

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024, at 12:00 PM

Ridge Room (108)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

CITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Bob Lange (Chair) – Present
Jason Roberts (Vice Chair) – Present
Daniel Edwards – Present
Larry Sussman - Present
Vacant Position

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chip Dennerlein – Absent
Lesley Orr – Present
Brent Shannon – Present
Dustin Abbott - Present
Vacant Position

CITY STAFF/COUNCIL LIASONS:

Rob Pell (City Council) – Absent
Wade Elliott (City Liaison) – Present
Rob Brandes (Jo Co Public Works) – Present *Absent*
John Lazur (ODOT) – Present via Teams
Susan Morgan (Minute Recorder) – Present

1. Roll Call:

Chair Lange opened the meeting and roll was taken.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Committee Member Comments: Vice Chair Roberts discussed attending a sister committee meeting and feeling uncomfortable when asked to give his name. Members discussed the importance of being friendly to members of the public who attend Bikeways and Walkways committee meetings. Wade received clarification by City Recorder, Karen Frerk that it is required to give your name if speaking at a committee meeting but not necessary if the attendant is observing and not speaking.

Member Edwards mentioned lifted sidewalks around the city. Wade noted that it's the owner's responsibility to repair sidewalks and informed the committee that there is a sidewalk repair request form on the city website.

Chair Lange brought a crosswalk hazard to the committee's attention. A large bush by Dutch Bros is blocking the view of the crosswalk at the corner of Agness and Parkway. Drivers turning right off Agness onto Parkway to enter the freeway cannot see pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Member Sussman mentioned the need for a crosswalk sign for the hazardous crossing at the intersection where the Fruitdale Creek Trail crosses Fruitdale Drive onto Overland Drive. This was brought up at the prior meeting and County Liaison

Rob Brandes was going to check into a possible crosswalk and signage and get back to the committee.

Member Sussman also discussed Dollar Mountain trail connections from Hiegle Loop to B Street. Chair Lang suggested adding this to the agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2024

MOTION

Vice Chair Roberts moved, and Member Sussman seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 8, 2024, as written. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Vice Chair Roberts, Members Orr, Abbott, Shannon, Sussman, and Edwards. "Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Dennerlein. The motion passed.

5. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

Updates from Local Jurisdictions:

City – Wade Elliott updated members on the current projects.

- Allen Creek Road bid openings took place. ODOT is working through the contracting process. Utility relocates will take place in February/March with the project hoping to be complete by the fall of 2025. This will connect Allen Creek Road to the location of the potential fourth bridge by the Flying Lark.
- In connection with the fourth bridge, Lincoln Road will be widened from G Street to Bridge Street.
- ODOT will be conducting a traffic study on Redwood Hwy from Dowell Road to Tussey Lane incorporating the fourth bridge as an outlet.
- Wade reminded the committee that the transportation system plan will be changed in 2026 due to the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities state rule. Wade explained that this will benefit bikeways and walkways, and committee input will be needed when the time comes.
- 6th and 7th Street Multimodal Study is moving forward.
- The Greenway study showed that Oregon Hwy 99 (Rogue River Hwy) is the ideal route. Consultants are looking into cost, which side of the road would be best, and how to phase the project. Member Orr suggested also looking into schools and transit when deciding whether to put the path on the north or south side of the highway.
- Bids will open for the Riverside waterline soon. 8th to 9th streets will have the waterline and sidewalks replaced and ADA ramps installed.

- The 5th Street Storm and Sewer replacement project will be going out to bid next week. This will replace the storm and sewer lines on 5th Street from G Street to the river. Work is slated to begin in March or April of 2025.
- ODOT's final ADA ramp package is starting to be scoped out. Agnes Avenue, Beacon Avenue, 6th and 7th streets, and other areas around town will have ADA-compliant ramps and crossings installed.
- The Agnes Avenue round-a-bout is still in the design phase.

County – Wade Elliott briefly updated members in Rob Brandes's absence.

- The bids are open for the Grants Pass Airport water line/sewer line project, and the project will start in the upcoming months. This will provide water from the city to the area and transfer wastewater to a treatment plant in Merlin. Coordinating a Safe Routes to School project in this area was discussed.

State – No updates

6. Action Items:

- a. Bike repair station: Member Shannon visited BikeKraft and Don's Bike to discuss sponsorship for bike repair stations. BikeKraft was interested depending on funding and Don's Bike was on board. Both businesses gave feedback on repair station locations and agreed that the Welcome Center, Josephine County transit hub, and the Dollar Mountain trailhead were good locations. The committee discussed the type of repair stations that are needed and agreed that the tower style with a built-in foot pump would be best. The stations are estimated to cost \$3000 each and funding was discussed. Wade will talk to the Parks Department about funding part of the stations. Maintenance instead of funding by the bike shops, with a sponsorship plaque on the stations, was agreed on.

MOTION

Member Shannon moved, and Member Sussman seconded the motion to pursue the Welcome Center, the Josephine County transit hub, Crescent Drive, and the Hieglen Loop parking lot as the four locations for the bike repair stations. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Vice Chair Roberts, Members Shannon, Sussman, Abbott, and Edwards. "Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Dennerlein. The motion passed.

- b. E-Bikes at hotels: Vice Chair Roberts visited the Red Lion Hotel and learned that they currently provide 4 bikes for guests. The hotel said that it is a popular guest option and would love copies of the new map when it becomes available. Roberts will contact other hotels and invite them to future meetings.

- c. GIS Biking and Walking Trail Map: Members have been updating the map and find it easy to navigate.
- d. Draft for RFP for new trail map: Wade let the committee know that the RFP will be drafted in March/April. The scope of the project will be included in the RFP and at that time the public will be invited to give input. Member Orr suggested advertising for feedback in the Chamber Newsletter.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. Fruitdale Trail crossing hazard on Overland Drive
- b. Dollar Mountain trails between Hieglen Loop and B Street
- c. E-Bikes at hotels
- d. Draft for RFP for new trail map

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Next meeting date: December 10, 2024, at 12:00 pm

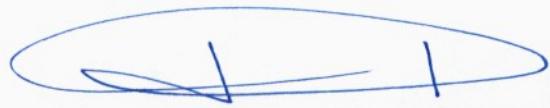
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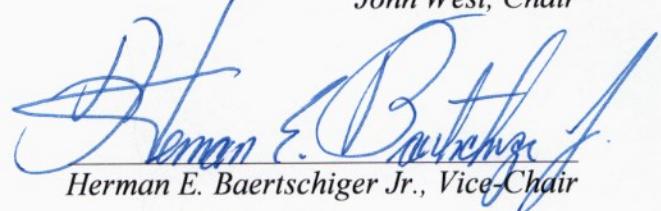
Minutes of the November 12, 2024 Bikeways & Walkways Committee.

Reviewed by the Board of Commissioners this 11th day of December 2024

**Josephine County
Board of Commissioners**



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