



Benton County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

MINUTES

**BENTON COUNTY
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)
September 13, 2018
7:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.**

Avery Large Conference Room
360 SW Avery Ave.
Corvallis, Oregon

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

Committee Members Present: Kate Hunter-Zaworski, Jim Luebke, Vince Nowell

Committee Members Absent: Jim Patton and Bob Durst

Staff Members Present: Owen Millehrer and Cathy Williams

Guest(s) Present: (None)

I. ADMINISTRATION

- Approval of May 2018 Minutes – Kate Hunter-Zaworski made a motion to approve the minutes, with a change on page 2 under second bullet. She stated that the technical name is “Advisory Bike Lanes” instead of “Advisory Cycling Lanes”. Jim Luebke seconded the motion, and all approved to include the change.

II. SPECIAL GUEST(S): (None)

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- **New Member Recruitment** – Vince Nowell informed the Committee he will be resigning from his position, due to work demands not allowing him to attend meetings. Mr. Nowell will send an official resignation via email to Owen Millehrer, so he can forward it to the Benton County Board of Commissioners and Debie Wyne.

Mr. Millehrer asked for ideas of how to recruit new members, so he will follow up on those suggestions and request assistance from Teresa Farley with the Board of Commissioners office.

At the previous meeting, Owen suggested that postings in bike clubs might be helpful to recruit members and Committee members agreed.

- **Action item: Owen Millehrer to notify Board of Commissioners and Debie Wyne regarding resignation of Vince Nowell. He will also request assistance from Teresa Farley at the Benton County Board of Commissioners office to recruit new Committee members.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Oak Creek Drive**– Mr. Millehrer reported that Benton County employees looked at Oak Creek Drive. They found that the roads are too narrow for the striping truck. He informed the Committee that there will be “sharrows” from the end of the bridge. Signs will be installed that read “share the road” and “hill blocks view”. Owen said there was a speed study done and it was determined that a reduction in speed to 35 mph is suggested.
- **TSP Review** – Owen proposed that the Committee set a priority project list upon viewing and discussing map areas.

Points of interest and Concerns were:

- Independence Highway – It was agreed to make widening of the road a priority. Request was made to clean gravel from un-swept chip seal rock that is too deep for bicycles to ride safely.
- Corvallis to Albany Path – It was agreed this project is a priority.
- Corvallis to Monroe Active Transportation Corridor – It was agreed this project is a priority and BAC strongly supports a rails to trails project.
- 53rd Street and Plymouth to Bellfountain – Concern expressed regarding gravel from chip seal rock that was not swept prior to sealant being applied to these roads.
- Gibson Hill – It was agreed that this road needs a center turn lane.

- Pettibone – It was noted by Owen that this road is scheduled for maintenance and chip seal next year.

Freight Routes -- There was discussion and review of maps, indicating designated freight routes that Benton County is considering adding (currently no freight routes exist). Concern was expressed for roads with cycling which include Decker, Greenberry, Llewellyn, and Fern to Llewellyn so increased signage would be helpful in these areas for safety purposes.

- **Multi-use Path Maintenance** – It was agreed by Committee members that the paths currently have several hazards for bicyclists. Suggestions to improve safety included sweeping of chip seal rock and leaves, aggressive dogs are not being kept on leashes so enforcement by police officers would help, and that future sealant for repairs and/or widening be applied after areas are swept of all debris.
- **Benton County Board of Commissioners Volunteer Appreciation Night** – This event will be held on Tuesday, September 25th, from 5:30 PM to 7 PM at the Adair Clubhouse in Adair Village. Kate Hunter-Zaworski agreed to attend as representative of the Committee.

V. PUBLIC INPUT – (None)

VI. NEXT MEETING

- November 8, 2018

VII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.