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KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE **AGENDA**

Thursday, August 15, 2024, 6:00 PM
Keizer City Council Chambers

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. July 2024**
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS**
 - a. Traffic Calming Submission from Tammy Kunz - GNEKNA**
- 4. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW**
 - a. Project List**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Grant Opportunities**
- 6. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT**
- 7. STAFF REPORT**
- 8. POLICE LIAISON REPORT**
- 9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting: September 19th

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MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 18, 2024
Keizer City Council Chambers

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Chair Saldivar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Tammy Saldivar, Chair Michael De Blasi, Vice Chair David Dempster Hersch Sangster Brenda Lamb David Philbrick Matt Myers Ethan Eggert, Youth Liaison	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Councilor Robert Husseman (7:03) Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder Council Liaison/Staff Absent: Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
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- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. June 2024** Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the June 2024 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick and Myers in favor.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS**

Tammy Kunz, Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association, submitted a request for street art for traffic calming but found out that it can't be used for traffic calming. The City of Salem said it worked to slow down traffic. One area of concern was the Little League on Ridge Drive. Hersch Sangster confirmed that street art was not considered a traffic calming device, but he has received feedback about creating area pride. Chair Saldivar shared that they are bringing a street art program to the City.

 - a. Neighborhood Association Reports**
- 4. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW**

Michael De Blasi wants to know about any possible cost savings for doing two studies for Lockhaven by DKS Engineering. Hersch Sangster and Michael De Blasi would contact the City of Salem's Engineer to find out how they operate their bike paint studies and the cost.

Matt Myers shared that he met with City Manager Adam Brown and Parks Division Manager Robert Johnson. He learned that the baseball fields at Keizer Little League Park are maintained by the Love of the Game, a non-profit organization. He was concerned about liability issues on the field and asked who carries the liability, the City or the Love of the Game. Mr. Brown told Mr. Myers that a French drain would be installed and then the parking lot would be paved with striped to help with the parking issue. Michael DeBlasi suggested that impervious pavers with travel lanes in between the asphalt be added within the parking spots, and he recognized that it's extremely expensive right now.

Discussion ensued on the parking alongside the road to the baseball fields. There were no incidents as a result of parking along the street.

a. Project List

5. UPCOMING MAJOR PROJECTS

There were no new major projects.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Possible Removal of the Committee and New Motion to Retain the Fire Liaisons in this Committee's Resolution, Attachment A, Section 5.

Chair Saldivar shared that the Legal Department recommended keeping the fire liaison language and that the Oregon Traffic Safety Committee no longer existed.

Chair Saldivar moved to ask City Council to remove the language listed in number 5- Serve in a liaison capacity between the City and the Oregon Traffic Safety Committee in developing the statewide highway safety program and in meeting National Highway Safety Association Program Standards. Hersch seconded. Passed unanimously as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick, and Myers in favor.

It was noted that Chief Hector Blanco was interested in more involvement, and the Fire Department had provided helpful data and information in the past.

Chair Saldivar moved to retain the Fire Liaison as a member of the Committee. Matt Myers seconded. Passed unanimously as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick, and Myers in favor.

b. Newberg/Lockhaven Intersection ~ Video

Chair Saldivar shared a video recorded by Griffin Walker on the Newberg/Lockhaven Intersection. Discussion ensued on the issue of cars turning around on Newberg and then turning right onto Lockhaven where there are a lot of children walking to school. Chair Saldivar shared that the gate to the school from Newberg was now locked because of children being disrespectful to the property.

Officer Powell stated that u-turns have to be made where it's visible. As far

as a traffic solution, traffic congestion at that intersection couldn't be engineered out.

Michael DeBlasi confirmed with Officer Powell that u-turns right at the intersection was legal. Mr. DeBlasi asked about an entrance to the school campus from Lockhaven to be for school busses only. Everyone else would come from Chemawa to the campus because there's a traffic light there and everyone would be turning right.

Hersch Sangster sees this issue as something that could be resolved by the School to only have busses enter from Lockhaven.

Officer Powell suggested a stop light with a left turn, but it would require a partnership with the school.

