



MINUTES
KEIZER MULTI-MODAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 20, 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
Martin Powell, Police Liaison
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder |
| Absent:
Matt Myers | Council Liaison/Staff Absent:
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets |

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. October 2025** Hersch Sangster moved that the minutes of October 2025 of the Keizer Multi-Modal Safety Committee be approved as written. David Dempster seconded.

Mr. David Philbrick requested an amendment to the October 2025 minutes regarding the bike lane painting discussion under item 6a. He clarified that the committee had supported Lockhaven West and East River Road as top priorities for budget requests, but contrary to what was written, they would keep other locations with votes in the top 10 as still active rather than eliminating them.

Chair DeBlasi agreed with this clarification. The committee agreed to eliminate the first sentence in paragraph four and retain language stating that the chair would like to have the top 10 votes as a semi-active list.

Hersch Sangster agreed to the amendment. Seconded by David Dempster. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick,

and Lewis in favor with Myers absent.

3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS There were no appearances of interested persons.

4. PILOT PEDESTRIAN FLAG PROGRAM

a. Survey Results ~ No New Responses

Ms. Brenda Lamb reported that she gained one flag at one of the locations rather than losing any, noting the flag had City of Keizer and the location written on it. There were no new survey responses to report. Ms. Lamb indicated that flags were also up at Kennedy Elementary School, but she had not received any reports on their usage.

As this was Ms. Lamb's last meeting with the committee, there was discussion about the program's future monitoring. Ms. Lamb offered to continue supporting the program and monitoring the flags even though she would no longer be attending meetings. The committee discussed the reporting frequency, with Mr. David Philbrick suggesting quarterly updates rather than monthly reports.

Ms. Lamb noted that the pilot program was scheduled to end in December, at which point she, Tammy Saldivar, and City Manager Adam Brown would likely present something to the City Council for a decision on whether to continue supporting the program. If continued, the name would likely change from "Pilot Pedestrian Flag Program" to "Pedestrian Flag Program."

5. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Active Items

The committee discussed ongoing projects including the Lockhaven and River Road bike lane painting that would be brought to the Budget Committee in 2026.

Regarding speeding in residential areas, Officer Powell reported that the speed reader board was currently on Russett for a speeding complaint and would next be moved to Keizer Road at Tammy Kunz's request. He also addressed concerns about speed racing on Lockhaven from Windsor Island, noting that officers had spent several hours patrolling the area but had not witnessed racing during those times, suggesting it was an infrequent occurrence.

The committee discussed the 20 mile per hour residential speed limit proposal that had previously been sent to the City Council. Council President

Starr clarified that the Council had directed staff to gather more information and community input on the proposal through an upcoming City survey. Council President Starr shared the concern that came up during the Council meeting about when the speed changes, signs would need to be posted.

Mr. Philbrick shared that the Council wanted more input from the community about reducing residential speed limits. Council President Starr suggested looking through the data that would be produced by the Police Department through the Police Fee Task Force.

The committee also discussed creating a list of streets to ask for funding resources. Mr. Sangster mentioned that the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association had recently discussed traffic issues at Lockhaven and Windsor Island, suggesting a three-way stop might be needed due to increased traffic from new development and the crime lab at the sewer plant. Officer Powell suggested focusing resources on specific problem areas rather than spreading police enforcement too thin across the City.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Pedestrian Road Crossings ~ Suggested Locations

Chair DeBlasi presented a list of suggested pedestrian crossing locations he had compiled by examining Google Maps for street bus stops, busy streets, and distances between existing signalized crossings. Committee members made corrections and additions to the list, including removing Lockhaven and McClure, which already has a lighted crosswalk, and adding Windsor Island and Lockhaven due to student foot traffic.

The committee agreed to distribute this list to neighborhood associations and the Community Diversity Engagement Committee for feedback, then compile responses by January for the committee to vote on priorities in February. This timeline would allow appropriate preparation for budget requests.

Council President Starr suggested that after gathering community input and ranking the locations, staff would determine appropriate crossing types and budget needs for each location based on engineering studies and available data.

b. Green Bike Lanes ~ Voting Results

It was determined that there was no need to discuss this item since it had been discussed in the previous meeting.

c. Discussion on Purchasing Traffic Calming Equipment

Chair DeBlasi presented examples of temporary traffic-calming equipment that could act as safety measures and be purchased to test in problem areas, including bollards, speed cushions, and separators.

While he advocated for having a cache of such equipment to address safety concerns quickly, several committee members expressed concerns about

liability, engineering requirements, and jurisdictional responsibilities.

Council President Starr suggested that before making any decisions, Chair DeBlasi meet with Public Works Director Bill Lawyer and staff liaison Mike Griffin to discuss the feasibility of these options and then bring their feedback to the January meeting.

d. Discussion on the City Council's Work Session: Sidewalk Gap and Repair Program

The committee discussed the recent City Council Work Session on the Sidewalk Gap and Repair Program. Mr. Sangster reported that the City was hoping to use proceeds from the sale of property at Lockhaven and Keizer Station to fund a pilot project with approximately \$100,000 allocated. It was noted that the cost per square foot for sidewalk installation was not as high as expected.

Council President Starr mentioned that there would be a joint work session with the committee and City Council on this topic in the future. The committee also discussed the current responsibility of property owners for sidewalk maintenance and various funding mechanisms, such as Local Improvement Districts (LIDs).

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Mr. Sangster reported on a successful helmet program, noting that Salem Health had donated \$937 for 72 new helmets. He also inquired about the no U-turn sign that had been placed on Newberg.

Officer Powell explained that the sign was placed to address illegal U-turns being made near McNary High School, primarily by parents and students. He reported that enforcement efforts and the sign had reduced violations from about 12 clear violations to only 4 during recent observations.

Mr. Sangster and Officer Powell discussed the upcoming holiday parade scheduled for December 13th. Lockhaven from McClure to River Road would be closed at 3:00 PM, while River Road from Lock Haven to Plymouth would close at 6:15 PM with periodic crossings at Chemawa, Dearborn, and Manbrin.

Mr. Philbrick noted that with the committee's name changed to "Multi-Modal Safety Committee," he felt that while simpler than the previous name, it might not clearly describe the committee's purpose to the public.

Ms. Lamb expressed appreciation for her time on the committee and indicated she would continue to volunteer with various initiatives.

8. STAFF REPORT

The staff liaison was absent.

Mr. Sangster mentioned that following an issue raised at a previous meeting

regarding sidewalks on 15th Street needing curb cuts, that Storm and Streets Operations Manager Mike Griffin had researched and confirmed the area was City property and was already on the docket for the curb cut project scheduled to begin in Spring.

9. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

Officer Powell reported that with Officer Miranda back on duty, they had doubled their traffic patrol force. He discussed efforts to address exhaust noise violations, noting the ambiguity in State Statutes that makes enforcement challenging.

He also described collaborative efforts with other jurisdictional traffic teams, mentioning a recent county-wide enforcement emphasis on driving while under the influence of intoxicants (DUI) offenses that resulted in five arrests in one night for DUI's. He explained how Keizer officers occasionally assist with enforcement on highways outside City limits, and in exchange, those agencies help with events like the upcoming holiday parade.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Council President Starr thanked Ms. Lamb for her service and shared that she looked forward to the upcoming work session on the sidewalks.

11. MEMBER REPORTING TO COUNCIL: Trevor Lewis on December 1st - 6pm

Trevor Lewis confirmed that he would report to Council on December 1st.

12. NEXT MEETING: January 15th

Chair DeBlasi confirmed that the December meeting was canceled, so the next meeting would be January 15th.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 7:49 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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