



Approved: February 11, 2014

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
333 Broadalbin Street SW
January 14, 2014
12 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Juanita Eggers; Bill Pintard; Jim Lawrence; Mark Siddall; Terry Virnig
Commission Members Absent: Matthew Hasek-unexcused; Steve Pensinger-unexcused
Staff Present: Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Irene Mann, PW Executive Assistant
Others Present: Phil Warnock

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Virnig called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Steve Pensinger was nominated for Chair and Terry Virnig for Vice Chair of the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission. The vote was unanimous 5:0.

STATE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS PLAN

Phil Warnock (Council of Governments), discussed the Oregon first Transportation Options Plan (TO Plan). It is one of a series of plans that implements the Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP)--the guiding policy document for Oregon's transportation system. Transportation options includes strategies and programs to enhance travel opportunities and choice (bike, walk, transit, drive, ride share, and telecommute).

Warnock is looking for information and comments from various stakeholders in the community. The project is on a fast-track process with a draft Plan available for review in the fall of 2014.

Irish mentioned funding for projects. Lawrence mentioned Bike Safety training. There was also discussion about a 'be safe' event to education cyclists and distribute lights that are mounted on bikes. Pedestrians also need lights for walking in the evening.

Virnig asked for an update from either Warnock or Tarah Campi at the February Bike/Ped meeting.

Note: Warnock left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 10, 2013, were approved 5 to 0.

BICYCLE FRIENDLY CITY APPLICATION

Irish thanked the Commissioners for the comments he received. Irish will try to submit the application by the end of January 2014.

Irish said that the Police Chief wanted to meet with him and the Public Works Director on a regular basis to discuss traffic issues. Pintard asked if someone from the Police Department could regularly attend the Bike/Ped meetings.

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The Commission suggested that information about bike lockers in Albany and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be added to the application.

Irish asked for photos of off-road cycling that the Commissions could supply him to include with the application.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commissioners asked for an agenda item to discuss students from either Linn-Benton Community College or the local high schools that might be interested in attending Commission meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at noon in the Periwinkle Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Mann
Public Works Executive Assistant