No solution was determined, and this would be added to the Project List for further analysis.

c. Red Light Cameras

Chair Saldivar said that Mayor Clark asked that this Committee discuss the highest crash areas, such as River Road and Lockhaven to possibly have red light cameras. Officer Powell said that the most serious crashes are River and Chemawa. David Dempster said that the photo red light company assessed the intersection a few years ago and said it wasn't worth the cost to install and operate the system.

Michael DeBlasi suggested that the traffic lights on River Road be set on a regular schedule, so there's a feeling of less wait time. Chair Saldivar said that Mayor Clark shared that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) no longer has control over where photo red lights are installed, and Cities now have that control.

The Committee agreed that staff should conduct research again on the cost and effectiveness. This item would be added to the September Agenda for further discussion.

Officer Powell said that the most dangerous traffic lights are at the intersection of Stadium and Lockhaven.

d. Bike Rack Installs

Chair Saldivar shared that there wasn't anyone available to do the bike rack installs. Mr. Sangster said the City was going to ask Eagle Scouts were going to do the installs, but there are no Eagle Scouts currently in Keizer. Kevin Dial at The REC might be able to find a enough children to do this project. Mr. Sangster would also ask the Rotary to do the installs because the bike racks are there.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Mr. Sangster shared a helmet fitting tomorrow at St. Edwards at the Fun Friday event. ServeFest would be coming up on August 18th and would have helmets. Marion County Rural Transportation System Plan was using a

consulting firm to update its traffic Safety Plan and would tie it in with Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS) Traffic Safety Plan. There are at least forty-four Marion County intersections that would be reviewed. He reached out to several people on the Safe Routes to Parks, but no one knew about the national program at this time. He attended a parks meeting and hopes to partner with Oregon Parks Forever to receive donations for outdoor activities and transportation to take children to parks.

Matt Myers shared that the Keizer Art Association would participate in the KeizerFest, so parking was likely to increase.

Michael DeBlasi shared that “Killed by a Traffic Engineer” was about thousands of traffic studies. Traffic engineering was not like structural engineering, traffic engineering tends to be piecemealed together over decades. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the book. Traffic engineers make some decisions on shaky foundations. He also mentioned that urban trees help with traffic safety and requested that this Committee take this idea to the City Council.

Chair Saldivar shared that the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program would be finalized shortly. She asked for topics for the Planning Director to address at an upcoming meeting.

- a. Bike Helmets & Fittings ~ Now on the City's Website:** The Members were good with the new landing page on the City's website.
<https://www.keizer.org/BikeHelmets>

8. STAFF REPORT There was no staff report.

9. POLICE LIAISON REPORT Officer Powell shared that there wasn't anything big with traffic, but there were struggles with electric scooter drivers who were not following directions on the bike lanes.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT Councilor Robert Husseman reported that the City Council authorized a contract for the flashing beacon on Lockhaven at McNary High School. ODOT was looking at hiring a state-wide bicycling staff person, and they would be intimately familiar with traffic and bicycling concerns in Keizer and an advocate to make the streets better. He expressed appreciation for the Keizer Public Works Fair and the professional, competent, and comprehensive staff and operation.

11. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 7:22 p.m.

Minutes approved: 08/15/2024

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Keizer Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Peds Committee;

The GNEKNA has been working hard on finding ways to help slow traffic and different calming devices we can use for some of our high traffic concerns. Traffic Calming

Traffic Calming is the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users.¹

Traffic calming goals include: increasing the quality of life; incorporating the preferences and requirements of the people using the area (e.g., working, playing, residing) along the street(s), or at intersection(s); creating safe and attractive streets; and helping to reduce the negative effects of motor vehicles on the environment (e.g., pollution, sprawl); this should include finding ways for street Art to be done in each of our Neighborhoods where we have traffic concern that can not be addressed simply.

If we use the art to slow traffic all of these items listed and many more will be covered. The cost is way less for us using art, than adding speed bumps, flashing lights as well as they work do not always stop traffic. I do not believe this will stop people either but it will allow traffic to slow to look at the images in the road from the art and people who are doing the work. Which in turn will bring traffic to a more manageable level of speed.

