



## **Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) November 9, 2009 – Meeting Summary**

**Attendees:** Bertha Eades, Glenn Eades, Cindy Jayne, Chris Thomas, Arnie Tomac

**City Staff:** Joel Pfundt, Carolyn Hope

### **1. Sammamish River Trail Congestion Zone Improvements**

Carolyn Hope, Senior Parks Planner, presented information about a pilot study that is being done cooperatively by the City of Redmond and King County Parks to better manage conflicts on the Sammamish River Trail. The improvements will focus on the busiest section of trail, which has been defined as Leary Way to NE 90<sup>th</sup> St.

Improvements to help manage conflicts include: painting a yellow dashed strip down the middle of the trail, landscape management, warning and regulatory signage, education information at kiosks and brochures, improving the parallel soft surface path, and encouraging usage of the West Sammamish River Trail. The West Sammamish River Trail is the soft surface trail that extends from Leary Way to NE 116<sup>th</sup> St on the opposite side of the river from the paved Sammamish River Trail. It has much less usage and offers a more solitary and natural environment.

The Committee expressed their support for these improvements. There was concern about the landscape management creating too wide a swath of cleared vegetation that might actually create higher speeds by wheeled users. There was support for limited clearing to improve sight distances, particularly at trail access points. The Committee agreed with the termini of the project and encouraged the inclusion of signage that would identify when trail users were entering Redmond.

### **2. Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) Plan Update**

Carolyn also provided the Committee information on the PARCC Plan Update. Carolyn described the level of service (LOS) calculations that are being developed for the PARCC Plan to measure what are adequate levels of park services in the community. The new LOS measurement system will be a multi-faceted approach that is based on demand, need, function, walkability and geographic equity. Carolyn also provided information from a Parks Department survey of Redmond residents which showed that the top four recreational activities people want to do are walking, running, drop in sports and play. She also showed how trails were not equitably spread across the community. The

Committee commented that the analysis of trail LOS should include regional trails since they are part of the trail network in Redmond and they are seamlessly integrated with Redmond's own trail system.

### **3. Eastside Cities Bicycle Wayfinding Project**

Joel provided information on the ongoing effort by five cities on the Eastside to implement a bicycle wayfinding system. The Cities have received a grant to help fund the project and more updates will be provided to the Committee in the future.

### **4. Updates**

#### **a. SR 520 Trail**

Joel updated the committee on the status of the closure of a section of the SR 520 Trail in order to construct the NE 36<sup>th</sup> St Bridge and the issues with the existing detour. An alternative to the existing detour is being explored but it requires the cooperation of multiple private property owners, businesses and the contractor who is building the project.

#### **b. Sammamish River Trail Maintenance**

The poplars in front of the Redmond Senior Center, which have been causing root heaves on the Sammamish River Trail, have been removed.

#### **c. Sidewalk and Bicycle Facilities Program Update**

2009 sidewalk and bicycle program should be under construction by the end of the year.