



CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Committee

April 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bruce Parker, Kelli Grover, Dick Weber, Dave Weber, Joseph Edge, Emma Lugo, Steve Adams, Mindy Montecucco, Dale Guenther, Del Scharffenberg

Scott Hoelscher, Mya Ganzer; Clackamas County. Nicole Perry; Safe Routes to School

6:30 p.m. – Welcome and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Quorum not reached

6:35 p.m. – Walk Bike Clackamas Plan – Scott Hoelscher, Clackamas County

Three-year project, primary outcome is ped/bike capital improvements county wide. This project sets us up to get state and local grants.

The project has five individual plans, based on geographic areas, NW, South, East, McLoughlin, CTC Area. Clackamas Town Center areas divided into two by I-205

Project involved a lot of public comment

To adopt this into the TSP, Chapter 5 of Comprehensive Plan.

BCC study session today, no negative feedback, indicated support.

Planning Commission Zoom Public Hearing April 14th

BCC Public Hearing May 13th

Prioritization process, data driven, based on quantitative criteria, grouped into high, medium, and low based on score.

Green – Tier 1

Yellow/Orange – Tier 2

Red – Tier 3

Linear projects (street improvement, bike lanes etc.) and point projects (bike signals, crosswalks, intersection improvements etc.)

236 new projects, hundreds of miles of new sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes

CTC East: Cities have their own Bike/Ped master plan, there are collaborative projects with cities/ODOT. Primarily projects on our roadways, outside of city limits.

I-205 path gap, CE102, bike/ped bridge over I-205.

North South projects, high priority connect to city roads.

Steve: of the tier 1 projects, how is the funding available for these projects for all tier 1 projects?

Scott: this project is not fiscally constrained, there's no funding currently, but that would be the next step. This project will inform the TSP and then we would seek future funds for these

projects, such as the small road funds, general road funds, and other grants. This will all be determined after it is adopted, there is no money currently tied to it.

East: predominately rural, no projects in the National Forest. Cazadero is E103, with lots of similar trail projects such as Tickle Creek, which is partly built out with some right of way. I am working right now on a project along Welches road to connect to Resort at the Mountain.

Dick: are these dirt, gravel, or paved?

Scott: paved.

It's important to match projects with the funding source, so tiers 3 or 2 could still potentially meet funding sources.

Dave: how will you prioritize the Tier 1 projects for funding requests?

Scott: there's so many different funding sources, so it's lot of looking at what is available and what the cost is, and what project has had engineering, public priority, etc.

McLoughlin: recent project examples, Courtney, Webster Rd, some projects connect to these existing projects. Bike signal at Jennings, we've had conversations with ODOT, would allow diagonal crossing.

Concord, new library community center and park, improving connections on Concord to that from Oatfield. There's a lot of Tier 1 projects in this area.

Joseph: some of these projects are other agencies, not Clackamas County, like McLoughlin is ODOT, so it won't take resources from other needed projects.

Scott: 4 or 5 years ago we did a corridor study with ODOT that has specific recommendations and improvements.

Joseph: what projects are shared on the streets?

Scott: these aren't shown on the map, that's a separate chapter, and shown on a different map. It would all be different layers in GIS, and see how it all fits together.

Joseph: Active Transportation Plan in 2015, one of those projects is shown (Naef Rd, M109), along River Rd to Thiessen Rd, identified as a principle active transportation route, shouldn't we have a point project for a crossing to link those active transportation routes together?

Scott: should we call that out as a separate project?

Joseph: it feels instinctive since the projects are two separate east west projects, so that they are linked. Similar to Courtney, we're not doing intersection treatment on River Rd. These projects stop at the arterial. With these routes that are almost continues, with jobs along high stress facilities, this can be high stress if we don't include treatment on intersections, or limit stress. How do we improve the treatment on these small high stress points that fracture system.