Traffic calming objectives include: achieving slow speeds for motor vehicles, reducing collision frequency and severity, increasing the safety and the perception of safety for non-motorized users of the street(s), reducing the need for police enforcement, and enhancing the street environment (e.g., street scaping) art will do that. West Salem has seen a reduction in speeding near the places that display art in the road and at the parks.

We can do the research for Grants with safe route to school, for several different do items such as sidewalk repairs on the walk path, this is a path that serves 2 elementary schools for Keizer and the Middle school, it serves community for Greater Northeast Keizer NA and Greater Gubser NA, and Southeast Keizer NA. We can add a bike repair system for kids who use the bikes to get to and from school, Skateboards use this as well. It would be used for members of each of our communities and allow for traveling safely to and from our homes, work and other activities.

Older folks use this path daily from GNEKNA for walking groups, one of the groups uses walkers and canes they meet a couple of days a week. To ensure safety of community needs to be placed higher on our list. Safety for individual utilizing the path filling pot holes and keeping people safe one of our city Councilors had a biking accident on the path.

Signage is another item that can be added to this process for working with Salem and applying for grants. Grants can be used for making our communities safer and doing some of what the city does, lighting path ways, fixing fences to protect our kids from entering the highway, several sections needing repairs just from Verda to the Keizer Station. This walking path was overwhelmingly supported by the

community who uses it, several admitted buying in the area because of it and other paths in the area. We have worked really hard as community and committees and boards to ensure a Safer Keizer and our NTMP is just one step, I feel like we need to take the extra steps and do what we can one task at a time. Sidewalks, safer crossing, and so much but together we can all do many things and empower our communities to be safe.

We have put together a document for Public Art and are adding that information for you.

am addressing this commission to add art work to each of the parks in my Neighborhood Association, Greater Northeast Keizer which supports Kennedy Elementary school boundaries and would like the support of the Art commission. I will be applying for some funding to help us achieve this goal to help cut down on the amount of tagging going on in our community. We have Claggett Creek Park, Northview Terrace Park and Chalmer Jones Park. These parks we would like to see art displayed.

The skate park is a great way for them to design what they would like it to look like and it would represent the sport they love and admire. I believe this would help bring different cultures together and create a more engaging environment.

I would like to receive a copy of the application and ordinance we have in place as we start to host art contest for Mural to be placed in our parks and used for street art to be used for calming devise control to slow traffic for adding protection to our families.

“We have a number of public murals throughout downtown Salem and Keizer should be doing the same, the community, including several [downtown murals](#). Before completion, each mural must be approved through the Salem Public Art Commission application process. We encourage participation in the creation of original works of art, which reduce the incidence of graffiti and other crime, while increasing community identity and fostering a sense of place. The purpose of the application process is to:

The Salem Public Art Commission reviews applications using a selection criterion, including:

- Strength of artist's concept for, and originality of, proposed public mural.
- Demonstrated craftsmanship of artist.
- Appropriateness of the mural's scale to the surrounding neighborhood.
- Architectural, geographical, socio-cultural and/or historical relevance of the mural to the site.
- General support and advocacy for the mural from the building owner or user, surrounding neighborhood, adjacent businesses, and arts community.
- Demonstrated ability to complete the proposed public mural on time and within budget. (<https://www.cityofsalem.net/i-want-to/apply/apply-for-a-public-mural>)”.

I am wondering if we use this same process or if you can walk me through these steps so I can do as I have been asked by our community. I know we are not the only Neighborhood Association who will be looking to go through this process. I have spoken with West Keizer who has wanted to do this for a while now. I also believe this is a great way we can honor the cultural story for Keizer and continue to foster its growth.

Tammy Kunz

I would like to share some images from Northgate park in Salem.



This is done in Panels and we would be doing the same.



