Redmond Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

Bicycle Field Trip Summary
August 12, 2019 6:30 PM

Attendees: Arnie Tomac, Hank Myers, Christina Willmann, Shelly Bowman, Lizette Hedberg
Staff: Peter Dane

Agenda
The focus for this year’s field trip was to review a small test section of profiled edge line on West Lake Sammamish Parkway. The profiled edge line is intended to provide a stronger cue to drivers not to cross the edge line into the bicycle lane while avoiding negative impacts to people riding bicycles.

The trip began at City Hall and included stops along the Sammamish River Trail to discuss recent and upcoming projects. The route map may be found on the third page.

Notes
- Sammamish River Trail & Redmond Central Connector
  - King County’s Lake Hills sewer project will require reconstruction of the Sammamish River Trail. The County is considering replacing the Trail in this segment with a wider trail. Attendees were supportive of widening the trail to add capacity for pedestrians and bicyclists and to help reduce conflict between modes.
  - Sewer construction will require numerous detours. The Connector will be used for a detour in this segment. This detour located entirely on trails has received positive feedback in the past.
- Sammamish River Trail at Marymoor Way
  - PBAC previously opposed the King County sewer project detour proposal at one key segment: Leary Way to Marymoor Way. It would result in a detour of over one mile for pedestrians. Attendees proposed:
    - Breaking the closure segment area in half with a split at the SR 520 undercrossing. This takes advantage of existing pedestrian facilities on West Lake Sammamish Parkway that extend from Leary Way to the SR
520 underpass and provides a reasonable, short detour for pedestrians in this northern segment.

- Ensure that people of all ages who are walking and bicycling have an adequate detour around the closure from the SR 520 undercrossing to Marymoor Way (southern segment). Unfortunately, there is no sidewalk on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, leaving only two options for a pedestrian detour: 1) A temporary sidewalk on the east side of the roadway and remove all trees in conflict with the temporary sidewalk, or 2) close one northbound lane of West Lake Sammamish Parkway. PBAC members believe a detour is necessary and would support either option above. However, both alternatives have tradeoffs for the community and members suggested conducting broader outreach prior to selecting a detour option.

- Sammamish River Trail at 51st Street
  - The current City budget has funds to design the extension of the Sammamish River Trail and the ultimate roadway section (two general purpose lanes in each direction, bicycle lanes, and sidewalk) beginning in 2022. There is no funding for construction at this time.
  - Members have heard strong support from the community to extend the Sammamish River Trail further south from 51st Street and would like to see this work accelerated.
  - This intersection also includes the City’s first bicycle signal, which was installed several years ago after feedback from PBAC.

- West Lake Sammamish Parkway: Edge Line Test Site
  - The City installed a test site for a traffic feature called a profiled edge line on a short segment of West Lake Sammamish Parkway. PBAC had previously requested this installation to test if the edge line could reduce the number of times drivers cross into the bicycle lane without creating a collision hazard for bicyclists (may occur when using raised pavement markings, or “buttons” in the wrong locations). Attendees all bicycled over the edge line and agreed that it does not cause a hazard for bicyclists and that it would help discourage drivers from crossing into the bicycle lane.
  - Based on this feedback the City will consider implementation of the edge line in upcoming transportation projects.