

Scenic Bikeway Designation Process

Bikeway Committee is an Advisory Committee to OPRD. All committee votes are accepted as advisory and not final

Application Phase

During the application window the Proponent submits application including:

Proposed route

Letters of support from governing bodies of road management agencies and adjacent public landowners



***OPRD Bicycle Coordinator** reviews the application for completeness. If complete, staff sends completed applications to the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Committee, or sends written feedback to Proponent explaining why it was not advanced.*



State Bikeway Committee reviews completed applications, chooses routes to rate using the Bikeway criteria. Routes can be rejected without a field rating based on the committee's knowledge of the route or due to program capacity and if it complements the program as a whole.

Route does not score well. Route can be rejected outright by committee or with suggestion to resubmit after issues are addressed.



If route scores well and is recommended for designation by the Bikeway Committee, staff consults with Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council. Bikeway item must be during a public meeting as per OAR.



Recommendations are forwarded to OPRD director or OPRD manager for preliminary OPRD approval. The committee can choose to not forward a well scoring route to the director based on other factors, such as Committee and staff capacity and if it complements the Bikeway Program as a whole.



Writing Bikeway Plan Phase

Proponent holds public meetings, OPRD staff holds public meetings

Purpose of public meetings is to inform communities of possible designation and gather comments on concerns, opposition and support

Staff asks Proponent to start developing a Scenic Bikeway Plan

Proponent submits draft of Bikeway Plan for feedback from staff and State Bikeway Committee

Bikeway Committee votes to approve final Bikeway Plan

(Steps in this box may overlap, but generally flow in the order presented here)



Committee recommendations and a summary of public comments are forwarded to the Director for approval to bring the Commission. Commission holds official designation vote during a public meeting



Implementation and Review Phase

Proponent starts to implement Bikeway Plan

Proponents completes annual reviews

Staff performs five-year review with committee input

Bikeway Committee votes to accept of five year review