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KEIZER MULTI-MODAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 6:00 PM
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
930 Chemawa Road NE
Keizer, Oregon

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. May 2026
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS**
4. **PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW**
 - a. Active Items
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. Overview of the Draft Sidewalk Infill & Repair Programs by Staff
 - b. New Policy for Committees, Boards, and Commissions to Apply for Grants
6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT**
7. **STAFF REPORT**
8. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT**
9. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**
10. **MEMBER REPORTING TO COUNCIL: MATT MYERS ON JULY 6TH AT 6PM**
11. **NEXT MEETING: JULY 16TH**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program:

<https://www.keizeror.gov/DocumentCenter/View/991/Neighborhood-Traffic-Management-Program-PDF>



MINUTES
KEIZER MULTI-MODAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 21, 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 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:
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| Present:
Michael De Blasi, Chair
Michael Welsh
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster, Vice Chair
David Philbrick
Matt Myers
Trevor Lewis | Council Liaison/Staff Present:
Council President Starr
Keare Blaylock, Public Works Director
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
Martin Powell, Police Liaison
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder |
| Absent:
Lazlo Montoya Mendoza, Youth Liaison | Council Liaison/Staff Absent: |
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- a. April 2026** Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the April 2026 Minutes. David Philbrick seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Philbrick, Myers, Lewis, and Welsh in favor.
- Due to audio difficulties, the Committee recessed from 6:09 p.m. to 6:41 p.m.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS** There were no interested persons present.
- 4. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN ~ UPDATE BY STAFF** Public Works Director Keare Blaylock gave an update on the Transportation System Plan (TSP). Ms. Blaylock shared that staff had anticipated receiving it earlier in the year, but it didn't happen because the contract was held up at the Department of Justice (DOJ). The budget order piece and Scope of Work were being reviewed. The City received an agreement on May 20, 2026, that needs legal review, and then it would go to the State of Oregon for review.

The TSP work would tentatively begin in the next couple of months.

Ms. Blaylock shared that the Climate-Friendly Equitable Communities rules would drive a lot of the Multi-Modal Safety Committee (MMSC) elements in the new TSP. Part of the Scope of Work was to outline a community outreach and engagement strategy. The MMSC would have an opportunity to review the engagement and provide input. Ms. Blaylock would be providing updates to this Committee. It was noted that Ms. Blaylock and the Planning Director would be working directly with the contractor.

Mr. Sangster requested that a member or the Committee have input. Ms. Blaylock assured the Committee that they would have a voice at the table.

Mr. Philbrick shared that he appreciated Mr. Griffin's involvement at the meetings. Mr. Philbrick commented that with this Committee's charge as an advisory Committee to the City Council, it would be more effective if they worked together in a partnership with Public Works on pedestrian and safety issues. Ms. Blaylock agreed and would be moving forward with attending Committee meetings and establishing a partnership with the MMSC.

5. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Active List

The active list of projects was reviewed.

Chair De Blasi submitted an amended budget request on the bike lane painting to the Finance Director. CP Starr shared that it didn't get included in the budget.

It was noted that speeding in residential areas was being monitored.

Mr. Welsh commented that a resident was recording vehicles speeding and passing on Chemawa towards Keizer Rapids Park using their doorbell camera. Officer Powell couldn't track the driver down because it was too late and noted that the traffic patrol was showing a presence.

Regarding creating a list of streets to ask for funding, Mr. Sangster shared that there were driveway accidents on River Road. It was suggested that pedestrian crossings could be added to the list. Mr. Sangster shared that the Windsor Island crossings and stop sign issues kept getting brought up by the Keizer Elementary Principal, teachers, and the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association. He shared that the neighborhood associations would use the Traffic Neighborhood Management Program to work on these issues.

Chair De Blasi shared that Whitaker walkway, used by students up to 14th at

the end of Manbrin, also needed to be improved, but the walkway was City-owned, and there wasn't funding for improvements.

Ms. Blaylock commented on the implementation of the new Sidewalk Gap Program and what it would look like for the community with an infill program to address major gaps and sidewalk repair, which would be a low-interest loan program for property owners. Ms. Blaylock would like to bring the Sidewalk Gap Program to this Committee for feedback before it goes to the Council.

6. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

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

The list of topics for the Joint Work Session with the City Council was discussed.

1. 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.

Mr. Philbrick felt that the list captured their input, and there would be more to talk about than they could get through during the Work Session. Mr. Philbrick wanted to focus on safety and livability and felt it covered the bulleted items.

Chair De Blasi suggested that the bulleted items be referenced as examples instead of actual talking topics. The goal of the discussion was safety and livability, as to how they are affected by the topics.

Council President Starr suggested adding: "Examples include" for Number 1.

2. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) — adopted 09/16/2024 — Review

- Input from the Neighborhood Associations on the NTMP process

Council President Starr commented that the MMSC could offer suggestions on improvements or updates on the NTMP.

Mr. Myers shared that he and Mr. Welsh attended the neighborhood association meetings and could make a recommendation to this Committee

based on what they heard. He also looked at data from other Cities, and there were three questions that this Committee could discuss.

1. How were the thresholds established for speeding and traffic control? Mr. Griffin shared that Councilor Christopher, the Planning Commission, Traffic Safety Committee, the Public Works Director, and a traffic engineer for the City of Salem came from this group using their knowledge of road systems.
2. Since funding was an ongoing issue, was there a way for MMSC to work with the Budget Committee?
3. What approval steps could be eliminated to increase City responses to confirmed traffic issues?

Mr. Myers handed out his research and recommendations to the members.

Mr. Myers commented that he would clean up the document so that it could be included in the Work Session packet. It was noted that topics not covered in the document could still be brought up at the Work Session.

3. Additional Topics (as time allows):

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

Chair De Blasi commented that the additional topics would probably be talked about in context with other items.

Mr. Welsh asked about outreach with other City Committees, specifically the Community Diversity Engagement Committee. Council President Starr commented that MMSC members could attend other committee meetings and report back to the MMSC.

Mr. Sangster was an advocate for traffic and bike safety by watching YouTube videos by Travis Gordon, which were a great resource for the community. He commented that the videos were educational, accurate, and entertaining.

There was a consensus on the topics discussed tonight to be carried forward to the Joint Work Session.

b. NTMP Feedback from West Keizer Neighborhood Association

It was noted that Mr. Myers did a great job obtaining the neighborhood associations' data and consolidating it into a readable document.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Mr. Dempster and Mr. Sangster shared that a Safety Fair would be coming up, and there would be helmets given away.

Mr. Welsh thanked City staff for the work they did to shut down certain access points for the parade.

Mr. Lewis asked about the City sweepers and the new contract and noticed issues with the street sweeping and crushed rocks because there could be a safety issue with electric wheelchairs and scooters going into the traffic to avoid the crushed rock. Mr. Griffin shared that they were under a one-year contract. The Request for Proposals would be evaluated, and the next steps would be determined. He commented that staff was addressing reported issues with the street sweeper.

Mr. Sangster shared that Public Works Day would be on June 17th with safety and helmet information. He asked for approval for this Committee to send a recommendation to Council to approve the application to receive money from the Keizer Rotary.

Mr. Sangster moved to request that the Committee approve going to Council to request funding from Keizer Rotary for the Keizer Helmet Program. Mr. Welsh seconded.

It was noted that the requested amount was \$500 for the grant application that was written by a Keizer Rotary Board Member and submitted to the Rotary Foundation. Since the funding request was under the City of Keizer's name, the grant application needed to be approved by the City Council to be submitted.

Motion passed unanimously: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Philbrick, Myers, Lewis, and Welsh in favor.

Mr. Sangster shared that when he, Mr. Dempster, and others were at the Monster Cookie event, the Salem Bicycle Club asked for a donation of up to \$500 through their grant program for the Keizer Helmet Program. He noted that with these two grants and the current fund balance, they could clearly serve the kids through this year.

Mr. Sangster moved to request approval by this Committee to recommend to City Council the grant proposal from the Salem Bicycle Club for up to \$500 for the Keizer Helmet Program. Mr. Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Philbrick, Myers, Lewis, and Welsh in favor.

Mr. Philbrick shared that the Monster Cookie event was successful with over 750 riders and was a major fundraiser for the Salem Bicycle Club for their yearly activities and helping the community with the Helmet Program.

8. STAFF REPORT

Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that the annual catch basin inspections were starting. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp was installed at 15th between Willow Lake and

Chemawa, North of Garwood.

Mr. Griffin shared that the contractor had begun work on the Verda Lane NE project after Public Works completed significant preparation work.

Mr. Griffin shared that in 2020, the City Council authorized former Public Works Director Bill Lawyer to apply for a grant for protective and permissive left turns to secure blinking lights. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) grant was approved with a City match of five-percent, and there would be an estimated start date of 2028 or 2029 for updates along River Road at intersections.

Ms. Blaylock shared that those lights would have smart technology to interact with pedestrian crossings for safety, so it wasn't just for vehicular purposes.

9. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

Police Liaison Martin Powell shared that he and Officer Miranda were also acting as Field Training Officers for staff, which pulled them away from their primary functions. Officer Powell requested that when people have a specific instance to first call the police rather than emailing Councilors, a Committee member, or staff, so that the Police could have a better chance to locate drivers.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Council President Shaney Starr shared about the grant process earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Blaylock shared that the Council approved the awarding of the Resurfacing Project for 1.42 miles of sections, including Dearborn, where the Waterline Project was done, and various areas around town that were selected using the Pavement Condition Index (PCI).

