

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES



May 10, 2021
5:15 P.M.
via Zoom Webinar

The regular meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 5:15 p.m. on May 10, 2021, via Zoom webinar with the following committee and staff members in attendance:

10. Roll Call

Committee Members: Joseph Smith, Chair; Kathleen Blackshear; Jeff Roberts; Suzanne Schroeder; Ken Maloney

Members Absent: Evan Schmidtke

Staff Members: Chris Olivier, Planning Department; Christina Charvat, Public Works Engineering; Haley Cox, Parks and Recreation Department

Others Present: Edom Gomez, RVTD; Mike Vergeer, RVTD

20. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the following BPAC meetings were approved as submitted:

- March 8, 2021
- April 12, 2021

30. Oral Requests and Communications

None.

40. New Business

40.1 – Go By Bike Week, May 17-23, 2021

Edom Gomez introduced Mike Vergeer. Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) is presenting Go By Bike Week from May 17th to 23rd. This week-long event celebrates the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons to ride. There will be numerous events and prizes for participants.

50. Ongoing Business

50.1 – Transportation Commission update

Suzanne Schroeder briefed:

- The Transportation Commission has discussed congestion issues in the south Medford area, alternatives to vehicle traffic and the need for buffered bicycle infrastructure
- Strong Towns (strongtowns.org) is an organization that promotes projects to reduce the demand for built roadways
- Medford Community Vision for 2040 – this a survey to gain community input regarding the vision for 2040; looking forward to seeing the results
- The bicycle projects along Larson Creek Path east of Murphy Avenue is likely to move forward
 - Repave section of the path between Black Oak and Murphy
 - Planning the rest of the path from Murphy to N. Phoenix

50.2 – Public Works Department Topics

Christina Charvat briefed:

- Springbrook Road: getting striped north of the roundabout to Pheasant Lane, phase 2 starting soon
- Curb ramp projects
- Columbus & Prune Rapid Flashing Beacon is nearly complete
- Plan for Foothill submitted to ODOT

50.3 – Parks & Recreation Department Topics

Haley Cox briefed:

- Work on Aquatic Center continues
- Cedar Links Park is near completion
- Brighter Bridges Project
 - RFQ sent out for muralist
 - Invited BPAC members to serve on Art Selection Committee; Kathleen Blackshear volunteered

50.4 – Planning Department Topics

Chris Olivier briefed and members discussed in-depth:

- Cedar Landing Trails
 - A section of multi-use path is proposed to be removed
 - Committee members drafted a statement opposing removal of the section of multi-use path and unanimously voted to forward it to the Planning Department

50.5 – RVTD Topics

Edom Gomez briefed:

- Enhanced service for Route 40 near Albertson's in Central Point
- Bus stop signs will be replaced throughout their system
- The new Umo Pass

60. Committee Member Remarks

None.

70. Committee Chair Remarks

None.

80. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 14, 2021.

90. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.