



**MINUTES**  
**KEIZER MULTI-MODAL SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2026**  
**Robert L. Simon Council Chambers**  
**930 Chemawa Road NE**  
**Keizer, Oregon**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair De Blasi called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:  

<b>Present:</b> Michael De Blasi, Chair David Dempster Hersch Sangster, Vice Chair David Philbrick Matt Myers Lazlo Montoya Mendoza, Youth Liaison	<b>Council Liaison/Staff Present:</b> Councilor Kyle Juran Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Officer Jorge Miranda Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder
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**Absent:**  
Trevor Lewis  
Michael Welsh
  
2. **ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION ~ by Lanora Blake** Lanora Blake, Member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, expressed appreciation for the volunteer members by reading the Annual Volunteer Month Proclamation and handing out Certificates of Appreciation and pens as tokens of appreciation.
  
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. **March 2026** David Philbrick moved for approval of the March 2026 Minutes with a change on page 8 on the Monster Cookie Ride was the 50th anniversary. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Philbrick, and Myers in favor with Welsh and Lewis absent.
  
4. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS** See Item 6.b. for interested persons who spoke.
  
5. **PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW**

**a. Active Items**

The active items list was reviewed.

It was noted that the bike lane green painting for bike crossing quote was increased to \$35,550, and Chair De Blasi would submit an updated Budget request to Assistant City Manager Tim Wood.

It was requested to move the Pilot Pedestrian Flag Program to the inactive list since the Council didn't approve it.

Discussion ensued about accidents caused by driveway entrances and speeding on River Road.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Joint Work Session with City Council, Tentatively 06/08/2026 ~ Refine List of Topics to Take to Council**

The list of topics for a joint work session with the Council was reviewed, acknowledging that time constraints (approximately one hour) would limit the number of topics that could be addressed.

Matt Myers suggested that the members look into these items and let Chair De Blasi know the statuses and provide input before the June 8th work session. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that the Neighborhood Associations understood the NTMP.

Mr. Philbrick commented that there was frustration with the NTMP, and the ask was about what was working or not working.

Mr. Sangster shared that Mayor Clark was under the impression that the June 8th meeting would only be about the NTMP.

Chair De Blasi requested to receive all of the Neighborhood Associations' comments by the next meeting to review, along with any feedback from the members. Members discussed prioritizing key items with an emphasis on a high-level discussion rather than attempting to cover all topics.

Chair De Blasi summarized the Work Session topics as follows:

**1. Transportation System Plan (TSP)**

- Brief update on status and timeline
- Committee involvement in the process

**2. General Discussion on Safety and Livability (30-minute discussion):**

- Pedestrians and bicycle safety
- Neighborhood impacts and overall livability by looking at sidewalks, crosswalks, speeds, and connector streets.

- Connector streets (Verda, Alder, Manbrin, Shoreline, and Dearborn): look for certain actions to reduce speeds by considering traffic engineering changes to reduce speeds by causing drivers to feel more inhibited.

### **3. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) — adopted 09/16/2024 — Review**

- Input from the Neighborhood Associations on the NTMP process

### **4. Additional Topics (as time allows):**

- Traffic-calming procedures and designs
- Traffic safety education and outreach (e.g. education, enforcement, engineering)

#### **b. GNEKNA Proposed Items for MMSC Consideration**

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, summarized her list of proposed items by the Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association that was included in the packet, saying that the goals were an important part of the safety process and identifying safety issues. Ms. Kunz asked about having the speed trailer on Noreen.

Ms. Kunz shared that some neighbors asked about removing the moss and algae that were in front of City Hall because it was slick when it was wet.

Ms. Kunz noted that the biggest complaints were about e-bikes, scooters, and obstructions on sidewalks for safety reasons. Officer Miranda commented that she could ask the Community Service Responders, as they were now in charge of the trailers.

Jacqueline Green, Keizer, shared about the recent Joint Work Session the Neighborhood Associations had with the Council. She had concerns over the Pedestrian Flag Program being denied.

The Committee members expressed appreciation for Ms. Kunz's and Ms. Green's work to identify safety issues.

The discussion emphasized concerns about transportation and infrastructure priorities, noting that improvements to South River Road are frequently delayed despite its importance, along with Wheatland Road, Vera Lane, and the Lockhaven and River Road intersection. Concerns were raised that portions of Lockhaven function as residential areas but are not treated as

such.

It was mentioned that County decisions created design inconsistencies along South River Road, resulting in ongoing challenges and costly improvements. It was also noted that while some recent developments improved sidewalks, concerns remained about building orientation not fully supporting walkability and a safe, inviting streetscape.

**7. COMMITTEE  
MEMBER INPUT**

Mr. Dempster reminded everyone of the Monster Cookie Ride was coming up.

Mr. Sangster shared that Mini-Cookie Ride would be on April 26th, and there would be goodies for the children and fees would be paid for those who sign up. He noted additional upcoming events on bike and family safety.

Mr. Philbrick shared that the Mini-Monster Cookie was about a six-mile ride through the neighborhoods at 10:00 a.m. There would be a bike rodeo course at 11:00 a.m. for children. There would be bikes and helmets available for the children to participate.

Youth Liaison Montoya Mendoza asked about the work on Verda. Mr. Griffin shared that the work would tentatively be completed by the end of August. Mr. Griffin commented that the church owns multiple properties in the area, including the parcel in question. Concerns were raised about overgrown vegetation impacting visibility to the east, and it was suggested that the church could address the issue through trimming.

**8. STAFF REPORT**

Street and Storm Operator Mike Griffin shared that they repaired the bike stations at City Hall and Keizer Rapids Park. He shared that the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) work on 15th and Garland should start in a couple of weeks, weather permitting.

**9. POLICE LIAISON  
REPORT**

Officer Miranda didn't have anything to report.

**10. COUNCIL  
LIAISON REPORT**

Councilor Juran shared that the grant funding was awarded for the flashing yellow lights on River Road, and the lights probably wouldn't be installed until next year.

Councilor Juran shared that the Council had discussed the speeds on Verda and that a decision needed to be made to adjust the three different speeds to be consistent with other streets. There was about \$1.2 million in savings for the Verda Lane Project, so the Council had discussed making more safety improvements on Verda by installing sidewalks and stop signs.

**11. MEMBER  
REPORTING TO  
COUNCIL: David  
Philbrick on May**

David Philbrick would report to Council on May 4th.

**4th at 6pm**

**12. NEXT MEETING:** It was noted that the next meeting would be May 21st.  
**May 21st**

**13. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at: 7:31 p.m.

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_