

February 11, 2020
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of Newport City Hall. In attendance were Committee Members Minda Stiles, Susan Hogg, Jacob Osburne, Nicholas Graves, and Michael Rioux. Also in attendance was Council Liaison CM Hall, Community Development Director Derrick Tokos, and Executive Assistant Sherri Marineau. Not in attendance were Daniella Crowder and Thomas Follett.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rioux announced on February 21 at 9 A.M. Oregon Recreation Trail and Advisory Council will have a public meeting at Beverly Beach State Park in the day use area.

A member of the audience thanked the committee for its work related to the stairs at Agate Beach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Hogg, seconded by Osburne, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Transportation System Plan Update (TSP) - Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director. Tokos reported the city is in the process of holding stakeholder interviews. He noted the interviews are a combination of individual interviews and group interviews. He stated the group outreach will occur February 25-27. He suggested the committee reserve time at its next meeting for a stakeholder interview. Hogg asked if the stakeholder's input was weighted differently. Tokos replied their testimony isn't weighted, and the information will be used to inform public workshops in late April. He added ODOT is the city's partner in this project. Hogg asked if the questions focus on general issues or specific location issues. Tokos replied there will opportunity for both in the comments. Hogg asked if the TSP will take into account new sources of funding such as a new state program supporting multiuse paths. Tokos replied there will be a section on funding sources, and at the end of the process, there will be a series of projects that will need to be prioritized based on funding and feasibility.

Tokos reported there will be a TSP policy advisory committee meeting on March 12 to discuss planning the public workshops in April. He explained, typically, a TSP focuses on modeling that shows the city's current network and expected performance over the next 20 years assuming growth and development. He noted the plan will be focusing a lot on city center and Agate Beach because they are part of urban renewal plans. Hogg clarified north of Yaquina Head will be included in discussion. Tokos noted there is a lot of underdeveloped infrastructure in north Newport, and the focus will be on how to build that area, sensitive to geologic issues, for vehicles, pedestrians, stormwater management, and lighting. He noted in the city center area, the plan will focus on what can be done with

public space and revitalization of the commercial core area. Rioux clarified Highway 101 and 20 would be looked at. Tokos stated the TSP will be looking at the 101 corridor, and he expects there will be a lot of discussion about coupling on Highways 101 and/or 20, or trying to create an alternative collector roadway. He noted consultants will mock up these public spaces and create maps with opportunities and constraints. Hogg asked if there would be calming devices with couplets. Tokos replied curb extensions and maximizing pedestrian crossings can be done. He stated Ashland is a good example of that. Hogg noted the couplets in Philomath are not working well. Hogg asked about the possibility of doing a bypass for the north on the east side of the highway. Tokos replied the city has not ruled out any options. He noted a bypass was discussed in the late 1990s and ruled out at that time, but it can be put on the table. Hogg stated she is not in favor of a Harney extension because of the schools. Tokos stated after April, the consulting team takes the input and then has another round of workshops later. He noted this will be a two- to three-year project. He added there will also be discussions on land use regulatory changes.

Tokos asked how the parking gap analysis wrapped up. Hogg replied Marsha Eckleman worked on that, and work on the analysis finished before the current committee started serving. Tokos asked if project prioritization in the existing TSP was completed. Rioux replied the prioritization was done before Rachel Cotton left. Tokos passed out concepts for collector street alternatives and couplets. Hogg suggested the Harney extension join Highway 20 north of Yaquina Heights. Discussion ensued on walking along 101. Osburne expressed concern about couplets in residential areas. Tokos replied a lot of the couplets would be through the commercial areas. Hall noted the Council had a goal of continuing the sidewalk from Don and Ann Davis Park to the State Park at Yaquina Bay. Tokos replied that project has been a part of the TSP for a long time, and the challenge is funding. He noted the project off Harbor will happen after the hospital is done. He stated it would be beneficial to provide a better framework for when traffic calming measures can and should be implemented through the TSP. He explained right now that is left to the discretion of the city engineer, and it will stay that way unless procedure is mapped out in a definitive way in an adopted policy document.

Stiles asked if there has been traffic on the public comment website. Tokos replied it's been limited so far, and the site will be plugged during the workshop period. Tokos noted the 6th Street project is underway and affordable housing on the north side of Newport should be complete by summer. Hogg clarified there will be landscaping done as part of the project. Tokos added there will be a bus shelter there and 60th Street will be fully reconstructed. He reported the project to get a sidewalk east side of Highway 101 by Walmart up to 36th Street is being designed. He noted there is a signal relocation project going on in South Beach with sidewalk in on east side and filling in gaps on west side. He added the project goes into construction at the end of 2020.

Update on Recruitment and Hiring of Associate Planner - Derrick Tokos. Tokos reported someone has conditionally accepted the position, and the city is conducting background and reference checks. He stated if it works out, there would be someone starting in two to four weeks. He stated if there is a hiccup, then the city would have to go back through recruitment. Tokos indicated he would staff the next meeting and go through the stakeholder interview with the committee. Hogg asked that the questions be sent to the committee beforehand. Tokos replied he would do that. Tokos added the city is working with Follett on the reservoir multiuse path.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

Bicycle/Pedestrian Accidents - December 2019. Stiles clarified the reports are tracked. Tokos added the information will be included in the TSP. Hogg noted she has experienced near misses at Olive and Nye Street. Rioux suggested dedicated turn lanes on Olive would improve safety at that intersection.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

March 10, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.