



Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) June 8, 2009 – Meeting Summary

Attendees: Bertha Eades, Glenn Eades, Cindy Jayne, Arnie Tomac

City Staff: Dennis Apland, Carolyn Hope, Joel Pfundt, Tricia Thomson

1. SR 520 Trail Detour

Dennis Apland, project manager, presented possible detour routes for the SR 520 Trail during NE 36th St Bridge construction. The Committee discussed a number of potential detours, but all but one required the use of private property and establishing new access points to the SR 520 Trail. Although the Committee indicated a preference to avoid sections of 148th Ave NE and NE 40th St they did support the use of an all public streets detour if it was necessary. They suggested using Dan Henry markings to help indicate the direction of the detour. The final detour uses NE 40th St, 150th Ave NE, NE 36th St and 148th Ave NE.

2. 166th Avenue NE Rechannelization Survey Results

Tricia Thomson, Senior Engineer, presented the results of a post construction survey for the installation of the traffic signal at 166th Ave NE and NE 104th St and the 4-to-3 lane conversion from NE 100th St to NE 104th St. The intent of the survey was (1) to get driver opinions about the new roadway environment; (2) to see if the new traffic signal and roadway improvements met the goal to improve pedestrian safety; (3) determine the level of support to complete the 4 to 3 lane conversion on 166 Avenue NE from approximately NE 97 to NE 85 Street; and (4) to see how people received their information about this project throughout the construction. Some of the highlights of the survey are as follows:

- 80% of those surveyed think the new traffic signal has improved the efficiency of the intersection at 166 Avenue NE/NE 104 Street.
- 80% of those surveyed think the primary goal to improve pedestrian safety has been accomplished.
- Majority of respondents think there are no significant delays along the corridor and traffic is moving better since the project was completed.
- Nearly half of the respondents report that NO ONE in their home walks or bikes.
- 60% of respondents are favorable towards 4 to 3 lane conversions, but 55% of respondents WOULD NOT favor converting other locations in the City. Nearly

70% are NOT in favor of completing the conversion on 166 Avenue NE from NE 97 to NE 85 Street.

- Those who are in favor of converting the remaining segment of 166 Avenue NE identify it as a very low priority project.
- Because we didn't ask a follow-up "why or why not" question about whether people want or don't want to convert the remainder of 166, we haven't been able to draw any conclusions about why most don't want the remainder converted.
- Almost 70% of survey takers thought the City did a good job communicating with area residents and schools throughout the construction.
- Most people got their information about the project through the Redmond Reporter, but the majority prefer to be contacted about City projects through email.

Tricia stated that based on this feedback the project will not be moving forward at this point and there will be a July 7th presentation to Council.

After the presentation the Committee commented on the project and next steps.

- Bikes merging signs should be added at 166th and 104th intersection where ramps go up to sidewalk from bike lane. More experienced cyclists will want to take the lane instead of ride on the sidewalk.
- Make sure that this project remains on the plan for future implementation. It will need to be looked at again in the future as other things in the community change, such as development in Downtown and performance of the corridor (accidents, number of cyclists).
- The Committee requested that the memo to Council include the Committee's recommendation that the project be kept on all lists and be evaluated in the future.

3. Transportation Facility Plan Update

Joel presented the list of proposed projects that are include in the 2022 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP), Build-out Transportation Plan, Thoroughfare Plan, and Growth Targets Amendment currently under review by the Planning Commission. There are six major projects included on the proposed 2022 TFP that represent a major investment in nonmotorized transportation in Overlake (see below). The Committee strongly supported these projects and requested that staff prepare a letter of support to be submitted to the Planning Commission. The Committee supports the project because:

- They facilitate continued growth
- Only getting more expensive and challenging to implement
- Needed to create an Urban Center
- Light rail will be coming there and these projects are needed to prepare for HCT
- This is a huge opportunity to transform this area to a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly place
- Committed to these projects in the Overlake Neighborhood Plan

RED-OV-026	SR 520 Trail at NE 40th Street	Grade separate SR 520 Trail at NE 40th Street.	\$5,000,000
RED-OV-027	SR 520 Trail at NE 51st Street	Grade separate SR 520 Trail at NE 51st Street.	\$5,000,000
RED-OV-032	NE 40th Street Transit Center SR 520 Pedestrian Crossing	Provide a new direct pedestrian connection over SR 520 between the Overlake Transit Center and the Microsoft west campus (in the vicinity of the NE 38th Street alignment).	\$5,000,000
RED-TMP-080	NE 40th Street	Provide bicycle lanes/multi-use trail on NE 40th Street from 156th Avenue NE to West Lake Sammamish Pkwy. Work with Microsoft to design NE 40th Street as a gateway with multi-modal design features. This should include bicycle lanes on both sides of the street and/or wide (12-foot) multi-use trail on one side to accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition, provide a bicycle connection with the existing bicycle lane on NE 40th Street east of 172nd Avenue NE.	\$3,650,000
RED-TMP-084	NE 51st Street	Complete missing segments of sidewalk on the southside of NE 51st St from 158th Ave NE to West Lake Sammamish Pkwy.	\$350,000
RED-TMP-081	148th Avenue NE/SR 520 Interchange	Modify channelization and signals, and provide wide multi-use trail that is seperated from the roadway on the east side of 148th Ave NE from the westbound SR 520 ramps to the SR 520 Trail at the eastbound SR 520 ramps (148th Ave NE bridge over SR 520).	\$3,000,000

4. Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Trails & Art Plan

Carolyn Hope, Senior Planner, presented the results of the citizen survey and community meetings that were done as part of the update to the PRO Plan. There seemed to be a great deal of support for more soft surface trails and open space in Redmond along with many other amenities people would like to see. The Committee wanted to make sure that new soft surface trails would be constructed in a way to minimize erosion and trail damage since there are many user groups that use the trail system. Also, the Committee supported the idea of minimizing trail user conflicts through good design and education.

The committee also like the proposed new name for the plan Parks, Art, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) Plan.

5. Senior Center Wellness Program and Volkswalk in September

Carolyn also presented on Senior Center activities related to walking. The Committee had some good ideas and Committee members have contributed walk route ideas since the meeting.

6. Field Trip

The location of the July field trip will be walking sections of the proposed Centennial Trail Loop on Education Hill. Members of the Parks and Trails Commission will be invited too.

7. Updates

a. NE 40th St Corridor Study

Study is ongoing and a Web based survey was done to gauge issues in the corridor.

b. Bicycle Facilities Design Manual

Project is wrapping up and information will be provided to Committee likely at September meeting.

c. Bicycle Wayfinding Grant

The City was not successful in its attempt to get grant funding for this project or the paving of the PSE Trail from the Sammamish River Trail to SR 202.