



MINUTES
KEIZER MULTI-MODAL SAFETY COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 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 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Michael De Blasi, Chair Michael Welsh David Dempster Hersch Sangster, Vice Chair Matt Myers Trevor Lewis	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Council President Starr Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder
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Absent:
David Philbrick
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. June 2026** David Dempster moved for approval of the June 2026 Minutes. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Myers, Lewis, and Welsh in favor with Sangster abstained and Philbrick absent.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS** Tammy Kunz and Jacqueline Green, Keizer residents and Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association (GNEKNA), shared about speed reduction and pedestrian safety interventions on Verda Lane NE and modernizing the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan to empower neighborhood associations. Ms. Kunz spoke about traffic-calming devices. They provided Written Public Comments and read from them.

Council President Starr asked about the traffic study data that Ms. Kunz read because volunteers do not submit data, as traffic study data collected was solely completed by staff. Ms. Kunz commented that residents found it difficult to locate the speed study data on the website, and she would make the correction.

Public Works Director Keare Blaylock commented that the Council talked about the dynamic speed signs for a possible speed reduction on Verda

Lane. The dynamic speed signs cost approximately \$8,000.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Overview of the Draft Sidewalk Infill & Repair Programs by Staff** Public Works Director Keare Blaylock provided an overview on the draft Sidewalk Infill and Repair Program by noting that the Committee could weigh-in on before it goes to Council for discussion. The City of Keizer was preparing to launch a two-branched sidewalk program, which had gone through two work sessions with the Council.

Ms. Blaylock stated that the sidewalk program transitions from a passive program to a more progressive and strategic sidewalk network in the City. The initiative would be supported with \$200,000 budget providing revolving loans that would come from seed money and the sale of property. The idea was to provide a grant match or low-interest loan to accomplish a more robust sidewalk network.

The two-branched approach would be for one to infill the gap for new construction and the other would be for sidewalk repairs by identifying trip hazards and mitigating safety issues.

David Dempster asked questions on the prioritization piece, owners who couldn't afford sidewalks, and varied property lines and right-of-ways. Chair De Blasi asked about a possible gas tax revenue.

Ms. Blaylock asked for this Committee's feedback on prioritization, the program plan and process, public outreach for the infill, mapping, and materials created by staff.

Michael Welsh asked about the pilot locations for sidewalk enforcement and compliance. It was noted that repairs were complaint-driven, and there were a few streets identified in the work session that were near schools to begin the infill.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Mr. Dempster shared that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) posted their transportation goals, specifically their rationale for the changes and reasons for crashes increasing, that speeding hadn't gotten worse, their number one goal was to promote traffic circles in Oregon, to reduce speeding in the cities, and to provide safety equipment to non-auto transportation.

Mr. Sangster shared about a hearing on the new Windsor Island development, representing the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association (NWKNA). A number of discussions at the meeting involved speeding, erratic driving on Windsor Island Road, and the NWKNA emphasized the need for safety of the children walking by having a three-way stop, a crossing, and sidewalks at Windsor Island Road.

Mr. Sangster shared that they received the grants from the Keizer Rotary and the Salem Bicycle Club for the helmet fund. Mr. Sangster commented on Travis Gordon's safety videos and encouraged more videos. Mr. Sangster shared that the neighborhood associations wanted regulations and enforcement for e-bikes.

Mr. Myers shared that he, Chair De Blasi, and Mr. Welsh had been working on updates to the NTMP and would bring it as the main topic to the work session with the Council.

Chair De Blasi expressed a desire for the Board to have greater opportunities to provide advisory input on the design of transportation projects early in the planning process. The member emphasized that the Board's role was to offer practical recommendations to improve safety, acknowledged recent progress in collaboration with staff, and encouraged continued engagement to help improve safety for all roadway users.

6. STAFF REPORT

Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin shared the resurfacing project throughout town was moving along and making good progress. They finished working on several Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Ramps on Dearborn between Delight and Shoreline. A couple of manholes south of town on River Road would be repaired next week. The stormwater crew would be doing the annual catch basin cleaning for the fall rains, and crews would be weed-eating all the canary reed grass to help the stormwater flow better.

7. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

a. Comparison of Street Data from Survey

Officer Martin Powell expressed concern about the proposed crosswalk at Windsor Island Road and Lockhaven Drive, stating that the intersection's location at the convergence of two truck routes could present safety concerns.

Officer Powell shared enforcement efforts related to illegal electric motorcycles and e-bikes, noting that the Police Department was conducting education and progressive enforcement, including warnings, citations, and vehicle impoundment for repeat violations, while continuing to address safety concerns through outreach and enforcement.

Discussion ensued regarding Dearborn Drive, its width, and vehicle speeds.

Officer Powell shared that he serves as the Police Department's primary traffic officer and recommends locations for traffic enforcement. Ms. Blaylock noted that Officer Powell regularly communicates traffic concerns with Public Works.

8. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Council President Shaney Starr asked Chair De Blasi for clarification about the Council meeting discussion on the green paint for bike paths. Chair De

Blasi explained that he wanted this Committee to give input during the early stages of projects and traffic control equipment. Council President Starr encouraged that this Committee could make recommendation motions to the City Council, as this would be the best process to get requests addressed. The Council could then give staff direction.

Ms. Blaylock shared that she was working with the Police Department to pull in complaints to the GIS tool to identify clusters and areas to show the statuses in an interactive map. Council President Starr requested that the public comment request be included in the tracking document, a spreadsheet that's tied to the map, to show trends.

Council President Starr shared that Neighborhood Night Out would be on Tuesday, August 4th.

**9. MEMBER
REPORTING TO
COUNCIL: Matt
Myers on August
3rd at 6pm**

Matt Myers noted that he would report to Council on August 3rd.

**10. NEXT MEETINGS:
Joint Mtg on July
27th | Regular Mtg
on August 20th**

It was noted that the next meetings would be July 27th and August 30th.

Mr. Sangster reported that the graffiti abatement partnership with McNary High School's ROTC program had ended due to the program's discontinuation. He noted that the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association (NWKNA) was working with a new principal to establish a replacement volunteer effort.

Some of the NWKNA members would be meeting Community Service Officer Ben Crosby at McNary High School the following day at 4:00 p.m. to do some graffiti clean-up.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at: 7:41 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____