



## Redmond Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

April 13, 2009 6:30 PM City Hall Trestle Room

### MEETING AGENDA

1. **PRO Plan Update:** The Parks and Recreation Department is updating the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Trails and Art Plan for 2010 – 2016. Carolyn Hope, the project manager for this update, will provide a summary of the process, schedule and goals of the project.
2. **NE 116th St Access to the Sammamish River Trail:** Discuss providing a better bicycle access between NE 116<sup>th</sup> St and the Sammamish River Trail particularly when the cyclist is going to or coming from westbound NE 116<sup>th</sup> St. Cindy Jayne has developed some ideas on how to address this issue and will bring some pictures.
3. **2009 Work Program:** Joel Pfundt will present a brief review of the 2008 work program and a proposed work program for 2009. The committee will then have the opportunity to review and modify the 2009 work program which will help guide committee actions during the remainder of this year.\*
4. **Updates:**
  - a. Bicycle Education Course
  - b. Puget Sound Energy Trail (Phase III) – Sammamish River Trail to Red-Wood Rd (SR 202) Update\*
  - c. Proposal by Citizen to Adopt SR 520 Bike Trail
5. **Other Business:** Please bring any additional pedestrian and bicycle issues to share and discuss.

\*See attached information.

***Next meeting is proposed for May 11, 2009. – Please let me know if there are any items you would like to see on the agenda.***

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2008 Work Program – *Status Report April 2009*

- Bicycle Program
  - Wayfinding - *ongoing*
  - Sammamish River Trail Resurfacing - *ongoing*
  - New bike lanes 150<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - *ongoing*
  - Bike racks - *ongoing*
  - Bike lanes markings - *ongoing*
  - Loop testing and marking - *ongoing*
- Sidewalk Program
  - Project selection – Next Construction 2009 - *complete*
- PSE Trail
  - Preliminary Design Sammamish River Trail to SR 202 - *ongoing*
  - Rose Hill connection - *ongoing*
- Pedestrian Safety Education Program - *ongoing*
- Downtown East-West Corridor Study (DEWCS) - *complete*
- 166<sup>th</sup> Ave NE /NE 104<sup>th</sup> St Signal and 166<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Rechannelization – *complete/ongoing*
- Overlake Pedestrian and Bicycle Corridor
  - 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE Rechannelization - *replace with corridor study*
  - NE 36<sup>th</sup> St Bridge - *ongoing*
- NE 116<sup>th</sup> St. Pedestrian Facilities - *future*
- 40<sup>th</sup> St Corridor Study - *future*
- Walk and Bike to Work/School Month - *ongoing*
- Red-Wood Rd Update (February) - *complete*

Added by Committee 1-14-08

- Address wrong way riding on NE 116<sup>th</sup> St near the Sammamish River Trail - *ongoing*
- Get information about PBAC on RCTV - *complete*
- Organize PBAC booth, maybe jointly with the Parks and Trails Commission for Derby Days - *future*
- City of Redmond Bike Map update – Coordinate with County regarding if they are doing any updates - *complete*
- City Campus Master Plan and impacts of Great Lawn project on Sammamish River Trail - *future*
  
- Others ideas?

**Joel Pfundt**

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**From:** KevinA [mtnwuff@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 05, 2009 21:49  
**To:** Joel Pfundt  
**Subject:** Paving the Puget Power Trail

Dear Redmond Bicycle Advisory Committee:

I'm writing to you in opposition to plans to pave the Puget Power Trail from its intersection with the Sammamish River Trail up to the intersection with SR202. I live in Woodinville and for the past 5 years have been leading a weekly mountain bike ride that utilizes the Puget Power Trail, Redmond Watershed and the Tolt Pipeline. These soft surfaced trails are an important resource for mountain bikers in the Seattle area. There are not many places in the United States where you can link a series of soft surfaced trails together in suburban areas to form a 20+ mile loop. With both the length of the ride as well as the climbs and descents along the route, this forms an excellent training ride in addition to being a fine recreation loop.

I used to be a member of the Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club (which recently changed its name to the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance) and this loop is utilized by many people who belong to the club who live on this side of Lake Washington as well as others who journey over specifically to ride in this area. Not only do they recreate over here but quite often they spend money as well to eat after the ride in places like the Redhook Brewery. Despite the trails not being the kind that mountain bikers would normally find most interesting (we like narrow trails that wind through the woods), this has grown into one of the most used trail routes by the entire group. The route is utilized all year around, including night rides during the winter months.

Not only am I against paving this one section, but I'm also against future plans to pave the entire length of the Puget Power Trail. Soft surfaced trails are very much in the minority in the Seattle area and it would be a terrible shame to lose them. Having a "shoulder" for mountain bikers, runners and horse riders sounds nice but putting all three user groups into one small section where the sight lines are wide open is not a good idea, especially when they currently have a wider trail corridor right now. The ability to get out into nature when we're so surrounded by suburbia is every bit as important as an alternative for people who feel unsafe riding on the road.

I would hope that we could instead expand the length of soft surfaced multi-use trails in the region. Completing the missing section of the trail corridor between Farrell-McWhitter Park and the Redmond Watershed. Fixing the messy section of trail that leads into the southwest corner of the Watershed along the fence. Instead, if we really MUST create more paved trails (and personally I don't think that we need more paved areas), why not reserve the narrow shoulder area for the paved portion of the trail? Possibly keep one small paved section in the middle for commuters or road bike riders and keep sections on either side as soft surfaced for runners, mountain bikers, horse riders and walkers who don't want to be on pavement.

Please preserve the current soft surface status of the Puget Power Trail. Its a real gem of a resource and part of what makes it nice to live in this area. We need more natural surfaced trail corridors, not less. If we can work together to keep our local soft surfaced trails and even expand the system, I would very much like to help out with that. Thank-you for your time.

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