

May 8, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Marsha Eckelman, Daniella Crowder, Wendy Henriksen, Susan Hogg, Jeff Pendleton, and Michael Rioux. On the phone was Nicole Fields. Also in attendance was Rachel Cotton, Associate Planner. Not in attendance was Wendy Engler and Chuck Forinash.

### **ROLL CALL**

Henriksen opened the meeting with a roll call. She asked for additions to the agenda.

### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Hogg asked to add a discussion item to the agenda. The item would be added after the Oceanview Drive discussion.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2018 AND APRIL 10, 2018**

Cotton called for approval of the March 13, 2018 and April 10, 2018 meeting minutes.

**MOTION** was made by Crowder, seconded by Henriksen to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 2018 and April 10, 2018. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

### **BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY**

Crowder reviewed what was needed from the committee for Bike to School Day. She discussed the ride route and how to best manage it. Henriksen noted that for the next year's event the committee needed to find ways to reach students because the schools weren't able to advertise the event on their websites or social media.

Eckelman asked if there could be a police officer to come to the schools to do outreach about the event and safety. Henriksen said that School Resource Officer Lekas said it was on their radar and was something that needed to be done. He wanted to take more of an active role to try to make sure kids were walking and biking safely. Eckelman thought Sue Graves should be included in the discussion. A discussion ensued regarding how to get schools involved and how best to market safe commuting.

Pendleton asked if the Police Department sponsored giving bike helmets to kids. Cotton said yes they did as part of the Bike Rodeo. Pendleton suggested intertwining the two events. Rioux suggested having an assembly at schools with police to show the proper ways to walk and bike to school. Henriksen said Safe Routes to School offers this program and that they had already done some training in Newport in the past. She noted that the schools wouldn't let them in to do the training and that was the biggest issue in terms of reaching students. Hogg asked if training could be done through the Rec Center. Henriksen said this would have to happen during the summer and could be spotty. Rioux thought spotty was better than nothing. He said

he would be open to coming in to do a training at the Rec Center. Cotton would contact Jenna Berman, ODOT's active transportation liaison, to let her know the committee was interested in training and was interested in how to bring it to schools.

### **OR COAST BIKE ROUTE PLAN UPDATE**

Cotton reviewed the Oregon Coast Bike Route (OCBR) plan update. She said there were consultants looking at problems related to the route and there was recently a meeting with City and County staff to go over the data that had been collected. The only public involvement that had happened so far was a survey that was shared with the committee. There would be "sounding board" community meetings that would happen over webinars. Cotton to keep group updated on how to participate.

Hogg asked if they were tracking participation by location and taking specific data for the Newport area into consideration. Cotton said they were doing outreach in the metro areas to reach bike travelers and thought that if they could make improvements that benefited local cyclists in the process of improving the entire route that would be a bonus. Cotton said she had shared areas of concerns with them. She also told them that if they could provide bike parking standards to local jurisdictions as part of the plan it would benefit the Newport area. Cotton reported that they wanted to provide resources to promote bike friendly businesses and guidelines on how businesses could become more bike friendly.

Rioux noted the sign on Coast and 6th Streets directing people to the bike shop. He asked if there was a way to relocate the signs so people coming off of Oceanview Drive would cut over to Nye Street to the bike shop instead. Cotton said it could be brought to the city and would ask to see what the answer would be.

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE**

Cotton said there was a funding cycle application that was due October 15th. She noted that on the concept maps the committee had created anything involving Highway 20 would have to be put off until the Transportation System Plan (TSP) was updated. She said that sidewalk gaps could be something they could apply for though. Hogg volunteered to help if needed.

### **OCEANVIEW DRIVE UPDATE**

Cotton noted that the Budget Committee asked for an update on the AC's field trip, which she shared with them. The Budget Committee was doing a wish list of items for the budget and Oceanview was an item included, with \$60,000 dedicated to shoulder and fog line improvements confirmed.

Cotton said the bypass concept maps were shared but the response was that they needed to be incorporated in the TSP to be implemented. Hogg thought Nye Street should be looked at as part of the TSP update. Rioux thought that taking on street parking away and adding bike lanes and sidewalks on Nye Street should be considered and would help.

Hogg asked if the Budget Committee was going to vote to fund the projects. Cotton said they were just talking about them and these specific projects would be more so a part of the TSP

update. Eckelman asked if any of the Oceanview people looked at the concept maps. Cotton didn't think so. Henriksen said that Wendy Engler would be a person that could do the outreach to them.

Henriksen asked if the consideration for Nye Street to have bike lanes and sidewalks was a part of the plan. Cotton said yes, it was in the existing TSP as a Tier I priority project. She thought the TSP update was a way to advocate for these areas that needed improvements. Eckelman asked if the TSP was addressing the areas where the city had to interact with ODOT. Cotton said yes.

#### **ADDED AGENDA ITEM**

Hogg noted the sidewalk that went from City Hall to the Rec Center on the west side had ADA issues. She noted that if a truck parked back in, it would block the sidewalks. She thought the city should ban trucks from backing in to park. Henriksen said this was also happening around different areas such as the Bayfront. Cotton would ask about this.

Pendleton also noted areas along Highway 101 where the sidewalk was too narrow for wheelchairs, bikes and strollers to pass because of utility poles. Cotton said assessing ADA issues would be a part of the TSP update and she would make a note of it. She said the future plan was to underground utilities along 101, but it might not happen for quite a few years.

#### **REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR STAFF**

None were heard.

#### **BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS**

Cotton reported there were no bicycle/pedestrian accidents in May.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Hogg asked about updates on the Agate Beach wayside stairs. Cotton reported that since Public Works was down two engineers, the project is not moving forward at the moment. It had gone out to consultants with a partial design completed.

Fields noted that public health was thinking of ways to partner with the school district and said there was a Veggie RX program they were partnering on at the schools which she thought created some good will with the district and felt it could be channeled into other projects in the future.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.