

**OBPAC Meeting
May 20 and 21, 2010
ODOT Offices
2557 Altamont Dr,
Klamath Falls**

Thursday, May 20th

OBPAC meeting called to order 2:10 PM

Present

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

Staff: Sheila Lyons, Butch Hansen - So Central Oregon Area Manager

Visitors: Ken Hay, Programs & Development Superintendent, City of
Klamath Falls Parks Division, Bob Fenner OSP

Introductions/Updates

- ODOT Director Matt Garrett announced plans to reorganize upon the retirement of Doug Tindall, Deputy Director for the Highway Division. Public Transit, Rail, Highway, Transportation Development and Safety divisions will now report to a Operations Deputy Director. This is seen as an indication of a multi-modal focus or a desire to have an integrated transportation network – it's too early to tell, but it could be interesting.
- There are two new funding sources for bike/ped projects. The Legislature approved \$2 million, Urban Trails fund and the OTC approved \$21 million flexible STP funds for multi-modal projects. Both programs are in development and both will have a committee appointed to make project level funding awards. Both programs are expected to require an application process.
- Sheila recommended the following people to the Flexible Federal Funds Committee (committee is yet to be officially named): Susan Peithman with the BTA. Steve Jorgenson a Planner from Bend,
- Additionally the Greenhouse Gas Modeling Bill suggested members (also yet to be named) Scott Bricker. Jerry Norquist, AJ Zelada. OBPAC members Jerry Norquist and AJ Zelada have expressed an interest in participating in the Greenhouse Gas committee, resulting from the passage of HB1059 last session.
- Butch Hansen noted that there has been increased interest in bicycling and walking in rural areas of Southern Oregon, with a specific interest in sidewalks in the small towns he works with. One of the major challenges is the cost of piping the storm

drainage, normally located under the sidewalk. Sheila explained that sidewalk projects are often required to pay for storm drainage regardless of storm water contribution.

- Bob Fenner noted that there are definitely more bike riders and a budding bike culture in Southern Oregon.
- Ken Hay with K. Falls Parks shared that there are 65,000 people in urban growth area – City Parks serves this community. The City charges a surcharge on water use and room taxes to help fund the parks systems. The Vision 2020 plan and the Klamath County Commission are working toward facilitating connections on OC & E trail, which begins in K. Falls.
- Ken Hay – Will be putting together a TE grant request for Lake Ewauna trail section (has been in communication with Pat Fischer at ODOT.) They got a \$160,000 Non-Highway Readiness allocation for project development.
- Daniel attended an ODOT Rail open house and would like to invite Betsy Imholt to our next meeting for an update on their efforts.
- Oregon Bicycle Summit is scheduled for June 4th at the World Trade Center in Portland.
- Jerry N gave an update on efforts to provide inserts for Share the Road Plates and other specialty plates in DMV registration renewal notices. DMV has agreed to the inserts. He is seeking funding to cover the insert costs.
- Scenic Bikeways – The first round of applications was due Jan 31, 2010. The SB committee is currently reviewing the proposed routes.

Minutes

Jan 14, 2010 and March 21, 2010 minutes were amended and approved unanimously by the committee

OBPAC Communication

The Committee wishes to post minutes in a more timely fashion. Sheila will send out a response date when draft minutes are distributed. Sheila will find out whether we can adopt minutes by email. (July 29th – ODOT council advised that minutes could NOT be adopted by e-mail.)

She will look into a possible a protocol for approving letters and other post-meeting business via e-mail.

Daniel has begun writing about OBPAC meetings and business for the blog BikePortland.org. The committee discussed logistics of how to review and approve of the posts. Suggestions to share the blog posts with We Bike Eugene Eric's

Lundgren's Salem based blog were made. As a committee member Daniel represents OBPAC, not ODOT formally. The desire is to provide information oriented blog posts.

1. Committee/Sheila reviews for red flags – concerns, issues, cautions.
2. Committee members can remove anything don't want in the blog. A reply by deadline will be used to expedite a response.
3. Daniel will edit the blog and the Committee Co-Chairs will give a final sign off.

12-13 Grant Program

The committee had an in-depth discussion about requiring presentations from grant applicants. Sheila handed out a summary of bike/ped program funded projects, since 1987, in Klamath Falls and an analysis of statewide grant distributions – based on community size, for the committee's use and information. To date we have funded almost \$300,000 in Klamath Falls the latest project will be sidewalk infill and repair on 6th Street.

The Committee would like to

1. Pick the Best Projects
2. Learn information about projects not in the applications

In the last two grant cycles about 50 projects were received and 25-30 were forwarded to the committee for consideration.

Sheila invited committee members to join her for grant project field visits. Going on the project trips will open up the doors of perception for people on the committee.

The following scenario for the grant application process was agreed to:

1. **July 9-12:** Sheila and Rodger will know how many projects will be up for consideration and scoring.
2. **July 29th Meeting:** We will consider the logistics of sorting through projects, the amount of projects, the total amount of funds requested, if presentations will be required and who they will be required of.
3. **Mid-Sept:** Committee members will receive two binders; one of projects advanced for committee consideration, the other with projects not recommended for consideration, all will be rated by staff.
4. **Oct. 7:** In advance, committee members will have reviewed all projects, potentially suggesting select projects in the non-recommended binder that would be reconsidered alongside the recommended projects, for presentations. Rodger and Sheila will answer questions and present their insights to each of the projects selected as recommended and the selected projects from the non-

recommended reconsideration. From this meeting, we will determine which applicants we want to hear presentations from.

