

**OBPAC Meeting**  
**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**  
**Flanders Bldg**  
**Portland, OR**

**Wednesday, Feb 2nd**

**OBPAC meeting called to order 9:00 AM**

**Present**

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

Staff: Sheila Lyons, Basil Christopher, Jason Tell, Shelli Romero, Peter Murphy

Visitors: Susan Peithman – BTA, Jim Parsons – Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation TAC

**Administrative Business**

**Introductions/Updates**

News and updates from members and guests. BTA is in strategic planning process. U of O is implementing a bicycle sharing program. BTA testified on behalf of the bicycle traffic signal legislation. Eugene is developing a bike and ped master plan: 1<sup>st</sup> draft to be released to the public in March. Concern about drains and grates that are problematic for bicyclists and wheelchair users. of Oregon Active Transportation Summit 2011, March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, is in planning stages: registration is now open, (<http://www.oregonbikesummit.com>). Central Point is exploring a bike share program. Salem is currently the U of O sustainable City. Salem installed “sharrows” in the downtown and bike guide signs are on the way. 30 Oregonians are on their way to the National Bike Summit. Scenic Bikeways are moving along with designation of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of applications expected this year.

**Minutes**

Oct 7, 28, 29 2010 minutes were amended and approved unanimously by the committee  
Correction: Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Background – “the committee reviewed all the **non**-recommended projects...”

**Flexible Federal Funds** – Sheila Lyons

Review of funding program, apps received and selection process. Discussion of Tri-Met’s \$1.9 M (\$15M total) request, the process for deciding on the project list and contribution this money will make to multi-modal transportation.

**Region 1** – Jason Tell, Shelli Romero, Peter Murphy

Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons – two in Portland Area – TV Hwy & 178 and 82<sup>nd</sup> and Francis. Safety banners campaign on high crash corridors – in cooperation with Portland Bureau of Transportation. Oregon City arch bridge is a project to preserve a McCullough Bridge – staff and advisory committee efforts led to the provision of a bike/ped shuttle during the 1 year + bridge closure. I-205 Multi-use path – ODOT Region 1 worked with Friends of Trees to plant trees along the path, using volunteers. ODOT R1 and FOT got a grant from Metro to continue tree planting and landscaping. Hired Alta planning to identify issues on I-205 path as a transportation resource. \$2m of federal stimulus funding was spent on lighting a section of the Path in the Lents area. Equity ride organized by Shelli Romero to bring under represented

communities to the I-205 path. Update of the Region Transportation Plan – Metro, will include a regional action plan, including bikes and peds, based on amendment by ODOT Region 1 leadership. 5<sup>th</sup> year of PBOT’s safety summit is coming up, region staff and ODOT bike-ped staff will participate. Corridor committees and working groups being convened to address full breadth of issues along several corridors in the Portland Metro area. Trying this idea on a few key corridors. Projects on the draft ’14-’15 STIP – Sandy and Powell in the 120’s in Portland – high crash sites, proposed solutions and project development is currently in process. Road safety audit is being planned for Barbur Blvd. Bigger planning issue around future of that corridor is underway as a region wide (city, county, transit, ODOT) planning effort.

How can OPBAC help Region 1? – Safety Action Plan, STIP review and comment, pass on regional issues that committee hears about.

#### **GHG Reduction Committee Update – AJ**

AJ was appointed to an ODOT committee tasked with learning about, evaluating, commenting on and developing recommendations for GHG emissions. Committee spent a lot of time learning about the Green Step model used to predict influence of various policy and behavior changes on GHG emissions. Bad news – land use changes do not move the needle very much. Converting to other fuel sources – such as electric vehicles moves the needle a lot. Scenarios testing variables have been run. Committee is now developing a tool kit with action item and policy recommendations to GHG reduction. AJ provided comments about the draft report, noting that trips under 5-miles are not included in the Green Step model. He highlighted the many areas bicycling and walking contribute to livable communities.

#### **Public Comment Period/Trimet Bridge Naming –**

Jim Parsons – discussed issues with storm drain grates.

Committee began a letter recommending the new Tri-Met Bridge over the Willamette be named in honor of Don Stathos, father of the bike bill. Committee members will send comments and revisions back to Sheila by Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Sheila will finalize the letter for release by Feb 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **EPA School Siting Letter – Daniel**

Presented the draft letter, background on the EPA’s school siting guideline development. Guidelines are not regulatory, meant as a template to be used voluntarily by school districts to inform school siting decisions for better livability and health outcomes.

**Motion** – Direct Daniel to amend comments as discussed and to submit on committee’s behalf. Passed 7/7.

#### **Election of Chair, V. Chair/Goal Setting/2011 Calendar/Grant Debrief**

Jerry Noquist resigned as chair of the committee.

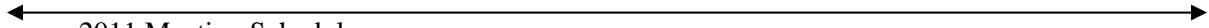
Lee nominated AJ for chair.

**Motion** – to elect AJ as chair of the committee. Passed – 6/7. AJ abstained.

Nominations for V. Chair – Lee and Erin were nominated for vice chair. Erin voted vice chair 6/7. Erin abstained.

**Grant Debrief/Goal Setting**– Sheila updated the committee on the status of the current grant cycle. Discussion of grant program structure ensued. Solicitation of big impact project request – did it pan out? Some felt the projects were not as large or impactful as committee hoped when “think big” was proposed, others felt that larger projects, previously not supported by the grant program were successful.

**Adjourned 3:55 pm.**



2011 Meeting Schedule

Feb – 2nd, Wednesday, Portland

**March 28<sup>th</sup> – Salem** – 10AM start requested

May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – John Day – to be confirmed

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Salem

September 29<sup>th</sup> – Portland

November 16<sup>th</sup> - Springfield