

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Policy Advisory Committee Meeting #12 Summary

Monday, October 25, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry, 626 High Street, Salem, Room 115

Committee Members Present

Tammy Baney* (Chair), *Oregon Transportation Commission*

Jerry Breazeale, *Rural Oregon representative*

Steve Dickey, *Salem-Keizer Transit District*

Peter Fernandez, *City of Salem*

Bob Joondeph, *Disability Rights Oregon*

Gerik Kransky, *Bicycle Transit Authority*

Mark Labhart, *Tillamook County Commission*

Noel Mickelberry, *Upstream Public Health*

Jerry Norquist, *Cycle Oregon*

Dan Thorndike, *Medford Fabrication*

Phil Warnock, *Cascades West COG*

Committee Members Absent

Jenna Stanke Marmon, *Oregon Bike/Ped Advisory Committee, Jackson County*

Sid Leiken, *Lane County Commission*

Craig Campbell, *AAA Oregon/Idaho*

Chris DiStefano, *Rapha*

Bob Russell, *Oregon Trucking Associations*

ODOT Staff Present

Savannah Crawford, *Principal Planner*

Amanda Pietz, *Transportation Planning Unit Manager*

Jerri Bohard, *Transportation Development Division Administrator*

Brooke Jordan, *Senior Transportation Planner*

Talia Jacobson, *Active Transportation Policy Lead*

Sheila Lyons, *ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager*

Mac Lynde, *ODOT Active Transportation Section Manager*

Henry Phipps, *ODOT Active Transportation Intern*

Consultants Present

Jeanne Lawson, *Facilitator-JLA Public Involvement*

Adrienne DeDona, *JLA Public Involvement*

Members of Public Present

*Lake McTighe, Metro, TAC member

Nick Forety, Federal Highway Administration

*Attended by phone

Meeting Summary

Welcome

Tammy Baney, PAC Chair, welcomed everyone. She explained that following the last meeting some additional comments had been received from PAC members with regards to the Plan. She said the purpose of today's meeting is to determine where we are in agreement and identify where further refinements need to be made. Tammy said there will be a public process after this meeting, so the intent for this meeting should be to get to where we feel comfortable with the document for public review. She added that we should remember that the Plan is meant to be a policy document for coordination and participation with local government.

Agenda Review

Jeanne Lawson reminded the group that they had been meeting for about two years and that this was the twelfth meeting. She noted that the process started with the development of goals and policies, followed by the creation of the Plan framework. The group has had most of the plan for review and refinement for the last four months, and the complete plan for the last two months. She added that at the last PAC meeting the group identified a list of outstanding issues that still needed to be addressed. She referred to the comment log for the list of outstanding issues and responses from staff. Jeanne indicated the issues of substance would be the focus of today's meeting discussion.

Tammy provided an overview of the purpose of the Plan. It is intended to provide direction for ODOT (as a work Plan), as well as provide policies and guidance for local jurisdictions. She added that in terms of process, the Plan will go to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) in November for public review. There will be a fairly robust public involvement process with a comment period through February. In addition to public meetings, an online comment tool will be available. Tammy asked PAC members to provide input on key stakeholders that should be engaged during the public comment process. She added that PAC members are welcome to attend any of the public meetings. Tammy explained that the PAC will meet again to review the public input received prior to the Plan being adopted by the OTC.

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There were no comments or questions about the summary.

Project Update and Next Steps

Savannah Crawford provided a project update via Powerpoint. She explained that at the last meeting the PAC was presented with the entire plan and some changes were recommended at that time. Staff has compiled all of the comments that were received in a comment log, including responding edits made by staff.

Savannah explained that the Plan has been updated in a variety of different sections. The most significant changes are in Chapter 5. The section on Equity has been updated as well and an appendix on legal context has been added. Savannah noted that the topics needing discussion at today's meeting would be: Speed, Equity, Strategy 8.2A, Chapter 5 (Roles and Timing) and Modal Equity.

