



MINUTES
KEIZER MULTI-MODAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 16, 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 Matt Myers Trevor Lewis Lazlo Montoya Mendoza, Youth Liaison</p> | <p>Council Liaison/Staff Present: Council President Starr Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder</p> |
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- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

 - a. September 2025** David Dempster moved for approval of the September 2025 Minutes. Brenda Lamb seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick, Myers, and Lewis in favor.

- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS**

Tammy Kunz and Jacqueline Green, Keizer, Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association, inquired about several Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans (NTMP) that they submitted to the City. Deputy City Recorder shared that they didn't meet the criteria and that she was emailed the specific reasons why they didn't meet the criteria. Ms. Kunz asked about taking the NTMP's to the City Council since they were denied.

Street and Storm Operations Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that the intersection at Thorman, Manbrin, Brooks, and Adam didn't meet the criteria. He shared that speed displays had been put up at Adam and Thorman for a while and then the speed displays were relocated to another intersection.

Ms. Kunz asked about Dearborn regarding speeding. Officer Powell shared that they just finished the grant year. He had an Officer conducting speed enforcement on Dearborn and had the speed trailer on Dearborn for over a

month. The Officers working on speed enforcement told Officer Powell that it was no longer a productive area to work for speed after two months of heavy saturation. Officer Powell offered to add the speed trailer to the list of rotations for Verda and Dearborn.

Ms. Kunz asked how to address the speeding issues between Verda and Noren.

Hersch Sangster shared that the School Board has a risk management program with the Salem-Keizer School District and suggested that Ms. Kunz talk with the school's Risk Management staff.

Chair De Blasi suggested having more blinking or speed trailers available.

Ms. Kunz asked about Chemawa and Lockhaven having speeding concerns and the cyclists were having trouble not getting hit on that road. Mr. Griffin commented that the some streets in the NTMP's were major and minor arterials, so some of the areas were maintained by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Discussion ensued on the required width of bike lanes. Mr. Sangster shared that the bike lane was in compliance.

Chair De Blasi commented that the type of speed humps that were drilled into the road were fairly inexpensive, but there would also be staff time to install them.

Mr. Sangster was concerned about incidents that were not being reported because; statistically, if there were no incidents reported, then they didn't happen.

Chair De Blasi suggested looking at some low-cost solutions.

Matt Myers offered to help Ms. Kunz with the NTMP applications.

Irma Montoya, Keizer, inquired about the Keizer-Salem Parkway bike path because there was quite a bit of trash on the bike path, making it unsafe for cyclists and asked who cleans the path. Mr. Griffin shared that ODOT manages that bike path.

Mr. Sangster commented on Keizer's graffiti program in which the City's Code Compliance Officer worked with McNary High School's Air Force Junior ROTC (JROTC) program to clean graffiti. That group could work with ODOT to clean the bike path or a section of it.

Mr. Griffin would talk with ODOT about the situation and see if they have a schedule for the bike path maintenance.

4. PILOT PEDESTRIAN FLAG PROGRAM Brenda Lamb hung one canister for a crossing at Kennedy Grade School across Keizer Road and Noren, and she would have the other canister hung in the next couple of days. She would give the extra flags to Tammy Kunz and Jacqueline Green.

a. Survey Responses ~ No new responses

5. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW The members reviewed the active items on the project spreadsheet. Council President Shaney Starr shared that the request to reduce residential speed would be discussed at the October 20th City Council meeting.

a. Active Items

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Bikelane Painting ~ Prioritize & Aggregate the List of Locations The members reviewed the list of bikelane painting locations. Chair De Blasi created an online ballot to prioritize the locations after the members voted. Chair De Blasi shared the top two results of the members' poll was as follows:

- Lockhaven West of River Road
- Lockhaven East of River Road

Mr. Sangster commented that these two roads were submitted to the Budget Committee and felt that they were most justified because they serve the schools and to show that the Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee had serious intent about these two roads.

Chair De Blasi would like to have the top 10 votes as a semi-active list.

Ms. Lamb agreed to stay with the same locations each year because the chances of success were higher.

b. Pedestrian Crossings ~ Priority List

The priorities for pedestrian crossings were briefly discussed.

Chair De Blasi asked for a mid-month reminder to the members to collect pedestrian street crossings that should be prioritized.

