



**KEIZER TRAFFIC, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 27, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

Eamon Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Eamon Bishop
Dennis Dunning
Curt McCormack
David Dempster
Rick Jorgensen
Staff/Liaisons Present:
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director

Absent:

Keith Blair, Chair
Ed Thompson, Vice Chair
Shelly Campbell
Jeremy Jensen
David LeDay, Police Liaison
Rod Conway, Keizer Fire Liaison
Marion County Fire Liaison
Council Liaison, Jim Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Curt McCormack moved to approve the August 2012 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Bishop, Dunning, McCormack, Dempster and Jorgensen in favor, with Campbell, Jensen, Blair and Thompson absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Reroute of Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway: Doug Parrow explained that he serves on the State Scenic Bikeway Advisory Committee which reviews proposals for new routes. He distributed a flyer showing nine routes in Oregon noting that the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway goes through Keizer. There have been problems with this portion of the bikeway but changes must be suggested by a "proponent group". He and Bob Luoma (also attending) make up that group and have proposed changes. He distributed a map showing the current route and another showing the proposed noting that the new route will keep cyclists off the roadways with heavy traffic and away from difficult intersections. He noted that Salem has a new route through town and the proposed route will tie into it.

Public Works Director Bill Lawyer explained that originally the state had presented the route to City Staff for approval and a commitment to put up signs that they provided. From a staff standpoint, the proposed route makes sense and it would simply be a matter of moving the signs. He suggested that a member of the committee attend the next Council meeting to let them know that the committee is in favor of the proposed route change.

Dennis Dunning moved to approve the new plan for the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway. Rick Jorgensen seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Bishop, Dunning, McCormack, Dempster and Jorgensen in favor, with Campbell, Jensen, Blair and Thompson absent.

Discussion continued regarding signage and camping along the bike route.

Parking Problems at Marigold & 14th and Yellow Markings on Curbs Near Intersections:

Several members of the committee indicated that they had visited the area and talked to residents who had indicated that they did not notice an increase of traffic on Saturdays. Parking in the alley did not appear to be an option. Mr. Lawyer indicated that he was hesitant to paint the curb yellow near the intersection because that would prohibit parking; lack of visibility of the stop sign at this intersection was more a function of the geometry of the road and had little to do with the parked cars. This stop sign was installed with the Gubser Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and he wanted to check the Plan before committing to the yellow curbs.

Regarding the gate, Mr. Lawyer noted that it is now open, but the school district controls that. To his knowledge there has never been a drive-through gate unless it is far north by the baseball field.

Dennis Dunning pointed out a stop sign in this area which is obscured by tree limbs. Mr. Lawyer explained that the City has little right of way, and at the time the sign was installed the property owner prohibited City staff from trimming the tree to make the sign visible.

Acts Oregon Grant Update: Eamon Bishop reported that Keith had received permission from the City to apply for the ACTS Oregon Mini-Grant; he is attempting to schedule a meeting with the school district to get information on the possible partnership and estimates on cost, staff, volunteers and other resources; he has started the application which is due November 1. Grants will be awarded in December.

Bill Lawyer noted that since the Traffic Safety Commission and the Bikeways Committee had been combined the ACTS Oregon membership for Bikeways Committee would be dropped; the Traffic Safety Commission membership dues would, however, be paid.

Committee Member Input: Curt McCormack distributed and reviewed information on education options for children noting that there were 5-lesson and 10-lesson programs. He expressed the opinion that it would be better to do a program during a school assembly or perhaps a bike rodeo on a Saturday. He proposed that the committee consider this for discussion at a future meeting; perhaps partnering with the Chamber and doing it during the Iris Festival, May 18-19, 2013.

Eamon Clark directed attention to a traffic-related email from Councilor Clark. He also volunteered to give the committee report at the October 1 Council meeting.

STAFF REPORT ~ Public Works Director Bill Lawyer thanked everyone for participating in the Public Services Fair. He reported that:

- **Chemawa Road** project is still on track with the bid opening planned for December 6. ODOT has acquired some of the property and is over half way toward their goal; plans are being reviewed at ODOT and in house.

- **Verda/Chemawa Roundabout Concept Design** Statement of Work from the consultant is nearly complete and will go back to ODOT for review. Preliminary work will be done followed by detailed talk about what it should look like. The City has a grant for this project.
- **Resurfacing Projects** have been completed with few complaints. The project came in at budget; the bid was under budget.

Mr. Dempster indicated that he was pursuing getting a detailed map of the pedestrian/bike routes in and around the Salem-Keizer Transit Center for the committee. Mr. Lawyer noted that the project entrance is on Keizer Station Boulevard and will be a right-in-right-out with no left turn and no cross walks across Keizer Station Boulevard. Eventually when the other parcel develops there will be sidewalks on Keizer Station Boulevard from Lockhaven to the transit site with a pedestrian connection from Lockhaven to the transit site and bike paths on Keizer Station Boulevard. It is the belief of staff that when the other properties are developed there will be a need for a traffic signal at the Transit Center entrance and when that occurs, it will be a full-movement intersection.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ None

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 25, 2012, 6 p.m., Civic Center

Minutes Approved: 10-25-12