Traffic Safety, Bikeways & Pathways - ACTIVE PROJECTS

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S c o r e	Project	NA	Type of project	Date added	Date discussed by committee	Status	Comments
	Verda and Chemawa NE	GNE	Flashing Crossing	6/7/2023		Monitor-	No update. Brought up by mayor at Council meeting. Would like a Study for monitoring. 02/15/24- speed survey in progress. 03/21/24 - Public Works is working on speed advisory signs. 04/18/24 - installed.
	Lockhaven N near McNary	NW	RRFB- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	6/7/2023		Monitor	Engineer Warrant Study has been completed and results will be presented to Council on 11/20/23 for Council to provide direction to staff. Studay already done. 02/15/24 - Need to approach Budget Committee to move forward. 03/21/24 - RFP for next year's budget; discuss in July of 2024. 04/18/24 -Bill L. said he would get & install sooner than initally planned. 06/20/24 - Rapid flashing beacon was ordered & should be installed by July 1st.

	Alder NE @ Brooks NE	SE	(2) Solar Speed Displays on Alder NE @ Brooks Ave NE- one for each direction.	6/7/2023		Monitor	Going to Council 11/20/23 - Council needs to direct timeline as nothing set aside in current budget for this. 02/15/24- Should be here in mid-February & Public Works will install it. 03/21/24 - Speed displays were installed last week. School & sidewalk signage are installed. Dawn Wilson invited the SEKNA Chair to speak on the result. 04/18/24 - Equipment failed, was returned & will be replaced. 06/20/24 - equipment was replaced.
	Signs along Bike path, the Parkway side.	SE	Signs	6/7/2023		Monitor- Safe Routes to Parks?	In process. City is working on this with ODOT. Monitor the resolution in 3 months. 02/15/24- Awaiting feedback on progress and schedule. 03/21/24 - Councilor Husseman spoke w/ODOT & he read email; no IGA; \$1,000+ for signs and \$2,600 w/labor; working on grant; City would have to maintain signs. Mike to look into situation & report back to TSBP. 04/18/24 - Mike is waiting to hear from ODOT. Chair will talk w/ODOT contact (Jenna), if okay with Public Works. 06/20/24 - can push back on ODOT for maintenance support after purchasing signs or partner w/County for bigger value. Hersch will talk w/County & Heidi.

Traffic Safety, Bikeways & Pathways - NEED FURTHER ANALYSIS

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S c o r e	Project	NA	Type of project	Date added	Date discussed by committee	Status	Comments
	Candlewood NE Curve at Brooks NE	SE	Flashing Amber Beacon for curve warning	6/7/2023	2/16/2024	Monitor for further concerns	Make recommendation. Nothing set aside in current budget for this. Lt. Wenning suggested using chevrons. 02/15/24- There are chevrons there.
	Lockhaven NE bike striping at River Rd -- Eastbound only at Creekside Bus Stop	GNE		6/15/2023		Monitor	In Process: City to address with striping. Mayor Clark said that this is a go and Bill Lawyer will ease it out to make a bike lane pullout to not be as sharp. 02/15/24- Mr. Sangster believes painting is critical for bicyclists eastbound & westbound. 03/21/24 - Motion made to have both sides of bike lanes painted & for traffic study. 04/18/24 - DKS Engineering is looking into this, will provide City with quote for study & were provided a bike schematic with buffers. 06/20/24 - Mike G. said the cost is \$15k for 2 DKS Studies (Lockaven study & Chemawa study)--and Council didn't recommend moving forward.

	Keizer Rd NE: Verda-Ridge	GNE	Heavy pedestrian & bicycle useage	7/20/2023		Monitor	03/21/24 - Keep on list & remind Bill Lawyer for a sidewalk in front of church. Motion made to do a study of installing a sidewalk on the N. side of Keizer Road from Verda to existing sidewalk. 04/18/24 - DKS Engineering to provide City w/quote for study. 6/20/24 Mike G reported quote for design and construction is \$153,000.
	Chemawa Rd & River Rd, Westbound	NW	Green warning striping for bicyclists	11/16/2023		Monitor	03/21/24 - Need traffic safety study or paint to show bike lane. Motion made to look at proper flow for cyclists. 04/18/24 - DKS Engineering to provide City w/quote for study. 6/20/24 Mike G. said the cost is \$15k for 2 DKS Studies (Lockaven study & Chemawa study)--and Council didn't recommend moving forward. 6/29/24 Crash data from 2017-2021 SKATS study has two bike crashes and one pedestrian crash at intersection.
	Newberg & Lockhaven		McNary School Morning Traffic turning around w/children walking	7/18/2024		Monitor	Griffin Walker's Video depicting traffic safety issue: https://youtu.be/MhplI3GxNlo