Northwest: area with fewest projects, most is cities. Borland received a lot of attention due to tolling discussions, and likely diversion and increased traffic. Connects Tualatin and West Linn.

South: road connections into Oregon City like Leland and Central Point, Molalla Forest Rd.

Dave: B2, S208

Scott: that is the Willamette River Greenway Trail

Dave: would that provide a safe route from Canby to Oregon City

Scott: that's right it would be paralleling it, unfortunately there's no right of way and we haven't scoped the impacts or feasibility.

Dave: and no ones talked to ODOT about shrinking 99E so you can have a shoulder and bike both ways, so you're crammed up on the cliff or on a fence. 99E is so dangerous right now.

Emma: lets bring 99E down to two lanes, and you get a lot of hate and pushbacks on that route.

Dave: they shrink down to one lane to get in or off of it, but the two lanes don't have an advantage, it makes you go the 55-mph speed limit.

7:26 p.m. – North Clackamas Revitalization Area Ped Bike Projects – Mya Ganzer and Scott Hoelscher, Clackamas County

Only TIF still collecting money, used for BikePed improvements and stormwater improvements

We mapped fatalities and injuries

Scott: what projects should be prioritized; Stanley is a joint partnership with the City of Milwaukie. Design is starting this project. Crosswalk and King, CC-95

Bell north you hit Johnson Creek, which gets them to the Springwater Corridor, so we are doing a BikePed bridge

What is your priority:

Jospeh: if we were to look at school boundaries maps, most of this area attends school to the west of Linwood, it's hard to get people across Linwood. Since there is money, we could explore finding a connection across Linwood. People have to drive because it's unsafe. If you're within a mile of the school, you don't get a bus. Is there any way to acquire and make an access point through the super block?

Steve: the neighborhood association got a SRTS grant for Lewellen Elementary, did they ever acquire funds?

Nicole: the City of Milwaukie did apply but did not receive it, though they are working with county.

Dick: Is the Springwater Corridor by Luther owned by ODOT or County? That traffic is downhill and dangerous, it's a hot spot.

Scott: I wish we could put flashers or RFBs

Luther/Springwater corridor intersection should be prioritized/noted

North of JCB, there's not a lot of good E/W connections. So, Alberta is a primary one that could be improved/

Steve: has the county started a design phase for JCB?

Scott: some intersections have been discussed but not aware of a larger project.

Steve: I was hoping for some better connections across Johnson Creek, such as RFBs because there are such long stretches without crossings

Joseph: Why are the projects on Overland and Needham does not extend all the way to Linwood.

Scott: I believe the road classification changes, volumes are much lower, Overland is a collector in that section. This is a good comment; it'd make sense for completeness to have these connect.

Joseph: what the street classification drives the design, we should still define it in the project scope, even if it gets split in to two for funding, to promote completeness.

Scott: you can find this information at <https://Clackamas.us/engineering/bikewalk>

Joseph: What are the opportunities for being able to make changes to what projects are included and prioritized? Since the BCC and PC have the ability to change recommendations, such as adding projects or extending them. What flexibility exists?

Scott: because of the size and complexity County geography, if it's adding an important project that could be considered and could be brought to the Planning Commission and then brought to the BCC via then Planning Commission. I recommend a written comment. Everything I receive as public comment goes to the planning commission.

Joseph Edge: If you have any projects, you think are missing or need to be amended, I am happy to be representative and share those.

I also recommend the committee write a letter to the Planning Commission advocating support for the draft plan, as it is. I motion for this.

Emma seconds.

Vote: passes!

Scott: Oregon legislature in session, funding for transportation bike/ped improvements. Street trust platform to sign off on your support.
We'll talk about 172nd at the next meeting.

Dale: Motion to approve the minutes

Steve: Seconds

Minutes approved:

7:50 p.m. – Project Updates | Open Discussion | Recruitment Update | E-Bikes

8:02 p.m. - Adjourn

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