



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 21, 2025
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
930 Chemawa Road NE
Keizer, Oregon

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Chair De Blasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:
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| <p>Present:
Michael De Blasi, Chair
Brenda Lamb, Vice Chair
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
David Philbrick
Trevor Lewis</p> | <p>Council Liaison/Staff Present:
Councilor Lore Christopher
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
Martin Powell, Police Liaison
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder</p> |
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- Absent:**
Matt Myers
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- a. July 2025** David Dempster moved for approval of the July 2025 Minutes. Brenda Lamb seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Lamb, and Lewis in favor with Myers absent and Philbrick and Sangster abstained.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS** Tammy Kunz and Jacqueline Green, Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association, shared about a person who almost got hit by a vehicle at Dearborn and 12th, near Claggett Creek Park. Ms. Kunz asked about having a slow sign installed near or before the park.
- Discussion ensued about the possible orange placards and how they didn't work very well. Officer Powell asked that police officers enforce Dearborn whenever available for enforcement.
- Mr. Sangster commented that this was a behavior issue, and there would still be issues regardless of signage and enforcement.
- Mr. Philbrick commented that it was requested to reduce the speed on Verda between Chemawa and Dearborn.

Ms. Kunz shared about parking issues with vehicles causing blind spots on Manbrin and Cherry where it connects to Thorman. Chair De Blasi would like to see the non-parking area be painted.

Mr. Dempster shared that Dearborn and Verda have had long-time issues, and there was a need to narrow the streets and make a couple of suggestions to mitigate the issues.

Chair De Blasi suggested that the Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee recommend to the City Council to be included in the Budget process to fund historical problem streets.

Councilor Christopher coached the members in planning ahead and providing justification by having a list of streets, explaining how those streets were chosen and where the data came from, costing out the resources needed.

Ms. Lamb suggested using the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to address the vehicular issues.

Chair De Blasi commented that even if the reader boards and enforcement on problem streets weren't being used that the Police Department knows about the problems.

4. PILOT PEDESTRIAN FLAG PROGRAM

a. Survey Responses

Ms. Lamb reviewed the survey results for the Pilot Pedestrian Flag Program and how no flags were being lost.

Mr. Sangster received positive feedback about the flag program during National Night Out from three neighbors who loved the program. He spoke about a person who uses the flags almost daily and appreciates the flags.

Ms. Lamb commented that the City needs to identify which locations were used a lot and that flags would be helpful for crossing the street. It was requested that this survey be added to the City website.

5. REVIEW, EVALUATE & DETERMINE ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

PROGRAM

a. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

Chair De Blasi felt that there needed to be a tiered response for a traffic-calming measurement to determine how to respond.

Mr. Philbrick commented that the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program document has been good for serving the community. Mr. Philbrick commented that there wasn't an identifiable change from the program and that one needs to pick out the most important issue and try to address it. He would like to work in partnership with Public Works and the Police Department to determine speed limits based on the nature and safety within the community for specific areas and then provide a joint recommendation to the City Council.

Ms. Lamb commented that they were reviewing the Program as it was and any triggers for this Committee could address the streets that weren't getting triggered. She requested lowering one or two of the triggers. She would like to see Verda be triggered by this Program. Officer Powell commented that Verda was triggered by volume, and it didn't get triggered by the speed.

Chair De Blasi suggested that the Program cover all streets and have a provision for covering arterials.

Officer Powell shared that speed limits in Oregon were set by State Statute and requirements within residential in cities, and that arterials and collectors could be slightly increased, such as Chemawa and Lockhaven. Discussion ensued on the 85 percentile versus the 50 percentile in the Program.

It was suggested to continue with the Public Works study to look at the residential street speed be reduced to 20 miles per hour.

Several members felt that it was too soon to make changes to the Program.

6. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Active Items

The active items on the Project List were discussed and updated.

On the green paint for bike crossings item, Councilor Christopher encouraged the Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian (TSBP) Committee Members to ask the City Council for funding for green paint every year.

Mr. Dempster would like to see green paint added to Manbrin between Cherry and Newberg.

Mr. Philbrick advocated to have special paint striping on Lockhaven and McLeod heading West for safety reasons to indicate to drivers that cyclists

would be going straight.

Mr. Sangster shared that Lockhaven was his priority because it serves three schools, cyclists, and increased traffic. Mr. Sangster suggested looking at using Safe Routes to Schools money.

