as arbiter of “letter ready to go.”

Meeting Schedule

No December meeting

2010 Meeting Schedule

Jan – 14, Thursday Salem

Mar, 31, Wednesday – All Grant Salem

May 20 and 21, Thursday Friday - Travel

July 29, Thursday, Salem

October, 7 and 8, Salem – Grant Award Meeting

Motion for Jerry N to continue as chair – Passed 6/7 (Jerry Abstained)

Motion for AJ to continue as vice chair - Passed 6/7 (AJ Abstained)

There was some discussion about assigning members to an OTC meeting on a rotational basis. Sheila will forward OTC calendar to OBPAC for their use.

OTC Meeting

Bike and Ped Plan is next opportunity to go before the OTC. Can provide them with information on Scenic Bikeways and USNNBRs.

Action Item – members will review OTC calendar and volunteer to attend one meeting.

Grant Updates

Sheila provided updates on grants completed and underway.

Grant Program

Sheila provided the grant criteria from the '10-'11 cycle to the committee and showed before and after slides of completed projects that featured elements that match the criteria well. There was general discussion of the grant program, process, timing, etc.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned about 4:50pm.

Friday, October 23, 2009

OBPAC meeting called to order 8:39 AM

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- Staff: Basil Christopher, Rodger Gutierrez, Sheila Lyons
- Visitors: Conrad Willet, Bob Hine, Meridith Savage, Lee Ritzman, Mike Eastman,
Dave Teem, Ken Denis, Elliot Crowder, Gail Matsumoto

Introductions

Admin

Cary over Agenda Items

Oregon City Bridge – Proposal to have a meeting with Jason Tell about bike/ped access. There was discussion about process and need to let the solution agreed upon by the working group to play out.

Grant funding split information clarified. The last three grant cycles: '06-'07 to '10-'11
Total Awarded \$16.5 M
Bike Projects \$ 6.7M

There was general discussion of bike ped funding sources – TE, Bike/Ped grant program, stimulus, etc.

OCBR Issues

Otter Crest Loop

Issues raised by Newport/Lincoln County bike advocates: Bike lane is full of debris. Tourists miss Otter Crest turn off, sign placement is poor (Slab creek road included.) Local BAC reps met with County on Otter Crest issues. There is an IGA between state and county transferring jurisdiction to Lincoln County. The County is open to the possibility of changes but is worried about expense and left vehicle turns that would be created if motor vehicle direction were changed. Possibility of going back to emergency access only for vehicles but that would jeopardize funding for maintenance. Jim Beisman is Lincoln Count Contact.

Possible solution – move lane striping. NB bike and ped on East side – w/yellow stripe.

Ocean View Drive – Newport OCBR

Committee discussed issues for bike/ped access on Ocean View Drive, with local advocates and City Staff. There is a 40 –foot ROW, but the paved section is less, about 24 feet. Paved portion wanders back and forth and there are no walkways or bike lanes. There is substantial encroachment into the right-of-way: Driveways, signs, etc. There are Grade issues also. City's proposal is to to shift pavement to east and to put in a shared bike/ped lane on the west side. ODOT staff advises against two way bike facilities on one side of a roadway with driveways and

street intersections – as there are significant safety issues that result. In 95% of right turns the driver never looks right. Bicyclists approaching from the right will not be seen.

Agate Beach turn off is missed by a lot of OCBR Riders.

City of Newport

Lee Ritzman and Meridith Savage welcomed and thanked the Committee for coming to Newport. They reviewed several bike/ped grant projects awarded by the committee: around the schools, on Bay Blvd and again on Naterlin - last cycle, Summary of sidewalk infill projects completed by Newport.

City of Newport went to high school drafting class for assistance on renderings for Naterlin Drive design concepts. Once completed this will be the only ADA accessible route from the bay front to Hwy 101.

Another Project Newport is interested in. In cooperation with ODOT District 4, the wish to install connecting sidewalks from the South Yaquina Bay Bridge abutment stairways, walkways leading to the Marine Science Center and South Beach state park.

Mike Eastman gave an update on restoring Oregon Coast Bike Route signing on City right-of-way. IGA is now signed and Mike submitted a plan for sign placement. They are ready to buy materials and do installation as soon as he gets approvals.

Newport/LC BAC

Ken Denis – Chair of both committees gave updates on activities in Newport and Lincoln County. They have worked with City on placement of OCBR signs on city ROW. Several committee members were heavily involved in getting the Naterlin Dr. project application developed, as well as Bay Blvd project now complete. Bay Blvd is currently being reconstructed. Utilities will be put underground, sidewalk will be upgraded and pedestrian scale lighting installed. Bay Blvd may be appropriate place to put sharrows.

Q: any interest in having a bike coral on Bay Blvd? Was brought up in local committee meeting, NBAC committee feels it should be covered bike parking.

Elliot Crowder of Bike Newport Bicycle Shop mentioned previous effort to get a Travel Information Council sign for his shop. He was told bicycling was not key tourism industry and that his shop is not eligible for a TIC sign.

Yaquina Bay bridge flashing warning lights – push button does not light at opposite end. Could a bike and pedestrian bridge be built under the bridge, within the arches? Unknown, ODOT Bridge unit would have to do an analysis.

They are working with Port of Toledo, Lincoln County on possible trails in the Toledo area. The RR xings are particularly problematic in Toledo and they are working to get them improved. They are working with LC School District on SRTS applications.

Public Comment Period

Lt. Dave Teem with Newport Police Department discussed issues about route confusion and lack of signs on the Oregon Coast Bike Route. Gail Matsumoto gave input on her experience with roadway conditions on Hwy 101. Discussion with NBAC and LCBAC continued.

Hwy 101 to Otter Crest – shoulder conditions issues. Spencer Creek Bridge – left a lot of gravel on the shoulder after construction in area they staged and parked. NB entry to Otter Crest loop road has problems at Mp 133 and there are pavement width issues.

Local Tour

The committee, staff and local advocates took a walking/van tour of grant projects past and present, the “Bikes on Bridge warning lights on Yaquina Bay Bridge, as well as the Oregon Coast Bike Route on Otter Crest and Ocean View Drive.

The meeting ended with a tour of the Bike Newport Bike shop.

Meeting was adjourned about 3:30 p.m.