

**OBPAC Meeting
March 28, 2011
ODOT Technical Leadership Center
4040 Fairview Industrial Drive
Salem, OR**

Monday, March 28, 2011

OBPAC meeting called to order 10:05 AM

Present

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

Staff: Sheila Lyons, Pat Fisher, Steve Lindland, Robert Pappe

Visitors: None

Administrative Business

Introductions/Updates

Pat Fisher gave an update on the TE grant process and timelines, as well as the likely program consolidation expected in the next federal transportation funding package: it's too early to know for sure.

Minutes

Feb 2011 minutes approved 6-0 with one abstention– 1 absent.

Robert Pappe, STE

New State Traffic Engineer introduced himself to the committee .Informational discussion of safety, data and where we should be focusing our efforts.

Discussion of a proposal to use US 395 North – for over size loads and possible issues for bicyclists. Hwy 395 is a proposed US Numbered Bike Route corridor. .

Committee requested an annual meeting.

National Bike Summit, La Hood Soiree, Other info items

National Bike Summit – Washington, D.C. Jerry Norquist, Jeanna Stanke, and Maureen Sevigny attended the summit. The focus was on the economic impact of bicycling. It worked. Only Oregon rep not met with was G. Walden but there was a productive meeting with a staff member. Of 30 members of the US house transportation committee, 20 are brand new. They need to be educated on the benefits of bicycling and walking as transportation. Most successful summit to date, almost 800 attended. People attended from all sides of the story – government, business, advocates, etc. Goal is to hold onto the funding programs that we have now – TE, SRTS, etc. Rep Mica talked to Bikes Belong group in Washington DC and expressed support for bicycling but stressed the need to educate the new members on its benefits.

La Hood Soiree – Jerry Norquist and Sheila Lyons attended an evening get together with Transportation Secretary Ray La Hood, during his visit to Portland. About 150 people attended. Rep. Earl Blumenauer and Peter DeFazio also spoke. All stressed that hanging on to the existing non-motorized funding programs (TE, SRTS) will be considered a success in the next t-bill.

Legislative Update

SB 424	Ped Crossing Clarification
SB 415	Vulnerable Road Users
HB3150	20 MPH Greenway Zones
HB 2659	Citizen Citation
HB 2331	Bicycle Licensing Study
SB 766	Limiting local input in Industrial Land Development
SB580	Roundabout Ban
SB 846	Bicycle Trailers
HB 3429	Wood content in State funded structures
HB 2865	Liability protection for private landowners with public trails
HB 2602	Bans earphones/buds while bicycling
HB2437	School Bus reimbursement modification

Review of the above bills. Discussion of possible committee stance on proposed legislation.

Motion – Support SB 424 – Pedestrian Intent to Cross Indication. Passed unanimously 7/7

Motion – to support SB 415 – Vulnerable Road User Passed unanimously 7/7

Motion to support HB 3150 – Greenway 20 MPH speed zone w/recommendation to expand to smaller communities, Passed unanimously 7/7

Motion – to oppose SB580 – Limits use of Roundabouts, Passed unanimously 7/7

Motion – to support HB 2865 – limiting private property owner liability when a transportation trail is located on private property, Passed unanimously 7/7

Motion – Comment: OPBAC would like to see legislation that supports and encourages more non-motorized travel to school. Passed unanimously 7/7

(To support active transportation in communities across Oregon. Send a letter to each committee chair.)

Monetary Support for Scenic Bikeways – Tabled till next meeting.

By Laws Subcommittee

A committee to review OBPAC's By-Laws was convened.

Erin will Chair, Daniel, Lee, and Wayne volunteered to join. Erin will coordinate activities and meetings and report back to OBPAC at the next meeting about recommended modifications.

Review of 2008 Vision Statement – Tabled till next meeting

Goal Setting/Vision/OTC Presentation - Tabled till next meeting

Non-Agenda Items

Lee – invited to participate in ODOT/FHWA/NTSA safety workshop and retreat held at Silver Falls Conference Center. Part of the discussion revolved around bike, ped and safe routes to school in relation to safety. There is a big effort to work with legal community – judges and prosecutors to enforce traffic laws. It would be good for OBPAC to attend annually. Lee requested that Transportation Safety Division be asked to put OBPAC on the annual invite list. Request has been made.

Adjourned 2:45 pm.