Overview of Changes from Last Meeting

Jeanne said that we would start the discussion on the topic of Speed since that seemed to be a major concern for many of the PAC members. She asked if there were other topics that the PAC would like to cover aside from those previously mentioned.

Discussion on Speed

Savannah reviewed the main concerns heard from the PAC in terms of Speed: 1) barriers to speed setting; and 2) how design impacts speed. She said there have also been concerns with regard to the use of the term “appropriate”.

The PAC agreed by consensus to strengthen Strategy 1.1F as follows: Replace “through” with “use” and remove “appropriate (with associated footnote) and add “or otherwise increase safety” and “where speed has been or is considered to be a significant safety risk factor”. The statement should read:

“Use design treatments to lower vehicle speeds or otherwise increase safety on roadway segments where speed has been or is considered to be a significant safety risk factor. Consider intersection geometrics, land and roadway width, on-street parking, street trees, sidewalks, planting strips, frequency of pedestrian crossings and other street elements such as bicycle parking and public art that create visual friction.”

The PAC agreed by consensus to add an introductory or preamble statement to the Plan that would explain not all strategies included in the Plan can be used universally. The wording of this statement should be context appropriate – may not necessarily be urban vs. rural.

The PAC agreed by consensus to minimize the use of the term “appropriate” throughout the document.

Discussion on Equity

Jeanne asked the group to provide feedback on the revisions made by staff to the Equity section.

The PAC agreed by consensus to revise the section on Equity to include language that would define focus as the transportation disadvantaged, and reference inclusive outreach and decision-making processes. They also recommended including language in the legal section that highlights compliance with applicable federal laws.

Discussion on Strategy 8.2A

Savannah reviewed the comments received from the PAC in regards to Strategy 8.2A. Amanda Pietz explained the intent of this section is to recognize that all systems are important; however available funding must be prioritized. The existing bike/ped system must be maintained, and the system is not complete; therefore the most critical connections must be identified prior to making other connections or enhancements to the system.

Jeanne reminded the group that this section was bulleted because of previous work that the work had done by the PAC not to imply any sense of priority.

The PAC agreed by consensus to remove the word “enhance” and replace it with the word “complete,” and to specify in 8.2A and page 59 that providing critical connections and protecting the existing system are the highest priorities.

Discussion on Chapter 5

Savannah explained how Chapter 5 was revised based on the PAC’s discussion at the last meeting. Committee members said that the changes were helpful and made the intent more clear.

Amanda explained that the TAC helped develop the performance measures. She said Appendix D provides more detail. Amanda said that the performance measures that were included in the Plan were the ones that had the most interest, research moving forward and data to support them. She said that this section will be one area to look at in five years to see if revisions need to be made to the Plan.

The PAC agreed by consensus to add pedestrian access to transit back in the plan.

Discussion on Modal Equity

Savannah asked the group if there were any comments or suggested revisions on the changes staff had made to the section on Modal Equity in the Next Steps Chapter.

The PAC agreed by consensus to readdress the population statistic requirement in regards to the Regional Path criteria and to refer to protected facilities as opposed to right of way.

Public Comment

No one offered public comment.

Additional Discussion

Jeanne asked if the PAC had another other comments or questions related to the Plan revisions prior to making a recommendation on the Plan as a whole.

One member indicated that he would provide additional comments on specific sections of the Plan in regards to funding (pages 63 thru 66).

The PAC agreed by consensus to include a statement about the need for additional funding resources in the letter that accompanies the Plan to the OTC.

The PAC agreed by consensus to forward the Plan to the OTC for review, and then for public review.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Jeanne explained that there may be some sections of the Plan that various constituent groups and/or community members might provide more input on that will come back to the committee for consideration after public review.

Amanda asked the PAC to let staff know if there are any specific outlets for communication and outreach that should be considered. She invited members of the PAC to participate in any of the public meetings that are held. Amanda and Savannah will send an e-mail to the PAC with the dates and times of the public meetings. Savannah will update the PAC when the Plan goes to the OTC in November. A Doodle Poll will also be sent to the PAC to determine the date of the next meeting following the public outreach process.

Tammy thanked everyone for their time commitment.

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