



# MEETING MINUTES

## Redmond Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

Hybrid Meeting in Microsoft Teams / City Hall Room 135 – 6:30 PM

April 10, 2023

**ATTENDEES:** Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

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### MEETING NOTES:

1. Introductions (6:30-6:40 PM)
2. Redmond Bike Map Update Plan
  - a. Bike Map Purposes:
    - i. Map is primarily used for route creation (e.g., I want to go for a ride, where should I go) and less for route mapping (e.g., I need to get from point A to point B)
    - ii. Lots of other resources exist to help people map how to get from point to point, so the purpose of the Redmond Bike map should be considered during the updates to ensure that the City is not spending time creating features that won’t be used
    - iii. Current map is formulated in a way that is useful on paper, but not in an online format. Future maps with better online features (such as being able to zoom in and out) would be appreciated, this may require having separate map types (online vs printed)

- iv. Bike map is more likely to be used by newer or less experienced riders who are unfamiliar with other resources or are trying to gain more information about how they can start cycling in the Redmond area
- b. Bike Level of Stress notations:
  - i. Uphill grade markings on current map are very helpful and should be similarly reflected on future maps
  - ii. Path material types (pavement, gravel, dirt, etc.) is also helpful for route planning
  - iii. Color coding path types in a way similar to ski trails (green circle, blue square, black diamond) could be an inclusive way to help community members quickly identify where they would be able to safely bike
  - iv. Knowing how many other people are using the trails can be important for trip planning (is the trail going to be crowded) as well as safety (will I see other people or will I be alone on this segment)
- c. Bike Infrastructure:
  - i. Expansion of information regarding bike paths and infrastructure around all the transit centers (including light rail) would be helpful, as well as finding ways to post the printed version of the map in these locations physically
  - ii. Sidewalks (such as those along 148<sup>th</sup>) can be important connectors for bike infrastructure, such as getting from trail to trail without riding in the road; is there a way that sidewalks can be included in the routes for better information
- d. Regional Aspect of Map
  - i. Mixed feelings about small maps at the top of current bike map, some feel they are too small to be useful, others appreciate the full regional view of the larger trails
  - ii. Continue to provide detailed Kirkland and Bellevue information on the map as they are so close and connected with Redmond and many cyclists are actively going between the three cities
- e. Other map features:
  - i. QR codes are very useful, can be used on the map to link to other information such as transit maps or Redmond Parks information
  - ii. Current City of Redmond Parks information on the map is not particularly useful. Notes on the map of where parks are and a QR code or website link to find more information would be a better use of space
  - iii. Trail etiquette on the map may be useful to include so that everyone seeing the map gets a reminder, but continued signage along the trails needs to happen (as well as other education in the city where possible).

- iv. The PBAC would like to see a reference to the committee on the map so that others who are beginning to bike in Redmond can get more information about how to join the committee
  - v. Current public restroom notations on the map are helpful, it would be nice to see other amenities such as public water fountains also listed
  - vi. It would be nice to have a resource of where families could park a car to go for a bike ride on the multi-purpose trails when they may not have riders with capabilities of biking from home to the trail
  - vii. An online map that could demonstrate local features along the path could be helpful, such as being able to see where nearby bike shops, police stations, urgent care centers, or restaurants with bike parking are.
  - viii. Creating an online map resource that people could choose what layers are visible would be preferred; users could toggle on different layers of path types and see a map that only included what they felt comfortable riding along. This can also prevent oversaturation of information on the map
- f. Notes about other resources:
- i. Some other resources have segments of bike trails noted that do not currently exist (plans may be in motion, but the trail is not currently useable)
  - ii. Sound Transit and Metro have good information about how to load bikes on transit, Redmond may want to consider linking to this on the webpage. This can be scary for a new rider who is trying to link transit with a bike
  - iii. Other bike map resources shared by PBAC members:
    - 1. Leaf line trails network <https://leaflinetrailscoalition.wordpress.com>
    - 2. Ride with GPS heat map <https://ridewithgps.com/heatmap>
- g. PBAC Ride-Along
- i. Bring back the summer bike and walk alongs hosted by the PBAC committee- these can be used to share information about the map, about trail etiquette, about PBAC, etc.