

Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

October 7, 2010

League of Oregon Cities Board Room
Local Government Building
1201 Court St NE, Suite 200
Salem

Thursday, Oct 7th

OBPAC meeting called to order 9:15 AM

Present

Committee: Wayne Baum, Jerry Norquist, Jenna Stanke, Daniel Ronan, Lee Shoemaker, Erin Kelley, AJ Zelada, Maureen Sevigny

Staff: Sheila Lyons, Pat Fisher, Rodger Gutierrez, Basil Christopher

Minutes

Motion to approve July 29, 2010 minutes passed unanimously (8 of 8 votes).

Flexible Federal Funds Grant Program/Misc Topics

Flexible Federal Funds is a new ODOT competitive grant program. This program will distribute federal transportation funds to transit/bicycle and pedestrian projects. The call for applications has gone out, deadline is November 12, 2010.

Projects need to be under development at present. Sheila is reviewing our grant applications, looking for those that already have federal \$, and are advanced enough that they can obligate money by September 2011.

This will be a bi-annual pot of money. Application process will be tied to the STIP cycle going forward. In future rounds, applicants will have more time to get their projects developed. 100% unrestricted use of funds! Could be research, education, enforcement, development, purchasing right of way, equipment, etc.

Sheila will be on the committee that selects projects for this first round. In the future, committee composition could be different. Citizen Advisory Committee was appointed by the OTC to develop the criteria for this pot of money. Jerry suggests we find out how to get an OBPAC member (who was governor appointed) onto this committee. TE committee, for example, has staff and citizens.

Total Bike/Ped funding at ODOT

\$6m annually in ODOT Pedestrian and Bicycle program

Enhancement program budget is about \$12m per biennium

SR2S has a one time budget of \$5m and can fund crossings and signals and other infrastructure

Transportation Growth management grants are used for planning.

The transportation bill is on hold right now.

Gail made a public comment about making all transportation \$ in Oregon flexible funds. If we could support her efforts in making that happen, we should.

Grant Application Review: 2012-2013 Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant Program

Budget for grant cycle

Approximately \$5.3m available to award this year. Sheila suggests we hold back and not award all of it so that we can have a little slush later to add more to projects. Suggests we award \$5.2m and select one or two alternate projects. We can use that \$100k toward awarding the alternate projects or for alterations and additions to existing projects. The alternate was awarded in each of the last two grant cycles.

Background

Deadline was July 9, 2010. 90 applications were received on time. One was received after the deadline and is not included in the total count. 5 proposed work we cannot legally fund and were disqualified (and not forwarded to members for review). We're down to 85 now – and all of these were forwarded to the committee for review. We need to withdraw the City of Corvallis and the City of Gresham because they haven't completed their last grant projects yet, so we have 83 to consider presently. (To be considered done, a project needs to be at "punch list." Gresham is about 30 days behind.)

Sheila participated in all field inspections. Scoring is all staff-level, even though several OBPA members attended site visits. Rodger's personal scoring system:

- 5 points – are the right elements included
- 5 points – is this the right solution?
- 5 points – is this a lasting value to the community?
- 5 points – how much does it enhance the livability of the community

The 35 that were forwarded with staff recommendation come to a requested amount of \$17.9m. Jerry noted that this shows how much demand there is for flexible funding in the state – how many projects are out there that should be built!

We have two tasks to complete today:

1. Questions that are to be forwarded to applicants
2. Any projects in non-recommended binder that we want to consider advancing?

The committee reviewed all the non-recommended projects, asked questions and decided to advance three projects to the recommended pile for award consideration. Now we'll consider the 35 + 3 – 2: 36 recommended projects for award at the meeting in Astoria at the end of the month.

Four of these projects really touted connecting to schools. Should tell the OTC and the Dept of Education about this and make sure that schools cannot be built if there are not transportation corridors.

Questions for jurisdictions submitting grant applications

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| Irrigon | What is your match? What if you don't get the TE funding? |
| Roseburg | What is this project all about? What are the other cross sections? What will you be building? |

Prep for meeting in Astoria: Come with a top 10 list!

Adjourned 3:55 pm.

Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
October 28 and 29, 2010
Columbia River Maritime Museum
1792 Marine Dr.
Astoria

Thursday, Oct 28th

OBPAC meeting called to order 12:15 PM

Present

Committee: Wayne Baum, Jerry Norquist, Jenna Stanke, Daniel Ronan, Lee Shoemaker, Erin Kelley, AJ Zelada, Maureen Sevigny

Staff: Sheila Lyons, Pat Fisher, Rodger Gutierrez, Basil Christopher

Grant Application Review and Selection: 2012-2013 Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant Program

Discussion began with a compilation of each committee members top 10 grant applications. Discussion of applications and project selection continued throughout the afternoon.

Adjourned 5pm.

Friday, Oct 29th

OBPAC meeting called to order 9:15 AM

Present

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Grant Application Review and Selection: 2012-2013 Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant Program

Discussion and project selection continued throughout the morning.

Final list of projects selected for the 2012-2013 Oregon Pedestrian and Bicycle Program Grant cycle:

Amity – Phase I only - \$472,226
Bend - \$649,993
Central Point - \$927,894
Eugene - \$706,978

ODOT District 2C – Hist. Columbia Riv. Hwy - \$603,405
Ontario - \$207,680
Oregon City - #313,000
Sisters – Phase I only - \$651-485
Toledo - \$160,000
Tualatin Hills - \$243,000
Washington Co/Hillsboro – Evergreen Rd only - \$433,500

Motion to approve 11 grant applications for award passed (8 of 8 votes).

Discussion continued for selection of two alternate grant projects – selected in the event money to award becomes available from existing grant monies.

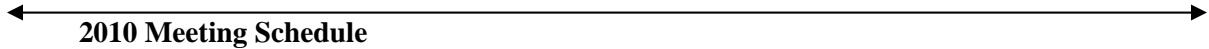
Alternates

Klamath Falls - \$337,000

La Grande - \$302,000

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 2, 2011 – ODOT Region 1 offices – Portland
Meeting calendar for 2011 to be finalized at Feb 2nd meeting.

Adjourned 12:15pm.



2010 Meeting Schedule

Jan – 14, Thursday Salem

Mar, 31, Wednesday – All Grant Salem

May 20 and 21, Thursday Friday – Klamath Falls

July 29, Thursday, Salem

October, 7 Salem – Grant Award Meeting

October 28th and 29th – Astoria – Grant Award Meeting 2