

Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

January 11, 2011

BAC Members Present:

Matthew Arnold, Chairperson; Robert Pickett, Vice-Chairperson; Mark Ginsberg; Keith Liden; Shamus Lynsky; Tom Ralley; Shayna Rehberg; Kathryn Sofich; Ian Stude; Roger Averbeck; Chris Beanes; Suzanne Veaudry Casaus; Carla Danley; Alison Graves; Tigue Howe; Yonit Sharaby; Heather McCarey

BAC Members Absent:

Andrew Haliburton; Anne Duston; Rob Sadowsky

Staff: Roger Geller, Jeff Smith, Steve Hoyt-McBeth, Dan Bower

Guests: Gerik Kransky, Cary Turkon, Michael Cook, Amanda Caffall, Lake McTighe, Jonathan Maus, April Streeter, Chris Achterman, Michelle Poyourow, Carl Larson

Announcements

- The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the Columbia River Crossing will be starting up again
- There is an opportunity to comment on statewide TE projects; Portland has two applications in
- Tom Miller, current Chief of Staff to Mayor Sam Adams, has been named as the next Director of the Bureau of Transportation
- The Portland Traffic and Transportation class is not being offered again until the fall; committee members are encouraged to attend
- The BAC will reschedule its February meeting in order to attend the Mayor's Transportation Safety Summit, scheduled for Tues February 8th
- The Open House for the SW Multnomah project is being rescheduled
- Preliminary results are in from PSU's fall transportation survey, which was taken of both students and staff; 12.4% of all trips are made by bicycle, continuing the steady increase shown in such trips over the past 6 years
- Two Portland projects have made the staff cut for the new Oregon Flexible Fund transportation grants; they are "Going [St.] to the River" and right-of-way acquisition for pedestrian improvements on 122nd Avenue; both await final approval from the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Clinton Bicycle Boulevard Improvements

Jeff Smith from PBOT presented the designs for enhancing the Clinton Street Bicycle Boulevard. The intent is to brand Clinton as a street for bicycles and to provide visual cues to motorists as to where and how to expect cyclists on the streets. The elements employed here, if deemed successful, could become standard elements of other

boulevard projects. As there is no other stand-alone funding for these elements on other streets, individual projects would have to incorporate them into their designs.

The biggest question Jeff had for the group was about the pavement markings. Below are some of the comments and responses.

Comment: Like the markings because they communicate that people can ride side-by-side.

Comment: Like the circular pattern.

Comment: Better to show no more than 2 riders abreast as do not want to encourage chaotic behavior (four riders abreast taking up the entire street)

Comment: What is the timeline?

Answer: Fabrication is beginning. Installation by late winter. Bicycle corrals could go in sooner.

C: What will be the mechanism for comments post-installation?

A: An online survey tool such as Survey Monkey.

C: Colors on the pavement would be nice to reflect artistry.

A: Explored with artists. Colors didn't show up well.

C: Messaging around funding will be important. Have a message ready to address potential complaints.

A: Project is inexpensive (\$20k from PBOT; \$6-7k from RACC—Regional Arts and Culture Council), popular (or at least not opposed) by local residents and provides art on the street, but point well taken.

C: Stick with a standard lexicon of markings. Too much and motorists will become confused.

TriMet Safety Review

This item needs to be rescheduled as the TriMet presenters were mobilized to address potential hazardous weather conditions during the evening commute.

Regional Flexible Funds

Roger Geller (PBOT) provided background on the nature of PBOT's annual revenues and expenditures and how much funding goes to bicycle projects. He also presented information about the larger funding picture at the regional and federal levels.

Lake McTighe, a planner with Metro, discussed in more detail the Regional Flexible Fund process.

Roger then presented to the committee descriptions of 9 projects staff have advanced for consideration for Regional Flexible Funds. Steve Hoyt-McBeth, also with PBOT, provided additional information about the proposed bike sharing project. As there was not sufficient time for a complete committee discussion, the committee decided to review the materials provided by Roger and to communicate to Roger their prioritized top 3 options in one week's time. Their votes will form the basis for the committee's

recommendations to city staff, who will continue to work internally before advancing recommendations .

Committee Assignments

With the extra time allotted by the cancellation, the committee discussed assignments to track other projects. Following are the new assignments:

Bicycle Plan Progress	Kathryn Sofich, Ian Stude, Keith Liden
Legislative Issues (specifically recreational path immunity and LC 364)	Mark Ginsberg, Shamus Lynsky, Yonit Sharaby
Lake Oswego to Portland streetcar (letter needed as formal comment)	Ian Study, Kathryn Sofich
Sullivan’s Gulch	Heather McCarey
Develop a BAC retreat	Carla Danley, Chris Beanes, Roger Geller, Matthew Arnold

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Notes respectfully submitted by Roger Geller