

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Santiam Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Tuesday, November 18, 2008
12:00 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Bill Pintard, Chairman; Steve Pensinger; Mark Siddall; Sandra Cramer
Commission Members Absent	Jim Lawrence, Terrance Virnig
Staff Present	Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; C. Marie Redner, Public Works Project Accountant
Others Present	Steve Barnett, Linn County; Tasha Wolfe, Linn County; Kelly Albers, Citizen

CALL TO ORDER

Pintard called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 14, 2008, meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Siddall and a second by Pensinger.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

Irish reported that the projects listed in the TSP have been presented to the City Council and are now moving toward a funding package. He noted that:

- 1) Funding from Systems Development Charges (SDC) revenue has been assigned to projects in the past. This time a few high priority projects will be funded to the maximum amount possible. The Council will decide how much and to whom in December after receiving staff recommendations.
- 2) Projects that aren't funded will be looked at as follows:
 - a. Those that are SDC eligible projects are now using a ratio between population and bicycle and pedestrian project improvements. 100% will be bicycle eligible and 70% will be pedestrian eligible. If a project becomes eligible it can now be funded.

Irish further reported that on December 15, 2008, the City Council will receive information and hold open houses in late December to decide project lists and how the money will be split among requested projects.

ACTION: None

RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM KELLY ALBERS

Irish stated that the City Council is interested in getting improvements on Gibson Hill. The determination is now being considered as to if the area should be considered an urban road or a rural road with setback sidewalks behind the ditch. Staff agrees with the latter.

Council has asked for a staff report and Irish said he will ask for the rural road standard. If this gets approved, we can begin working on connections with paths from residential areas. If Council wants urban standard roads it will be costly and not recommended.

Pintard noted North Albany is Benton County and Irish said we have permitting ability but not maintenance ability in the North Albany area.

Pintard discussed bike and pedestrian options this Commission has addressed in the past for the area along North Albany Road along Hwy 99 for Ms. Albers' benefit. He noted this Commission had proposed a project but Corvallis's Rails With Trails project was awarded funding.

Irish presented striping changes that are being looked at under the TSP. The suggestion is to have dual right-turn lanes going onto the Lyons Street Bridge instead of the current single lane.

Pintard suggested installation of a "green bike box" at this intersection. Irish stated the disadvantage of this is that it prohibits right turns on red and could add to the accident risk.

ACTION: None

TERM EXPIRATIONS

Steve Pinsinger's term expires December 31, 2008, and Sandy Cramer's term is also expiring.

If interested in continuing on the Commission you need to turn in applications to Laura Hyde in City Hall.

ACTION: None

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL REPORT (Bill Pintard)

No report at this time.

ACTION: N/A

BIKE & PEDESTRIAN MAP ON WEBSITE REPORT

Steve Barnett and Tasha Wolfe of Linn County presented information and a demonstration regarding the on-line website for the newly developed bicycle and pedestrian map routes. Pintard suggested checking out the site at www.co.linn.or.us/webmap/bikewy and make suggestions and comments regarding its content and ease of use. Barnett said the goal is to have the website up by the end of the year.

ACTION: None

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OTHER BUSINESS

Irish said he had just received directional signs from the State Parks Division to be installed for the Willamette Valley Bikeway from Champoeg Park to Armitage Park in Eugene. He said they will be installed in our area in the next couple of weeks.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for December 9, 2008, 12:00 p.m., in the Periwinkle Room at Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Marie Redner
Public Works Project Accountant