Traffic Safety, Bikeways & Pathways - COMPLETED PROJECTS

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Project	NA	Type of project	Status	Comments
Cummings/Delight N Speed Table	WK	Speed Table	Completed	FY 23/24 Construction date: August 2023. WKNA provided feedback at the last meeting on the speed table at the school.
Library crosswalk at Rickman Rd NE	GNE	RRFB-Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon	Completed	FY 23/24 Construction date: July 2023
Claggett St NE: River- 10th/ 10th: Claggett- Chemawa NE	GNE	Speed study	Completed	Speed study complete showing 85th% EB 26mph, WB 27mph. Avg. EB 20.24mph, WB 20.53mph Data indicates there is not a speeding issue.
Windsor Island Rd / Willow Lake	WK	Paint / no parking	No Action	Evaluated by Public Works - no acted needed.
Meadowlark & 14th / Gubser School	GG	speed study	Completed	Police monitoring and traffic study. Officer Powell reported on completed speed study on Meadowlark for school traffic: average is 6 mph under speed limit at 19 mph.
Shoreline Speed Display	WK	Speed display	Completed	2023. 02/15/24- Need Post Study from Neighborhood Association. WKNA provided feedback at the last meeting.
Dearborn, near Claggett Creek Park	GNE	Crosswalk assessment	No Action	Assessed by PW in October 2023; This was brought to Bill Lawyer and he said we will not be putting a crosswalk there.
Hidden Creek and Brook Hollow	GNE	Painting project	Completed	The curbs were painted yellow October 2022.
Arnold NE/Beebe NE corner	SE	Paint curb yellow for No Parking	No Action	I drove it at various school times and did not see any issues. This kind of problem with cars nosed out into the roadway is a PD enforcement issue.

Traffic Safety, Bikeways & Pathways - OUTSIDE OF TSBP SCOPE

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Project	NA	Type of project	Comments
Verda at Dearborn NE		Cherriot bus stop at Dearborn NE	NA will need to contact Cherriots. Councilor Husseman to look into this. Not a Public Works Project.
Ben Miller Family Park - Fence			This to be addressed by Parks Dept.
Chemawa NE Curve on west side before approaching Lucinda Ave NE	GG	(1) Solar speed display	Make recommendation. Nothing set aside in current budget for this. 02/15/24- This falls under Public Works.
Assessment of westbound traffic on NE corner of River Rd and Lockhaven at location of delineators.	GG	observation	city staff to evaluate if crossovers are common
Lockhaven - Left Turn Lane - Bicyclists Safety			04/18/2024 - Left turn lane is too small.

Traffic Safety, Bikeways & Pathways - MAJOR PROJECTS

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MAJOR Projects	Committee member	Summary of project	Date added	Comments
Region 2 ODOT project		https://odotopenhouse.org/r2-2024-construction?utm_campaign=2024-construction-ooh&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email	6/29/2024	
Verda Lane ODOT Project		https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=20741	3/21/2024	
Turf Fields			3/21/2024	
Wheatland Road Project	Dave Dempster		4/18/2024	Configuration issue.
Ridge Drive (Mickey Walker - For Love of the Game)			4/18/2024	Ground maintenance & parking issues. 06/20/24 - City owns property & Members asked if it is included in "Parks" for Safe Routes - Matt Myers will look into this.

Marion County's Rural Transportation Plan	Hersch		4/18/2024	Marion County was now moving forward with their rural transportation plan, and Hersch would be serving on the committee. 06/20/24 - they just sent the survey for the 1st meeting in July - Salem is also involved.
Windsor Island - Marion County Urban Transportation Plan	Hersch		4/18/2024	Hersch is on Committee.