



Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) September 14, 2009 – Meeting Summary

Attendees: Jim Albers, Bob Berg, Bertha Eades, Glenn Eades, Cindy Jayne, Chris Thomas, Robin Randels (Cascade Bicycle Club)

City Staff: Joel Pfundt, Carolyn Hope

1. Bicycle Education Classes

Robin Randels, Cascade Bicycle Club Classes Coordinator, presented information about the classes that they offer. The City of Redmond and Cascade are working together to provide bicycling related education through the Redmond Recreation Guide. The Committee has wanted to get these types of classes offered in the Recreation Guide for a number of years and is very pleased to have Cascade participating as a partner. Maintenance classes will be offered in the fall/winter guide and then riding classes will be offered in the spring/summer guide. It was suggested that offering a variety of classes would be great and trying to market them as broadly as possible would also be important.

2. Greater Southeast Redmond Area Transportation Study

Lei Wu, Senior Engineer, provided an update on the status of this project. Lei presented the prioritization process and what will take place at the September 16, 2009 Open House. The Committee stated that completion of the Bear Creek Trail is a high priority, but that it would not be a replacement for the existing bike lanes on Avondale Rd.

3. Walking Maps for Redmond

Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner, presented two City of Redmond Walking maps. Each map covers a different part of Redmond. The Committee thought the maps looked great. They suggested including steep inclines, soft surface trails, level of accessibility and wayfinding on the maps. The Committee also suggested that street naming be done in relation to key decision points for the identified routes. It is also important that the font size be large enough for everyone to read. Also the Committee suggested adding safety tips and trail etiquette tips to the maps.

4. Updates

a. Bicycle Facilities Design Manual

The Bicycle Facility Design Manual has been completed and is now available on the City Web site at <http://www.redmond.gov/ConnectingRedmond/resources/bikemanual.asp>.

b. Sidewalk and Bicycle Facilities Program Update

A status update was provided.

5. Other Business

a. Trail Conflicts on the Sammamish River Trail

The Committee briefly discussed an upcoming project by King County and City of Redmond to better manage trail conflicts on the Sammamish River Trail on the congested portion of the trail in Downtown Redmond.

b. Idle Free Zones

Bob Berg mentioned his ongoing concern of the air quality impacts of vehicle idling, particularly at schools.

c. Signage

There was a discussion of what type of signage could be put in place to promote safe cycling and discourage wrong-way riding and in appropriate use of sidewalks by cyclists.