Chair De Blasi encouraged the members to review the green paint list again, add anything they want and then prioritize it as they would like so they could aggregate all of it.

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

a. Keizer Street Painting Program

Councilor Christopher shared about the new Keizer Street Painting Program and that there would be paint kits made available.

Mr. Sangster suggested that Newberg would be a great location.

b. City Council Supports Discussion to Recommend a Committee Name Change

The TSBP Committee discussed possible new names for this Committee.

Chair De Blasi had suggested Safe Streets Advisory Committee.

Ms. Lamb suggested the name of PD for Pedestrian Bikeways.

Officer Powell suggested the name of Traffic Safety Committee.

Hersch shared the history of the committee naming to include bicyclists.

Mr. Griffin suggested reverting to the Traffic Bicycle Pedestrian Committee.

Chair De Blasi suggested Street Safety or Transportation Advisory Committee.

Discussion ensued on the importance of keeping bicycle and pedestrian in the name, so the citizens would know that this Committee wasn't only discussing vehicles. There was concern about using bikeways because it was inferred to only be about bike paths and instead use bicycle to include bicycle usage everywhere.

David Dempster moved to change the name of the Committee to the Keizer Traffic Bikeways Pedestrians Safety Committee. Hersch Sangster seconded.

David Philbrick made a friendly amendment to make a recommendation to change the name to Keizer Bicycle Pedestrian Traffic Safety Committee. Mr. Dempster accepted and Mr. Sangster seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Lamb, Philbrick, Sangster, and Lewis in favor with Myers absent.

c. City Council

Councilor Christopher summarized the issue with e-bikes and e-scooters in

Requested Discussion on the Safety of E-bikes & E-scooters ~ see Guide & Bike Laws

parks.
Mr. Sangster shared that this issue was a messy subject with other Cities.
The TSBP discussed the e-bikes and e-scooter guide and laws and how high speeds in parks were unsafe and needed to be mitigated.
Officer Powell shared about a video by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the electric devices and how they don't meet the definition of a vehicle so there's no State statute to enforce. He noted that there was a lot of confusion and inconsistencies with the laws.
Councilor Christopher suggested that the TSBP give an overview of the problems. Discussion ensued about peddling and throttling some of the e-bikes, which were e-bike assist.
Mr. Philbrick suggested educating users about safety and how this topic was an issue in the parks with e-bikes on the trails.

d. What Happens When Residents Act and Cities Shut It Down: <https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2025/8/4/what-happens-when-residents-act-and-cities-shut-it-down>

Chair De Blasi shared the article on "What Happens When Residents Act and Cities Shut It Down."
Mr. Sangster commented on liability and budget concerns on issues brought to the City's attention.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Mr. Dempster shared that he and Mr. Sangster worked at the Serve Fest and fitted over 40 helmets. Mr. Dempster shared that they have around \$740 in the helmet fund, which was donated money. Their next event was on October 6th for Fire Prevention Week, and they could use some volunteers.
Mr. Sangster invited everyone to participate in a family-oriented ride on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 6:00 p.m. leaving from the Big Toy at Keizer Rapids Park.

9. STAFF REPORT

Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that they have completed the McLeod pipe project, and they would be finishing the resurfacing project next week. The storm water crew finished inspecting the catch basins and would be reporting the markers.

10. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

Officer Martin Powell shared that this is the time of year for grants by ODOT for enforcing speeding, distracted drivers, and driving while under the influence, which ends in September, so there was a lot more patrol for those violations. He reminded everyone that the minimum age requirement for e-bikes and e-scooters was 16 years of age.

**11. COUNCIL
LIAISON REPORT**

Councilor Christopher shared that there would be a Concert in the Park on Saturday at the Keizer Rapids Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Blast Camp would be on September 30th. September 13th was Part II of the paint party for the Big Toy, and artists, who were comfortable on step stools and ladders, were needed to help from 9 am to 2pm.

Councilor Christopher shared a sample, reflective swag that could have this Committee's name on it to hand out to children, which would further encourage pedestrian safety along with the helmet program.

**12. MEMBER
REPORTING TO
COUNCIL: Hersch
Sangster - Sept.
2nd (Tues) - 6pm**

Hersch Sangster would report to Council on September 2nd.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 8:02 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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