

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
12 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Kelly Albers, Chair; Bill Pintard; Jim Lawrence; Matthew Hasek; Juanita Eggers
Commission Members Absent	Terrance Virnig, Vice Chair; Tim Siddiqui
Staff Present	Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst
Others Present	Mark Siddall

CALL TO ORDER

Albers called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pintard made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2011, meeting. The motion was seconded by Hasek and the minutes were unanimously approved.

GIBSON HILL ROAD SIDEWALK

Albers requested an update on the Gibson Hill Road Sidewalk project. Irish reported that the City Council adopted the Capital Improvement Program and this project would likely be constructed during summer 2012. The sidewalks will start at the North Albany Road roundabout and extend west to Broadway Street on the north and Penny Lane on the south. There have been discussions with Benton County to participate, helping to set up the ultimate transfer of jurisdiction for this section of road. With Benton County participation, the scope of the project may be expanded. Albers asked Pintard if the Safe Routes Committee had been informed and to let them know if they have not been.

Action: None, informational update.

Jim Lawrence arrived at 12:13p.m.

CLAY STREET SIDEWALK

Albers had inquired about the possibility of a crosswalk on Clay Street in the area between the Fred Meyer and Bi-Mart stores. Ron provided a map of the area and Albers pointed out the bus stop location on the west side of Clay Street by the Target store, noting that a crosswalk in the general area would be a good idea. Irish indicated that striping alone does not meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and sidewalk ramps would be needed at each end, with a refuge island at least 60 feet long to function properly. The challenge is to locate the crosswalk so it will be used by pedestrians, but not be in a location that impedes left turning movements in and out of driveways. The cost would most likely be in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range and is not currently budgeted, so Council would have to approve the construction and allocate funding. Eggers and Pintard indicated that they favored a location at the existing island with modifications to extend the length of the island and create a refuge area for pedestrians. Albers asked about the process to pursue installation of the crosswalk, Irish said the

Commission would determine the scope of work and cost estimate with help from staff and the Commission would then make the recommendation to Council. It was noted that if the adjacent stores were to support the project and/or offer to make private improvements to match up to the new sidewalk, it would help with the argument in favor of doing the work.

Action: Irish will develop a conceptual layout and cost estimate for the Commission to consider at the July meeting.

1ST AVENUE /LYONS STREET DESIGN

Irish reported that the Planning Division and CARA were considering a concept at 1st Avenue and Lyons Street. The plan would add a dedicated westbound right turn lane with a through-right turn lane, having a splitter island and through bike lane between them. This would allow for the dual right turn lanes and offer a way to square up the crosswalks, with the splitter island also serving as a refuge island for pedestrians. The cost for this plan is approximately \$70,000. Lawrence was concerned about bicycles being squeezed against the curb in the corner of the dedicated right turn lane. Irish stated that bikes should “take” the lane to prevent this problem. An additional feature of the plan is to construct an off ramp from Lyons Street immediately north of 1st Avenue so vehicles could connect with Water Avenue and businesses in the block between Ellsworth and Lyons Streets.

Action: None, informational update.

BIKE FRIENDLY CITY: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

None discussed.

2011 CRITERIUM, August 7, 2011

Lawrence indicated the Criterium is moving forward.

INTERSECTION ISSUES

None discussed.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

Pintard reported that Santiam Spokes will be at the Mennonite Home this Friday, June 17, 2011, to have a booth and provide bicycles to encourage residents to ride.

Pintard reported ODOT is questioning the interchange layouts for the I-5 improvements project and were considering elimination of the Millersburg overcrossing. Frontage roads would then be improved to supply connections all the way north to Salem. Additionally, it is being considered to add the third lane in each direction to the outside of the existing pavement, rather than in the center median area.

Pintard questioned if the bike path portion of the ODOT project on Hwy 34 from Peoria Road to Corvallis has been stalled. Irish explained his understanding of the position Corvallis has taken and that ODOT is re-evaluating the design at this time.

Albers and Pintard both noted that the Bike Rodeo is this Saturday, June 18, 2011, and that the Commission has not been formally invited to participate this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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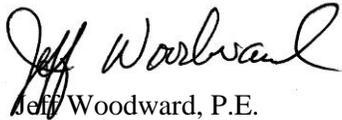
NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at noon in the Periwinkle Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Lawrence made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hasek. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Woodward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jeff Woodward, P.E.

Civil Engineer II