

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
333 Broadalbin Street SW
February 14, 2012
12 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Kelly Albers, Chair; Bill Pintard; Juanita Eggers; Jim Lawrence; Matthew Hasek; Terrance Virnig, Vice Chair

Commission Members Absent: Tim Siddiqui

Staff Present: Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Chris Cerklewski, P.E., Civil Engineer III; Karen Williams, PW Project Coordinator

Others Present: Casey Field, OSU Student

CALL TO ORDER

Albers called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pintard made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012, meeting. The motion was seconded by Lawrence, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

OAK STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Chris Cerklewski, P.E., Civil Engineer III with the City of Albany, reported on the planned improvements for Oak Street between Pacific Blvd. and Queen Avenue with traffic lights on both Pacific Blvd. and 9th Avenue. Cerklewski said the design is in the final stages with construction to begin summer of 2012. Cerklewski explained the street will have bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street, and will be a two-lane road with the exception of adding a center-turn lane on the north end of Oak Street along the Lowe's property. For traffic calming, the City is working with ODOT to change the speed limit from 35 to 25 mph and a raised intersection will be constructed at 14th Avenue.

Lawrence and Pintard asked about the Periwinkle Path crossing and Cerklewski explained that the path will be offset due to poor visibility of pedestrians and cyclist as they approach Oak Street from the west, behind the Albany Boys' and Girls' Club. He explained the visibility problem is due to Periwinkle path coming through a narrow opening with driveways on both sides of where the current crossing is located. The plan will have bicyclist and pedestrians turning north off the Periwinkle path to the west side sidewalk of Oak Street and traveling north a short distance to connect with the relocated path crossing.

Irish talked about Lowe's plan to add lighting and to extend the Periwinkle path to 9th Street. He also explained that due to new legislation in affect as of January 1, 2012, Lowe's will be able to have truck access off both 9th Avenue and Oak Street.

BIKE MAP UPDATE

Pintard reported that Woodward and he met with Steve Barnett with Linn County and the project is moving forward. The draft map updates are to be done and available for the Commission's March meeting. The maps

will be then be completed in April with the printing of 5,000 maps scheduled for May. A cover photo has not yet been chosen, and Pintard said he has been working on some cover design ideas.

34TH/PACIFIC SIGNAL TIMING

Irish asked the Commission for clarification in regards to the timing of the pedestrian light at the 34th & Pacific intersection. Eggers and Pintard explained the walk signal and left-turn traffic signal come on at the same time, and once the vehicles making the turn clears the intersection, there isn't enough time for pedestrians to cross.

ACTION: Irish said he will contact ODOT and ask that they adjust the pedestrian signal for a lead pedestrian interval.

GIBSON HILL SIDEWALK

Irish explained that the City applied for grant funds for sidewalks to be installed on both sides of Gibson Hill Road, and the application is one of approximately a dozen that is being recommended to receive grant funds. Along with the sidewalks, culverts will be installed in the ditches; the road will then be widened six to nine feet with school bus stops installed.

Irish also informed the Commission about another project being planned to widen sidewalks on North Albany Road from the railroad crossing to Quarry Road. Virnig and Lawrence said they were concerned about cyclist and pedestrians not being easily seen at crossings, and Lawrence suggested different colored pavements for the pedestrian and bicyclist or having separated multi-use paths. Irish said he will present different options for the Commission to review.

INTERSECTION ISSUES

Virnig asked about the Bicycle Friendly City signs, and Irish reported that two signs have been installed – one in North Albany on Highway 20 and the other on Pacific Blvd. at Waverly Park.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Virnig said he talked to Police about enforcing the law for pedestrians and cyclist who are traveling in the wrong direction in the bike lanes. Lawrence added that he would like to see a diversion program offered for offenders and added that separating the bicyclist from the pedestrians by using different colored pavement surfaces would also help. Pintard said that in Klamath Falls there are “wrong way” signs posted on the back of other signs as a warning to cyclist.
- Lawrence said the Bike Safety Program will continue to be offered through funding from a partnership with the City Parks & Recreation Department and the YMCA.
- Pintard reminded the Commission that the Bike Summit will be held in April.
- Hasek asked about the incident last month of the car that went into the creek during the high water event. Irish said they are looking at putting a grate on the culvert and, between the parking lot curb and the creek, planting some shrubs and trees and adding posts with chains. Irish added that the Council is discussing this issue, but no decision has been made yet.
- Eggers reported on the Happier Trails meeting in Lebanon.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Pintard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Williams
Public Works Project Coordinator