



MINUTES
KEIZER MULTI-MODAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 18, 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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| Present:
Michael De Blasi, Chair
Brenda Lamb, Vice Chair
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
David Philbrick
Trevor Lewis
Lazlo Montoya Mendoza, Youth Liaison | Council Liaison/Staff Present:
Council President Starr
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder |
| Absent:
Matt Myers | Council Liaison/Staff Absent:
Martin Powell, Police Liaison |
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- a. August 2025** Hersch Gangster moved that the minutes of August 2025 of the Traffic Safety, Bikeways, Pedestrian Committee be approved as written. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows:
- David Philbrick made a friendly amendment on the bottom of first page, it currently states to reduce the speed a Chemawa and Dearborn near Verda and the comment was to reduce the speed on Verda between Chemawa and Dearborn. Accepted by Hersch Sangster and seconded by David Dempster. De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick, and Lewis in favor with Myers absent.
- Chair De Blasi introduced the new Youth Liaison, Lazlo Montoya Mendoza. Mr. Mendoza shared that he was a sophomore at McNary High School and expressed his appreciation to be a Youth Liaison for this committee.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED** There were no interested persons.

PERSONS

4. PILOT PEDESTRIAN FLAG PROGRAM

- a. **Responses from Survey** Brenda Lamb shared there were no recent responses, and she replaced three flags this month.

Ms. Lamb asked about removing the flags when the fields aren't being used as much in late November through February. It was suggested to leave the flags since this was an experimental program.

5. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

- a. **Active List** The active project list was reviewed.

The locations of the green paint lines were discussed. Mr. Philbrick suggested choosing areas to focus on with the biggest impact for safety during the upcoming year. He would like to see improvements westbound at Lockhaven and McLeod. Turning left off of Lockhaven, heading East onto Trail would be another good location for bicyclists. Mr. Philbrick would like to see a safe pedestrian crossing at Lockhaven and Verda.

Ms. Lamb suggested having a separate priority list for pedestrian crossings (painted crosswalks). Mr. Sangster shared that the focus had been on Lockhaven at River Road and River Road at Chemawa on the west side for green painting. He agreed about having a pedestrian crossings list and significantly shorten the list of green paint lines.

Chair De Blasi asked all the members to send their top three to five locations for green paint lines to Deputy City Recorder Dawn Wilson who would then send them to Chair De Blasi to determine the top three scores.

Discussion ensued about asking for a budget for this program and how the budget process works.

It was suggested to reference the neighborhood associations on the list of projects.

Council President Starr shared that Public Works Director Bill Lawyer and his team were still working on pulling data for discussion on reducing the residential speed limit. She shared that a work session might be needed to discuss the speed limits in residential zones. Mr. Griffin confirmed that anytime a side street speed changes, new signage would be needed.

6. NEW/OTHER

BUSINESS

- a. **Update on a List of Streets to Ask for Funding Resources ~ Hersch/David** Hersch Sangster and David Dempster shared that the list of streets to request funding for would be for priority streets based upon police data and complaints.
- b. **Discussion on Safety Concerns ~ submitted by Tammy Kunz, Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association** Tammy Kunz and Jacqueline Green, Keizer, Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association, shared traffic concerns that they had been working on since 2022, namely safety issues on Verda, along with Dearborn and Chemawa. Ms. Kunz asked about having traffic calming devices on Verda. Ms. Kunz would like to see a stop sign on Adam and Manbrin. She acknowledged that some safety issues were perception, but she had seen the Salem-Keizer School District crossing guards on Dearborn and Verda and one on Keizer Road almost got hit by a vehicle.
- Mr. Sangster noted that the school district has a safety protocol, such as needing to report near misses on safety reports, and they should be involved and may have some funding available through Safe Routes to Schools. It was suggested for Ms. Kunz and Ms. Green to talk with Beth Schmidt and the principal to obtain data and invite them to come to a Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian (TSBP) Committee or City Council meeting for discussion.
- Ms. Kunz noted that she would update three Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans and resubmit them.
- c. **Keizer Street Painting Program ~ Prioritize & Aggregate the List of Locations** Item was taken out of order.
- Tammy Saldivar, Keizer, clarified that the Street Art Program was not designed as a street calming device. It was designed as street art, which has a street calming effect. She requested that it not be promoted as a street calming device. She was concerned as an outward appearance in the community that it was not a traffic calming device. She commented that the Keizer Public Arts Commission (KPAC) owns the program and approve the art.
- Discussion ensued about having KPAC integrate City, street projects. Council President Starr clarified that this agenda item was for the green street painting instead of the Street Art Painting and noted that we need to differentiate better on the Agenda. Mr. Sangster commented about risk liability and that the Art Painting Program would be a community program.
- The Committee agreed to change the name of this item to "Bikelane Painting."
- Chair De Blasi shared that the street painting art could be an activity to tie in

with something else to have an added benefit like being in front of McNary High School to highlight the school.

The TSBP Committee members discussed prioritizing the list of locations for the Street Painting under item 5a on the Agenda.

d. Data from Keizer Police Department There was no discussion on this item.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT Mr. Sangster shared that he attended the Marion County Rural Area Transportation Study, and it could be completed in the next year. He shared that on October 6, the Keizer Fire District would hold an Open House and Safety Fair, and helmets would be available.

Trevor Lewis expressed appreciation for the dialogue tonight and the previous meeting. He thanked the community members for their attendance and public comments. He asked about sending topics discussed to the City Council.

Chair De Blasi commented that TSBP Committee members could visit the sites discussed and attend neighborhood association meetings.

Chair De Blasi shared that he couldn't turn onto Lockhaven from Trail because there was a hit-and-run and a pedestrian was killed. He commented how people were speeding and with the darker part of the year, he would like to see a covered walking area to protect pedestrians. He shared how unfortunate it was to have a tragedy because there wasn't funding to add a sidewalk or something to make it safer.

Ms. Lamb reported that the group, who attended a TSBP Committee meeting a couple months ago and spoke about speeding on Manbrin, spoke at a City Council meeting and procured a 25 mile per hour speed sign. She shared that she attended her neighborhood association meeting, and they discussed the issue of cars spinning cookies in intersections.

Mr. Philbrick commented that in addition to infrastructure issues, driving behaviors need to be improved.

8. STAFF REPORT Street and Storm Operations Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that they completed the storm water basin inspections and maintenance.

9. POLICE LIAISON REPORT Officer Martin Powell had an excused absence.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT Council President Starr invited everyone to attend the October 13th City Council Work Session on sidewalk gap repair and noted that the Council's goals were on the poster behind the dais. She shared that the Council was having active conversations on the sidewalk gap repair. She shared that there was a Long Term Planning Task Force meeting on November 10th as

a check-in on the long range plan and invited everyone to attend and invited public comment. She noted that one of the Council's short-term goals was traffic congestion.

**11. MEMBER
REPORTING TO
COUNCIL: Chair
De Blasi on
October 6th at
6pm**

Chair De Blasi would be reporting to Council on October 20th.

**12. NEXT MEETING:
October 16th**

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee decided to cancel their December 2026 meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 7:38 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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