

November 10, 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 Marsha Eckelman, Chuck Forinash, Maryann Bozza, Geri Kern, and Amanda Capri. Also in attendance was Council Liaison Mark Saelens, Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director, and Tim Gross, Public Works Director.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

UPDATE ON PRIORITY PROJECTS

It was agreed to discuss this item at this time as Gross was able to attend, but needed to leave early due to another commitment.

Gross reported that the engineering division is understaffed by one person, but that an employment offer had been made to an applicant, for the position of Senior Projects Manager, earlier in the day. He reiterated that there are a lot of funded projects, but not enough staff time, currently, to bring them to fruition. He noted that the next project will be the seismic rehabilitation of the fire station.

He reported that none of the three projects, identified by the Committee, had been started. He added that preliminary scoping was performed for budgeting purposes. He stated that the trail connection, from NW Nye Street to Oceanview Drive, was not funded. He added that Olaf Sweetman has the data behind it. He noted that, unless a specific grant opportunity could be identified, relative to this project, it is not worth pursuing with the grant consultant. He stated that if a grant program was identified, he would be willing to ask the city's grant consultant to look at it.

Gross reported that the project consisting of a trail connecting the Agate Beach Wayside Trail to the sidewalk on the west side of Highway 101 has been funded. He stated that he anticipates the design to be performed by city staff, and a contract to be issued in time. Bozza asked how the Committee could be included in the design process. Gross noted that, once 60% of the design is completed on relative projects, he will ask the Committee for comments.

Gross reported that the city has a STIP application for a sidewalk extension on the east side of Highway 101 from WalMart to 36th Street, and that the project is highly ranked at this time.

Bozza asked whether the Committee could assist in providing additional crosswalk lights. Gross noted that the Committee could endorse additional light installation during the budget process.

Saelens stated that the curbs on the pedestrian islands are difficult to see, particularly at night, and asked whether they could be painted. Gross stated that a permit could be submitted to ODOT making this request.

A discussion ensued regarding the sidewalk from the Bayfront to the hospital. Gross noted that he would provide Hawker with a memo and draft related to this project.

Gross discussed additional projects, including the plan to install a sidewalk, near the graveled area, by Local Ocean Seafoods; marking on 9th Street, sidewalk repair, and fulfillment of ADA requirements. He noted that as much as possible would be done with available resources.

Gross reported that funding for the 6th Street project was redirected to the Bay/Moore project. He noted that the 6th Street project is 60% - 90% designed.

Gross reported that sharrows have been installed on Elizabeth Street. Forinash asked whether the sharrows at Olive and Coast Streets could be angled. Bozza asked whether sharrows could be installed between existing sharrows that are worn. Capri suggested identifying a bike lane network due to the cost of sharrows. Bozza reported that Bob Hein has a sharrow list showing the location of installed sharrows and those yet to be installed.

A discussion ensued regarding the streetscaping of Nye Street. Capri stated that if the Committee knew the minimum recommended roadway widths, it would make better recommendations. Bozza asked about the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan, and whether the Committee could revisit where it would like sharrows and bike lanes. Capri asked what guidelines are being used. Bozza noted that if the Committee could get the document from Hein, the existing bike lanes could be added, and a determination made as to where to advocate for bike lanes after measuring. Saelens asked whether there is coordination between the maps and the sharrowed routes. Capri reiterated her request for the travel lane minimum/maximum widths, and for the recommended speed limits.

MEETING DAY/TIME DISCUSSION

It was reported that Hein has a conflict on Tuesdays.

Capri and Eckelman noted that they needed to leave at 7:00 P.M.

DISCUSS A DATE FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE WAYFINDING COMMITTEE

It was suggested that the Wayfinding Committee be invited to the January meeting of this Committee, at which this Committee would present its priority projects to the Wayfinding Committee to determine if any projects intersect.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

MOTION was made by Capri, seconded by Eckelman, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

SCENIC BIKE ROUTES - DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROJECT RELATIVE TO NEWPORT

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to table this item indefinitely.

REVIEW BIKE MAP FOR POTENTIAL UPDATES PRIOR TO REPRINTING

It was the consensus of the Committee to discuss this item at its next meeting.

REPORT ON BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING OCTOBER

It was reported that there was one pedestrian/vehicle accident during October in which a pedestrian failed to yield to a vehicle.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to hold the next meeting date on WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2015.

CONTINUED REVIEW TABLE 3-3 OF THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PLAN TO IDENTIFY COMPLETED PROJECTS - BEGIN WITH 3-32 (15 MINUTES)

The Committee continued its review of Table 3-3 of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan reviewing the following:

Sidewalks and Bike Lanes:

1. SW 10TH Street - SW Hatfield Drive to SE 2nd Street - *Incomplete*;
2. SW 2nd Street - SW Nye Street to SW Coast Street - *Incomplete*;
3. SW Naterlin Drive - SW Bay Street to Highway 101 - *Completed*;

Bicycle Lanes:

1. SW Canyon Way - SW Fall Street to SW 9th Street - *Incomplete*;
2. Highway 101 - Yaquina Bay Bridge to South Beach State Park Access - *Incomplete*;
3. West Olive Street - Highway 101 to SW Elizabeth Street - *Incomplete*.

It was the consensus of the Committee to begin the review of bike lanes, beginning on 3-33, at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.