



Benton County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

July 18, 2017

7:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.

Avery Large Conference Room

360 SW Avery Ave.

Corvallis, Oregon

Owen Milleher called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Committee Members Present: Vince Nowell, Jim Patton, Bob Durst, and
Kate Hunter-Zaworski

Committee Members Absent: Steve Slover, Jim Luebke, Suzanne Remillard

Staff Members Present: Owen Millehrer and Cathy Williams (Recorder)

Guest(s) Present: None

I. ADMINISTRATION

- Approval of March & May 2017 Minutes – Vince made the motion to approve both the March & May minutes, Jim seconded the motion.
- **ACTION: Unanimous approval of March & May 2017 minutes as written.**

II. SPECIAL GUEST: Katharine Hunter-Zaworski, new Committee Member, was in attendance so introductions were made.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- TSP Review – Owen reported that the TSP is finally starting to move forward. Owen met with Laurel on July 18th and she asked if BAC members want to be involved in the process. If so, options would be to show up at public meetings or

to discuss projects and TSP within the BAC meeting. If we discuss during one of our meetings, then Laurel could attend a future meeting for a presentation of Committee suggestions and ideas discussion.

- **Action item: Owen to provide TSP information for September meeting and distribute via email to the Committee.**
- Corvallis – Albany Bikeway – Owen said that there are still no updates at this time. He informed the Committee that the next step is to look at Phase 3 of the project, and that Stakeholder & public meetings will be held.
- Other – Owen mentioned that rural routes projects include widening between Metge and Riles. He also noted that next year there may be grindings done on Riles. Owen stated that survey work has been done from Adair to North Albany, and that funding sources are being confirmed for continuation of the project.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- Springhill Drive – Owen informed the Committee that the surface treatment paving project is scheduled for 2019. Citizens are concerned about the shoulder and intersection, especially with the school zone and high-speed traffic in the area. Kate stated that if that portion of the road is owned by ODOT, then they will have to bring the road up to code before any paving project can be done. Brief discussion by members regarding drivers getting used to using the roundabouts in both Albany and Corvallis, and the possibility of them being a solution to this intersection issue. Speed management is the largest concern with maneuvering the many corners on this road. There is speed limits posted and orange flags on those signs, but the speed limit is still exceeded and not enforced by law enforcement officials. Speed readers and solar reader boards along the Fairmount school zone as a reminder was suggested as possible options and moving the school zone speed signs closer to the school.
- Crescent Valley Drive – Owen said that several options were considered, including replacing the bridge. It was determined that there will be overlay of 2" pavement done for the time being and the bridge has been widened. There was also a speed study done, with the average speed being 45 miles per hour. There is a possibility, if funding resource is obtained, to widen the shoulders along Crescent Valley Drive. Concern was raised by Kate regarding the maximum speed limit allowed and posted in that area. Grindings of the same grade of the existing road will be applied, then the grindings will be paved over. Owen stated that after the beginning of September it will look like a widened, newly paved road. Kate pointed out her concern that there is potential for car accidents during the rainy season, if the sides of the roadway don't transition smoothly from the pavement to the

gravel. Discussion was made regarding widening the car lanes versus the bike lanes. Committee members discussed the narrow margin of bikes riding along the white lines, and the space allowed if there are inattentive drivers that drift over the line slightly causing potential for accidents. There were some questions surrounding the width of the car lanes, and how it would affect traffic and bikes if the lanes were narrowed, in an effort to slow traffic down.

- **Owen to look into the current car lane widths to confirm whether or not they are 10' wide.**
- State Transportation Bill – Owen announced that the Bill has passed for funding for us so meetings will be held with staff, RAC, and stakeholders to determine how to best spend the money. Owen distributed a list of potential projects for Committee Members to identify highest priorities at the September meeting. Expenses of manpower and materials needed for studies is included in the funding usage. We were receiving General Funds monies of \$750,000 for road maintenance in the previous biennium. It is still unknown at this time whether or not General Funds will still be available, in addition to the newly passed State Transportation Bill. The question was asked if committee members can obtain list of off-system inventory.
- **Action Item: Owen to provide study findings regarding current off-system inventory at the September meeting.**
- Summer Bike Ride – The Committee showed interest in having a late summer event, to be held after September 1st. Owen asked if there are any members from past committees that would be willing to take the lead on this.
- Other – Discussion regarding cracks along Midge Kramer Bike Path are not visible in the dark, and need to be marked or repaired to prevent accidents. Concern for chip seal of bike lanes was raised, and Owen confirmed that there was a change in policy from chip seal being done to NOT being done any longer on bike lanes.
- **Action Item: Owen to obtain current policy and bring to next meeting.**

V. PUBLIC INPUT – (None)

VI. NEXT MEETING

- September 14, 2017

VII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.