5. Presentations will be requested not required.
6. **Two day meeting at a later date:** Presentations and a day of awards in Salem.
7. Between now and July 29th we will determine when our 2-day presentation will take place.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:16

Friday, May 21th

OBPAC meeting called to order 8:30 AM

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

Staff: Sheila Lyons, Mike Stinson District 11 Manager, Martin Matejsek
– Project Designer

Visitors: Ken Hay, Programs & Development Superintendent, City of
Klamath Falls Parks Division, Melissa Klegseth, Health Educator,
Klamath County Department of Public Health, Beverly Leigh, Safe
Routes to School Coordinator, Klamath County Department of
Public Health,
Kristi Callaghan, Rolla Callaghan, Leslie Procter

Ken Hays – Distributed bike maps are produced by K Falls Parks
Department

Safe Routes to School Update – Melissa Klegseth and Beverly Leigh, Klamath County Health Department

Melissa leads the Healthy Active Klamath Coalition, and Beverly runs the Safe Routes to Schools Program at Shasta Elementary (550 students) and Fairview Elementary (225 students) [County and City schools, respectively]. There is a lack of sidewalks at both schools, yet the SRTS programs have been very successful at each location. Walk to school days are organized with Police escorts, with between 90 and 110 participating. Fairview has higher walking rates due to its central neighborhood setting. Shasta, a rural school, is more of a bike school, but lacks bike parking. Thirty -two 5th and 6th graders were trained to be “neighborhood navigators” who can assist other kids in getting to school.

Drop off points are used on bike/walk to school days. Based on school boundary maps, students are assembled at a point about a mile from school. They walk in

supervised groups from there, the goal is to increase participation. The program is looking at using busses to bring more students to the drop off points. Parents are concerned about crime, they like the fact that the Safe Routes to School program is supervised. There is also discussion about teaching the navigator program at all schools in the district.

Community partners include Healthy Active Klamath. Beverly said, “We look at this as a vision. We are looking five years in advance.”

Public Comment Period

Kristi and Rolla Callaghan, local area bicyclists addressed the committee. When asked what the committee could do for them, Rolla Callaghan described the flyover on S 6th Street as a missing, needed connection into the downtown area, an alternate to the 6th street bridge where there used to be a law where you weren’t allowed to ride your bicycle on the 6th street overpass – the only route over the large rail yard. The sidewalk is narrow and close to traffic. Discussion of possible solutions and funding opportunities ensued.

Leslie Procter, a local resident, has done some work on the OC&E Trail and is an avid bicyclist.

Meet with locals and ODOT Staff

Mike Stinson went over the many projects underway, underdevelopment or on the wish list in District 11 and discussed other issues.

- Lakeview is now fully paved with sidewalks.
- Funding sources tapped for sidewalk and bike facilities include ARRA, Emerging Small Business Program Funding and Bike/Ped Program Quick Fix.
- Merrill has expressed a strong desire for sidewalks.
- Bly is interested also.
- Snow removal on sidewalks was discussed. It’s required by code but compliance and enforcement are low.
- Providing sidewalks in Chiloquin will be more difficult due to the size of the need and the technical issues. It will probably take a STIP project to address the storm water needs there. There is a desire to connect the town with the government and medical center, as there are a lot of locals who walk.
- Bonanza wants sidewalks and there might be a TE grant application this round.
- The issues with chip seal were raised and discussed.
- The Hawk signal on Portland Street is the first on a state highway in Oregon and has been a big improvement on Highway 39. It was funded as

an operational project. [The committee bicycled by (and tested) the Hawk, later in the day.]

- The bridge over the rail yard is gaining more interest. (above public comment)
- Also a needed bridge over Hwy 140, where OC & E crosses 140 is a bad connection in Oregon Parks and Recreation's jurisdiction.

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Sheila shared information about funding and ODOT project development. There is a strong incentive for paving only between the fog lines. There is no funding source for piped storm drainage. The results are more rural projects that do not address bicycling and walking infrastructure or which greatly increase the cost to provide bicycling and walking infrastructure.

Crash reporting –AJ

Bob Fenner with the Oregon State Police handed out crash data for Klamath County.

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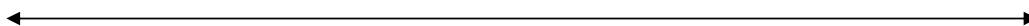
AJ gave some background information on crash data collection. A lot of bike to bike, ped to bike and car to bike collisions not counted, due to crash reporting laws and policies. It usually takes until June or July until the data for the prior year is complete – also due to reporting laws and policies.

Bike Ride/ Lunch

Committee member Maureen Sevigny led a bicycle ride around Klamath Falls. Highlights included the traffic light (funded by OBPAC) at Washburn Way and the OC&E trail, examination of the South Sixth Street overpass and discussion of where a railroad flyover would be built to connect the OC&E with the Lake Ewuana trail that is being constructed, a ride past AMTRAK to see the new sidewalks connecting the station to downtown, a visit to the Hawk signal at Portland Street, and a ride along ODOT-maintained Kit Carson Way (the Vern J. Owen trail) to Campus Drive.

Motion to Adjourn meeting – DR, 2nd by Wayne

Adjourned about 2pm.



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 th Salem
October 28th and 29th, Astoria