11. MEMBER REPORTING TO COUNCIL: David Dempster on June 1st at 6pm

It was noted that David Dempster would report to Council on June 1st.

12. NEXT MEETING: June 18th

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 8:26 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

Multi-Modal Safety Committee - ACTIVE PROJECTS

Document initiated June 2023. REVISED from the 05/21/26 mtg.

S c o r e	Project	NA	Type of project	Date added	Date discussed by committee	Status	Comments
	Lockhaven & River Road	GG	Bikelane Painting (Green Paint for Bike Crossings)				Hersch to complete and submit budget request form to the City with dollar amount of \$29,550 for the green application. 05/22/2025- Denied by Budget Committee. Review next year. 07/17/25 - the green paint didn't pass by the Budget Committee. 08/21/2025 - Members to review list of locations and send additional locations to Dawn to update the list. 09/18/25 - 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. 04/16/26 - the paint cost increased to \$35,550 & Chair De Blasi would submit an updated Budget Request. 05/21/26 -- Chair De Blasi submitted an updated budget request, but the Budget Committee didn't approve it.

			Speeding in Residential Areas			Monitor	<p>Bill Lawyer is looking into reducing residential speed limits from 25 to 20 mph and then this recommendation by the TSBP can go to the City Council.</p> <p>05/22/25 - Hersch noted that Bill Lawyer was still researching this. 07/17/25 - CP Starr shared that this was still being evaluated by staff to take back to the TSBP and the Council. 10/16/25 - there was additional discussion on this during the meeting--and the City Council would be discussing this at the 10/20/25 meeting. 11/20/2025 - CP Starr shared that the Council directed staff to gather more info & community input via upcoming survey. 03/19/2026 - It was noted that the Council had declined to lower the residential speed limit due to high cost - will keep this item on the list as a potential topic for future discussion and add alternative options. 05/21/26 - this is being monitored.</p>
			Create a List of Streets to Ask for Funding Resources				<p>08/21/2025 - Hersch and David to work with Officer Powell and Public Works. 09/18/25 - Hersch & David noted that the list of streets to request funding for would be for priority streets based upon police data and complaints. 10/16/25 - they still need to get together.</p> <p>01/15/2026 - they should be able to meet before the next meeting.</p>

1 CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF KEIZER, STATE OF OREGON

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3 Resolution R2026-3669

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6 ADOPTING POLICY FOR KEIZER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND
7 COMMISSIONS DESIRING TO APPLY FOR GRANTS
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10 WHEREAS, the Keizer City Council adopted Resolution R93-684 on November
11 1, 1993 adopting policy statement governing the application for grant funds;

12 WHEREAS, occasionally, Keizer Committees, Boards, and Commissions desire
13 to apply for grants;

14 WHEREAS, Keizer Committees, Boards, and Commissions are advisory to the
15 Keizer City Council;

16 WHEREAS, there is a need for a policy on how Keizer Committees, Boards, and
17 Commissions can apply for grants to stay in line with Council adopted policy;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,


19 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Keizer that the attached
20 grant application policies for the Keizer Committees, Boards, and Commissions are
21 hereby adopted.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately
2 upon the date of its passage.

3 PASSED this 18th day of May, 2026.

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5 SIGNED this 18th day of May, 2026.

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Mayor

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City Recorder

POLICY FOR
KEIZER COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS
DESIRING TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

Purpose.

The purpose of this policy is to align with the Keizer City Council policy statement governing the application for grant funds. It is to provide guidance to Keizer committees, boards, and commissions desiring to apply for grants.

Process.

Keizer Committees, Boards, and Commission desiring to apply for grants must take the following steps prior to the submittal of a grant application:

1. The advisory Committee, Board or Commission shall meet to discuss the proposed grant application. A motion and vote must be made prior to the grant application being moved forward to the next step.
2. If the motion passes, the grant application is to be reviewed by the Department Director for appropriateness for the City.
3. If the Department Director believes it is appropriate, the Department Director shall place the matter on the next City Council meeting agenda for the Council's consideration. Such consideration shall include the financial information.
4. If the City Council approves the application, the Department Director shall sign the grant application on behalf of the City and submit it. Council has the sole right to deny the authorization to sign the grant application.

Monitoring.

The Department Director shall be responsible for monitoring the project to ensure that the project is being completed as required under the terms of the grant agreement. The Committee, Board and/or Commission shall be responsible for the day-to-day activities connected with the project and shall report to the Department Director.