



Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) May 14, 2007 – Meeting Summary

Attendees: Bob Berg, Bob Beers, Chris Thomas, Bertha Eades, Dave Alm, Arnie Tomac

City Staff: Joel Pfundt

1. 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Joel presented a status report on the 2008-2013 Update of the 6-Year TIP. Key update information included:

Projects to Remove – Completed

- B7 – School Zone Speed Limit Flashing Beacons
- C31 – Redmond Way at NE 76th St Intersection Modification and Widening
- L2 – Sammamish Valley Corridor Study (Included in Red-Wood Corridor Study)
- S16 – Old Redmond Rd Widening
- S28 – Redmond ITS, Phase III (Overlake to Downtown Redmond Corridor)
- S33 – NE 85th St Rechannelization
- T5 – Redmond Way Sidewalk and Transit Improvements
- T11 – Downtown Redmond Transit Center

Projects to Remove – Other

- S18 – Avondale Road Improvements
- B9 – NE 51st St Sidewalk (Add to sidewalk program)

Proposed Projects to Add

- 166th Ave NE Rechannelization between NE 85th Street and NE 104th Street (Approval of Ed Hill Plan)
- NE 90th St Sidewalk from Willows Rd to 154th Ave NE (Grant opportunity)
- NE 90th St at 151st Ave NE Traffic Signal (Grant opportunity)
- Willows Creek Trail from 142nd Ave NE to Puget Sound Energy Trail (Enhancement grant opportunity)
- Union Hill Rd Widening from 188th Ave NE to Redmond City Limits (Novelty Hill Rd/196th Ave NE Extension Related)
- W Lake Sammamish Pkwy Rehabilitation from NE 24th St to South City Limits
- NE 40th Street Corridor Study

As part of this item the committee also discussed the Pedestrian and Bicycle Programs. Lists of potential projects were presented to the committee and the committee agreed that these projects were good candidates for future use of fund from the two programs. It was also suggested as part of the Bicycle Program that bike lanes could be marked along 150th Ave NE between NE 40th St and NE 51st St using existing curb-to-curb pavement.

The committee also discussed the use of sharrow pavement markings as part of the Bicycle Program. A report titled "San Francisco's Shared Lane Pavement Markings: Improving Bicycle Safety" (February 2004, San Francisco Department of Parking & Traffic/Alta Planning + Design) was provided to the group to illustrate the application of sharrows. The committee was supportive of the concept of using sharrows in Redmond if it was on a project that met the criteria laid out in the report and was coupled with an education campaign.

They were not supportive of implementing them as part of the NE 85th St Rechannelization project because the project is already complicated and controversial for Redmond; additionally the project would implement the first sharrows in the region and does not have the necessary education component to go with it. The committee also liked the formal designation of bike lanes included on the current plans for the project.

2. Complete Streets Ordinance

Joel stated that the City is preparing a complete streets ordinance for the City of Redmond. The purpose of this ordinance is to require that the City consider and provide for the needs of all users when constructing new streets or improving existing streets (with some identified exceptions). The committee was supportive of this ordinance moving forward and it is scheduled to be heard by the City Council Planning and Public Works Committee on June 20, 2007. The date for consideration by the entire City Council has not been determined.

3. E Lake Sammamish Trail at SR 520 and SR 202 Grade Separations

An update was provided regarding the ongoing discussions between the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King County and the City of Redmond on the status of this project. The project will not be funded as part of WSDOT's SR 520 Widening project but the three parties will work together to find funding for this project.

4. Other Business

Arnie Tomac said that he had been contacted by the Washington Bicycle Alliance about a meeting at Marymoor Park on May 15 regarding the Marymoor Connector Trail and discussions with bicycle user groups. City staff attended this meeting and also the follow-up open house community meeting held May 23rd.