



## **Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) February 11, 2008 – Meeting Summary**

**Attendees:** Richie Strong, Cindy Jayne, Pat Matson, Glenn Eades, Bertha Eades, Arnie Tomac, Bob Berg, Councilmember David Carson, Councilmember Hank Myers

**City Staff:** Jeanne Justice, Tricia Thomson, Joel Pfundt

### **1. Announcements**

Chair Arnie Tomac announced that we were fortunate to have two Council members attending our PBAC meeting – David Carson and Hank Myers.

Joel Pfundt informed the committee the order of the agenda had been modified.

### **2. Traffic Signal Loop Testing Results**

Joel described testing that had been going on at signal loops around the City to ensure that they are able to detect bicycles. A few locations have been found that were not able to detect bicycles and they have fixed. In most cases loops are able to detect bicycles, even carbon fiber frames. Committee members volunteered to test and report if loops are functioning if a list can be provided.

It was discussed that many cyclists are confused where to place their bike in order to have it detected by the traffic signal. Joel brought up the plan to mark loop locations for cyclists as part of an upcoming street marking and channelization program. The committee was very supportive of this and suggested gathering comments from other groups, such as the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association, Cascade Bike Club and events sponsored by these organizations regarding locations and issues. This will be an ongoing work item for the committee.

### **3. 166<sup>th</sup> Ave NE & NE 104<sup>th</sup> St Traffic Signal and NE 166<sup>th</sup> St Rechannelization**

Tricia Thomson reported on the results of the February 7, 2008 Open House. She said that over 100 people attended the meeting. A survey was handed out and of the people who attended the meeting, the majority preferred the 4-to-3 lane conversion

across the entire Redmond Junior High frontage. Citizens could return surveys by February 15, 2008 and final survey results will be available the following week.

When discussing the 4-to-3 lane conversion the entire length of 166<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 85<sup>th</sup> St to NE 104<sup>th</sup> St the idea of having just an uphill bike lane in some sections was discussed and the concept was generally supported by the committee. The committee also reviewed the intersection concept that was presented at the meeting. The committee requested that a letter of support for the 4-to-3 lane conversion be prepared for signature by Chairman Tomac.

#### **4. Redmond-Woodinville Corridor Study**

Jeanne Justice attended the meeting to give a status report on this project. Jeanne was at the PBAC meeting in September 2007 to discuss this project. At that meeting the committee stated its preference for bicycle lanes and pedestrian facilities on both sides of Red-Wood Rd. The committee also felt strongly about bike lanes being included along 154<sup>th</sup> Pl NE.

The following options were presented at a November 2007 Open House:

- A. 3 lane cross section with 1 general purpose lane in each direction
- B. 5/4 lane cross section with 2 general purpose lanes in each direction
- C. 5/4 lane cross section with 1 general purpose lane and 1 HOV lane in each direction
- D. Couplet using Red-Wood Rd and 154<sup>th</sup> Pl NE and extending 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE between the two corridors

The open house participants had a slight preference for Option A and a neighborhood subgroup that is meeting adjacent to the corridor had a strong preference for Option A. Because of concerns about how the corridor would function based on future traffic volumes the recommendation to council is for Option C. Part of that recommendation is to see if a way can be figured out to integrate the sidewalk on the west side of Red-Wood Rd into adjacent new development.

After a lengthy discussion the committee did not take a position on the number of lanes needed on Red-Wood Rd but felt strongly that sidewalks and bike lanes should be included on both sides of Red-Wood Rd and 154<sup>th</sup> Pl NE as part of the proposed cross section. The committee also supported a soft surface trail (compacted gravel or similar) on the 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE right-of-way between 154<sup>th</sup> and Red-Wood Rd. The committee also stated that to the extent feasible this work should be done by development as it occurs in the corridor. The committee requested that a letter be prepared for signature by Chairman Tomac reflecting this committee recommendation.

Council members Carson and Myers expressed concern with the intersection alignment at 109/154<sup>th</sup>, and the indicated property acquisition. A suggestion was made to look at realigning the intersection, potentially at NE 113<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **5. Action Items**

- Provide information about signal loop locations that need to be tested and develop way to get comments from walkers and bikers.
- Committee recommendation letters for 166<sup>th</sup> and Red-Wood.