



Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) November 10, 2008 – Meeting Summary

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

City Staff: Jayme Jonas, Steve Padua, Joel Pfundt

1. Overlake Wayfinding Study Update

Jayme Jonas, Associate Planner and Project Manager, provided a status report on the Overlake Wayfinding Study. She described the process by which the wayfinding locations have been identified and the role that the wayfinding project plays in implementing the Overlake Neighborhood Plan. Two maps were shown to Committee which showed the location of the 3-tier wayfinding system (signs, kiosks and gateways) and also the locations that have been identified as being destinations to put on the signs. The community involvement process on this project was also described, including prior presentations to City Council. The City Council directed staff to use the same sign as the Downtown wayfinding effort. The Committee had the following comments:

- Liked the idea of adding a wayfinding sign at the intersection of W Lake Sammamish Pkwy, NE 51st St and the terminus of the Sammamish River Trail extension.
- Bridal Crest Trail signage needs to be improved. Would it be appropriate to use this signage or work with parks to implement more of their trail wayfinding system?
- Add the YMCA at Highland Community Center & Park destination.
- Include Downtown Redmond and Downtown Bellevue on some signs, where appropriate. – Jayme stated that this is what they intended to do.
- Committee supported the idea of standardization of signs, but thought different color and identifying traits for Overlake would be nice.

Jayme said that other ideas that had come up at meetings included sponsorship of signs by business and ideas to include technology applications to direct people to the City's Web site or other information on the Web.

2. 2008 Bike Map Update

Steve Padua, Planning Intern and Project Lead, presented a draft version of the update to the Redmond Bicycling Guide was last updated in 2003-2004. He summarized the elements remaining largely unchanged on the new map are it would a bike guide and not include recommended routes, include 3 levels of traffic volume, and display important items of interests just like the existing map. Key items that are changing based on feedback from the last map include: map will smaller in physical size; line widths will be bolder to make it more readable; map will show a larger area, including Kirkland and north part of Bellevue; bus stops won't be included; and urban centers and bike lockers will be identified.

The committee indicated that the map looked really nice and they supported the proposed changes. The map name was also discussed and it was agreed that the name should remain the Redmond Bicycling Guide. They had the following suggestions for the informational area around the outer edge of the map:

- Include a disclaimer on the map.
- Show bike shops – although the difficulties of this were also discussed that business change location and open and close, and the endorsing of particular business may be problematic.
- Explain bike markings (particularly sharrows) and signal loops
- Web site reference
- Something about “So you want to bike commute? Here’s how...”
- Bicycle etiquette suggestions, particularly trail conflicts were discussed

3. NE 90th St Bike Lane and Right Turn Lane at 160th Ave NE

Joel Pfundt presented a number of options on how to best address the marking of the bike lane at NE 90th St and 160th Ave NE, which is being redone as part of a Local Efficiency Action Program (LEAP) project during 2008. Design is currently underway. After discussing a number of options the Committee recommended using the same treat that has been used in a similar situation at W Lake Sammamish Pkwy and NE 51st St, which is a single skip strip on the bike lane edge furthest from the curb. This recommendation was then provided to the project manager and consultant designing the project.

4. Updates

a. 2009 Bike Marking Program

Plans are to use Bicycle Program funds to mark bike lanes and sharrows on 150th Ave NE from NE 40th St to NE 51st St, and to help funding the 4-to-3 lane conversion on 152nd Ave NE from NE 20th St to NE 31st St. Also, a project is getting underway to develop a Bicycle Facilities Design Manual for Redmond that would guide how to build and maintain bicycle related facilities in Redmond.

b. 2008/2009 Sidewalk Program Update

A handout was providing showing the 2008/2009 Sidewalk Program. As the design progresses there will need to be a determination regarding if enough funding is available for both the NE 40th St and NE 90th St projects. The NE 90th St project is a higher priority because of its proximity to the Downtown Urban Center and location along a major transit route. Both of these sidewalks are on multimodal corridors.

c. Fall 2008 Bike and Pedestrian Count Data Collection Results

Bike and pedestrian counts were done at four trail locations during the week of September 6, 2008. The results are included in the attached table.

5. Other Business

Pat Matson suggested discussing maintenance practices in Redmond and making sure that they are done in a bicycle friendly way. For example, making sure that lane markings, buttons, manhole covers, etc. are adequately spaced so that cyclists have a clear and safe path, particularly during winter months when it is wet and dark.

TRAIL USAGE COUNTS*													Bike	Ped.	Other	User
	3:00- 3:15	3:15- 3:30	3:30- 3:45	3:45 -4:00	4:00- 4:15	4:15- 4:30	4:30- 4:45	4:45- 5:00	5:00- 5:15	5:15- 5:30	5:30- 5:45	5:45- 6:00	Total	Total	Total	Total
PSE Trail Between 162 nd PI NE and 164 th PI NE on NE 110 th St.	11	2	7	8	3	3	1	2	6	4	9	8	9	55	0	64
520 Trail North of NE 40 th St. to the West of SR 520	7	7	10	1	10	18	14	9	17	35	22	18	147	20	1	168
Sam. River Trail Directly behind Redmond Municipal Campus	23	40	28	34	39	53	52	66	64	66	82	75	471	131	20	622
Bear Creek Trail South of Redmond Town Center and Bear Creek Pkwy	12	8	14	7	15	22	17	15	15	19	20	19	123	52	8	183
TOTALS	53	57	59	50	67	96	84	92	102	124	133	120	750	258	29	1037

*Counts were completed on September 9th and 11th of 2008