Council President Starr asked about the process looking at adding crosswalks for people crossing on River Road. Mr. Griffin shared that ODOT was responsible for maintenance. Mr. Griffin was unsure where a request would start, but would research this and let the members know.

It was noted that the members should indicate if they want more crossings painted or flashing light crosswalks.

c. Keizer Station Development, Improvements, and Funding: 14th off Lockhaven NE; Lockhaven E of McLeod NE; and Chemawa Rd NE (SW of Modoc Dr to Lockhaven)

Chair De Blasi asked about funding for the turn lanes near Keizer Station Development Improvements, as well as the crossing on 14th off of Lockhaven, and Lockhaven east of McLeod. The total cost was for the first two turn lanes was about \$450,000. Mr. Griffin shared that the cost for turning lanes at Lockhaven east of McLeod was paid by the developer. Chair De Blasi asked about money being spent on turn lanes and how to get more funding to work on other transportation items. Mr. Griffin shared that adding bike lanes would come from the Street Fund because the majority of that fund was used to resurface the streets annually.

Chair De Blasi expressed concern for the increased traffic around Keizer Station and encouraged staff to find funding.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Ms. Lamb participated in a Pedestrian Safety Study Survey that the City of Salem had to use in order to reduce the frequency and severity of pedestrian crashes. The survey asked people to identify the areas that they thought were unsafe and needed some sort of crossing. She asked about the City Council taking this on as a more systematic approach.

Chair De Blasi motioned to recommend to the City Council for the City to establish a pedestrian crosswalk survey. Matt Myers seconded.

Trevor Lewis left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

The members asked to be involved with the survey questions.

It was suggested for the survey questions to have a slight focus on River Road because it was the most dangerous road in Keizer and had the most serious accidents, including fatalities.

Chair De Blasi made a friendly amendment to direct staff to come back with a plan or a report. Matt Myers seconded.

Chair De Blasi made a friendly amendment to crossings. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick, and Myers in favor with Lewis absent.

Mr. Sangster shared attended the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, and there were some traffic safety-related issues, such as speed racing on Lockhaven and that fiber optic contractors were blocking the bike lanes. Mr. Griffin shared that Public Works was enforcing this as they received complaints. He shared that Garwood and 15th didn't have curb cuts or ADA ramps. Mr. Griffin offered to look at it, and noted that it was a private area.

Mr. Dempster shared about the Fire Department Open House and helmet fittings. Mr. Dempster encouraged members to talk with citywide groups for donations. Ms. Lamb was willing to help with grant writing. Mr. Dempster

encouraged the members to list items they wanted to go to the Budget Committee for funding, such as helmets and sidewalks. He noted USA Today had an article about numerous cities that were reducing residential and urban speeds.

Ms. Lamb shared that her neighborhood got their new speed sign installed on Manbrin.

Lazlo Montoya Mendoza shared that it was unsafe to cross the three-way intersection at Claxter, and there wasn't a stop sign or crosswalk. Mr. Sangster shared that there was a street improvement project in the works and preliminary improvements had started. Mr. Philbrick noted that the intersection where Alder comes into Verda would be realigned so that it goes straight across as opposed to the current jog, and he believed that there would also be bike lanes on both sides.

8. STAFF REPORT Street and Storm Operations Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that Public Works was investigating and addressing a dip in the road at Lockhaven North, across from the McNary fields, and they're continuing to clean catch basins to be ready for the rainy season.

9. POLICE LIAISON REPORT Police Officer Martin Powell shared that they had a Community Service Officer who would be taking on patrol calls and parking complaints. His partner, Officer Miranda, was pulled from patrol a year ago, and he would now be returning to traffic patrol.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT Council President Shaney Starr shared that they had the Sidewalk Gap Program on the Council goals. The upcoming council meeting would have discussion on the residential 25 mile per hour speed limit being reduced to 20 miles per hour.

Council President Starr shared that there would be a meeting in November related to the development on River Road that the developer was hosting. This committee may be interested in attending the meeting because of the possibility of the development influencing traffic. The Deputy City Recorder Dawn Wilson would provide the meeting info to the members.

11. MEMBER REPORTING TO COUNCIL: Matt Myers on November 3rd at 6pm Chair De Blasi would be reporting to Council on November 3rd.

12. NEXT MEETING: November 20th

13. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at: 7:32 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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