



Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) May 12, 2008 – Meeting Summary

Attendees: Dave Alm, Pat Matson, Bertha Eades, Glenn Eades, Ernie Grillo, Richie Strong, Joe Shuster, Chris Thomas, Arnie Tomac

City Staff: Susan Byszeski

1. Bike and Walk to School Month

Susan Byszeski, Traffic Safety Specialist, presented what the City is doing for May's bike and walk to school month. This event is intended to encourage kids to bike and walk to school more and to do it safely.

- Horace Mann and Ben Rush had a bicycle to school day - Cascade Bicycle Club is working directly with representatives from schools
- Free pedometers being handed out to promote walking to school
- Lake Washington School District policy is that only 5th or 6th graders can bike to school at elementary schools
- Possible future ideas suggested by staff include:
 - Bike rodeo – It was suggested that cascade might be able to do this
 - Bike Day in conjunction with Redmond Town Center event(s)
- Suggestions and comments from the Committee included:
 - Junior Highs would be good to get involved with future bike events
 - Summer education as part of school
 - Bike bus concept
 - Need full package of different ideas to make a big bike event
 - Walk to school in October; could it include bikes? Two moms on board to bicycling as part of event
 - Work through PTSA – get them involved
 - Sustainability is a good angle
 - League of American Bicyclists could be a good resource
 - Get all 6 elementary and 2 junior high schools involved
 - High school? What about it? – Staffs perception is that there is not much opportunity there at this point. High school students need community service hours though so they can help
 - Three things kids need in order to ride to school
 - Tune-ups
 - Locks

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- Peer competition is a great motivating factor

2. Downtown Redmond SR 520 Corridor Nonmotorized Issues

Joel Pfundt discussed the current plans for new additions in the area. It was agreed that the top priority project would be the connection of the E Lake Sammamish Trail through the SR 520/SR 202 interchange. Other comments are as follows:

- Wide shoulders on SR520 ramps to 76th; keep them and mark them for bikes
- Create loop routes using new connections
- Safeway trail connection to Avondale Way
- Avondale Way – road diet? or rechannelization to add bike lanes
- Bike lane on NE 65 Street and East Lake Sammamish Parkway?

3. Updates

a. Downtown Bicycle Parking

10 additional bike-bike racks have been installed around downtown.

b. Bicycle Wayfinding

The regional project discussed at previous meetings has been put on hold.

c. PSE Trail Preliminary Design Sammamish River Trail to Redmond-Woodinville Rd (SR 202)

Consultant selection is underway and the project will start later this summer.

d. SR 202 and NE 124th Intersection

The committee was pleased that wide shoulders/bike lanes will be provide north and south bound along SR 202. The committee also approved of the concept of removing the trail along the north side of NE 124th St from this phase of the project because of environmental and property acquisition challenges.