

June 9, 2015
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Susan Hogg, Marsha Eckelman, Chuck Forinash, Maryann Bozza, Bob Hein, and Geri Kern. Also in attendance was Mayor Sandy Roumagoux, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Suggested additions to the agenda included:

1. Maintenance of sharrows, or icon, in bike lanes;
2. Shuttle;
3. Legislative effort to eliminate the two percent dedicated funding for bicycle/pedestrian projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 12, 2015

MOTION was made by Forinash, seconded by Hogg, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2015 meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

A discussion ensued regarding the location of the recommended bike rack at the Nye Beach Turnaround. It was suggested that it be located to the west of the parking lot, east of the street, on the north side of that area.

REVIEW TABLE 3-3 OF THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PLAN TO IDENTIFY COMPLETED PROJECTS

The Committee agreed to table further discussion on this item until the July meeting. It previously began its review of Table 3-3 of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan reviewing the following:

1. NW 68th Street Undercrossing - ***Not going to happen;***
2. Mid-Block, between 16th and 17th Streets - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Completed;***
3. 13th Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Not going to happen;***
4. 10th Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Completed;***

5. 8th Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - *Incomplete*;
6. 3rd Street/4th Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - *Completed*;
7. 2nd Street (outside City Hall) - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - *Not going to happen*;
8. SW Angle Street - Add curb extensions - *Completed*;
9. SW Lee Street - Add curb extensions - *Completed*;
10. SW Hubert Street - Add curb extensions - *This is already a signalized intersection*;
11. SW Alder Street - Add curb extensions - *Completed*;
12. SW Neff Way - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - *Incomplete*;
13. SW Abbey Street - Tighten the turning radius for vehicles, add marked crosswalks - *Completed*;
14. SW Bay Street - Tighten the turning radius for vehicles, add marked crosswalks - *Incomplete*;
15. Mid-block between S Bayley Street and SW Minnie Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, striped continental crosswalk, and curb extensions - *Completed*.

At the last review, it was the consensus of the Committee to begin the review of bike lanes, beginning on 3-32, at the next meeting.

Kern noted that there is a chunk of sidewalk missing on Moore Road, and while there is a crosswalk near the Elks Lodge, there is no sidewalk on the west side of the street.

It was noted that there is a stub only on the sidewalk on Harney Street, north of Highway 20, on the west side.

UPDATE ON PRIORITY PROJECTS 2014/2015 FISCAL YEAR

The three priority projects for the 2014/2015 fiscal year were:

1. Installation of a trail - NW Nye Street to Oceanview Drive. It was noted that this project was not funded for the 2015/2016 fiscal year budget.
2. Installation of a trail connecting the Agate Beach Wayside Trail to the sidewalk on Highway 101, west side. Forinash noted that funding for this project was approved by the Budget Committee. He reported that Olaf Sweetman, Assistant City Engineer, suggested that the Committee consider the Nye Street sidewalk project. A discussion ensued regarding what project would constitute the best use of funds. It was asked why the Public Works Department did not advocate for the completion of the Sixth Street project. Hogg noted that this trail would enhance connectivity in a poorly-connected area. Hein noted that the trail from Nye to Oceanview, and the hospital sidewalk, are more important than the Agate Beach trail. Bozza noted that two projects were recommended for funding - the Agate Beach Wayside connection and the hospital sidewalk. Kern recommended a better line of communication between the

Public Works Department and the Committee regarding planned projects. Further discussion ensued regarding the communication between the Committee and the staff. It was suggested that when projects go to bid that the timeline and construction schedule be provided to the Committee. Forinash explained the parking district financial contribution toward the hospital sidewalk project. Bozza suggested a parking sharing possibility between Bayfront businesses and the newly-planned hospital.

3. Continuation of the annual installation of sharrows. It was noted that a line item for sharrows was approved at the third Budget Committee meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the location of sharrows. It was noted that sharrows had already been purchased for Elizabeth Street, from Olive Street to Government Street, and asked when these sharrows would be installed. Hein noted that he would bring a set of sharrow plans to the next meeting.

UPDATE ON PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR

1. Update the Bicycle Master Plan. It was reported that funding had not been allocated in the 2015/2016 budget, but that a continuation of work on Table 3-3 of the current plan would be beneficial when the plan is ultimately updated.
2. Work with the city's grant consultant to obtain grants through Oregon Connect, Oregon Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and other sources. It was noted that a related motion was approved at the May 2015 meeting. It reads, "Motion to request a budget item for Chase, the City's grant consultant, to seek out grants relevant to the Oceanview Drive to Nye St multi-use path (bypass trail) project in the 2015-16 fiscal year."
3. Procedural review to allow the city's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to participate in a 30% review of projects. This priority was further refined to reflect a review of all street and sidewalk projects and bicycle/pedestrian-affected projects. It was suggested that Public Works staff, at the beginning of the year, review its planned projects (on the front end) so that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee is kept in the loop. Bozza reiterated that there is a disconnect when projects are being considered, and asked how the Committee can be further involved. Roumagoux explained that this is a function of the City Council liaison to committees.
4. Continue to fund the annual installation of sharrows. It was noted that this priority is being funded in the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Forinash updated the Committee on the status of the South Beach projects. He noted that a mixed-use path is included for Safe Haven Hill.

Hogg reported that proposed Highway Trust Fund legislation would eliminate the two percent requirement for bicycle/pedestrian projects. A discussion ensued regarding what, if anything, the Committee should do related to this matter. Hogg agreed to draft a letter

that she would send to the Committee, and Bozza added that she would discuss the issue with Representative Schrader's office.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

It was agreed to hold a round table discussion since the Mayor was attending as Council liaison.

A discussion ensued regarding the shuttle provided by the Lincoln County Transportation Services District. Roumagoux reported that Cynda Bruce, director of the District, had provided a report to the City Council at its last meeting. A discussion ensued on what, if any, role the Committee should play relative to the city-funded services provided by the District. Forinash displayed a possible bus schedule holder that could be used strategically throughout the city. He also noted that there are bus tokens available. Hogg suggested extending the summer hours so that transit users could, for example, get from South Beach to the Bayfront and back during the evening. It was further suggested that Cynda Bruce be included in the "Know Your Newport" program so that tourist related businesses were more aware of the transit service. It was also suggested that additional communication be made with the Greater Newport Lodging Association related to the service.

Bozza reported that a tsunami evacuation drill would be held on June 26 utilizing the evacuation route to OCCC. She added that the graduate students were organizing a fun run. She noted that the DOGAMI inundation models have been refined.

Staff was asked to bring last month's staff reports, along with any newer reports, to the next meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding sharrows on the bridge. A request was made to ask the Public Works Director if he would ask ODOT the questions from the May meeting, including whether it is possible to upgrade the bike lighting system on the bridge to incorporate additional and better lights.

It was agreed to include a discussion on scenic bike routes at the next meeting. It was also agreed to include a discussion regarding a joint meeting with the Wayfinding Committee at the next meeting.

Eckelman reported that she would be unable to attend the July meeting.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING MAY

It was noted that there were no reported bicycle/pedestrian accidents during May.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.