



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

7:00 p.m.

This meeting includes in-person and virtual participation.

Santiam Room, City Hall

333 Broadalbin Street SW

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1. Call to order Justin Peterson
2. Roll call Paul Jacobson
3. Approval of May 24, 2022, minutes. Justin Peterson
4. Business from the Public

Persons wanting to provide comments may:

- 1- *Email written comments to Ron Irish (ron.irish@cityofalbany.net), including your name, before **noon on July 26 2022.***
- 2- *To comment virtually during the meeting, register with your name by emailing Ron Irish (ron.irish@cityofalbany.net), before **noon on July 26, 2022.** The chair will call upon those who have registered to speak.*

5. Citizen Advisory Optimization Review Peter Troedsson
6. Scheduled Business
 - a. Farmers' Market Bike Event Update
 - 1) Newspaper and Radio Advertising
7. Business from the Commission

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8. Next Meeting Date – August 23, 2022

9. Adjournment

Justin Peterson

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Santiam Room, City Hall and Virtual

Approved: **DRAFT**

Call to Order

Vice-chair Vernig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Kristen Andrews, Becky Lippman, Mark Siddall, Terry Virnig

Members absent: Justin Peterson

Staff present: Transportation Systems Analyst Ron Irish, Public Works Contracting Coordinator Paul Jacobson

Others present: None

Approval of March 22, 2022, Minutes

7:02 p.m.

Lippman made a motion to approve the April 26, 2022, minutes as presented. Siddall seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Business from the Public

7:04 p.m.

None

Scheduled Business

7:04 p.m.

a. Corvallis/Albany path update – 7:04 p.m.

- Irish reported that he contacted Benton County, but no one was able to come to the meeting. He talked about the complexity surrounding jurisdictions, what the schedule is for the various sections, and alignment options through the length of the project. The commission discussed several issues related to the path.

b. Farmers Market Event – 7:47 p.m.

- Vernig said he contacted Fred Meyer, Big 5, Ace Hardware, IGA, Safeway, Target, and Bike and Hike for sponsorship with varying degrees of success. He plans to go to Loew's and Home Depot. The commission discussed event advertising and donations.

ACTION ITEM: Irish will update the flyer from last time and make it available for distribution to elementary schools.

ACTION ITEM: Vernig and Lippman will continue to solicit donations

ACTION ITEM: Vernig will continue searching for rocks.

ACTION ITEM: Andrews will contact the office manager at South Shore Elementary School about flyer distribution and ask if she will email the flyer to the other elementary schools.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEM: Newspaper and radio advertising.

Business from the Commission

8:20 p.m.

None

Staff Updates

None

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Vernig adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Paul Jacobson
Public Works Contracting Coordinator

Ronald Irish
Transportation Systems Analyst

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record.
The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@cityofalbany.net.*

Proposed Transportation Commission

Summary: Transportation management includes all modes of transportation (personal autos, public transit, pedestrians, bicycles, rail), and related impacts including freight movement, safety, congestion, and air quality. In Albany, the City Council receives input on transportation issues from staff, the public, and from three separate and narrowly focused advisory groups. Advisory group members may be well-versed in their special area of focus, but interest and issues addressed by the three groups are likely to be related and to overlap. No single group considers Albany's integrated transportation system. Some areas of transportation planning such as coordination of multi-modal transportation are not considered by an advisory group at all, outside of the City Council. Development of a single Transportation Commission is an attempt to gather meaningful citizen input on the entire network of transportation concerns, recognizing the relationships between and interdependencies of the various modes of transportation.

Purpose: The Transportation Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council and staff on matters relating to transportation policy in Albany such as:

- Evaluating and making recommendations on multi-modal transportation opportunities and concerns
- Evaluating level-of-service alternatives, including funding options for transportation needs
- Evaluating travel demand management alternatives
- Evaluating and making recommendations regarding the city code as it relates to transportation
- Assisting with coordination of transportation issues with other government agencies
- Analyzing and making recommendations to staff and the city council on transportation projects for the Capital Improvement Program, grant funding opportunities, and master plan updates

Membership: The Commission would have 7 voting members nominated and appointed by the City Council. The members would be general members (each council member making one appointment.) Councilors may seek to recruit members who represent the following areas of knowledge or interest, although they are not required to do so:

- Bicycle/Pedestrian
- Public Transit
- Traffic Safety
- Airport

Potential meeting discussion areas/topics: Agendas for each meeting could include discussion items such as:

- Grant opportunities such as Safe Routes to School, Connect Oregon, and others
- Review and discussion of master plan updates including the Transportation System Plan and Airport Master Plan
- Funding needs within the transportation system, and options for increasing annual funding
- Updates on ODOT projects that affect the Albany transportation network

Value-Added: Currently, three citizen advisory groups consider issues related only to their defined scope. None of the existing groups regularly provide updates or recommendations to the City Council. Most transportation concerns that require policy analysis must come to the City Council for consideration. These include funding concerns, adjustments to the project list in the current Transportation System Plan, state rulemaking actions

that will affect transportation, and others. A dedicated Transportation Commission could spend the time necessary to consider and deliberate on these questions, making informed recommendations to the Council so that the Council can focus on other concerns.

Also, many transportation decisions are made by staff without public input. Decisions at the staff level are certainly appropriate, especially considering city staff experience and focus on transportation issues. However, such decision-making could benefit from staff considering the input from knowledgeable members of the public who are entrusted to provide advice. One example is deliberating local funding for transportation. Local funding needs and options are complex and potentially affect Albany residents who may be asked to pay for improving the transportation system. Discussions on transportation funding need to be detailed and focused. A Transportation Commission could provide important help to inform eventual Council decisions, using commissioners' expertise, focus and time to thoroughly work through options with staff before bringing recommendations to the council.

Jacobson, Paul

From: Irish, Ron
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 8:28 AM
To: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Subject: Tuesday Evening's BPAC Meeting
Attachments: BikePed Bike Fair Flyer.pdf

Hello Everyone,

I had two action items assigned to me at Tuesday night's BPAC meeting. The first was to provide everyone with an electronic version of an updated flyer for this year's Bike Fair. A copy of the updated dated flyer is attached to this email. I'd like to take credit for how good it looks, but in actuality our Communication and Engagement officer Matt Harrington did all the work. My role was limited to tricking him into doing it. If you need hard copies of the flyer let me know and I'll print some off and leave them at the Public Works counter for you to pick up.

The second action item was to pass along a link to a youtube video provided by Mark Siddall. It's a video of the Carrolton Greenbelt multiuse path in Georgia and is just over 4 minutes in length. It's an interesting video in that it shows a variety of path "intersection" treatments. There are RRFB and HAWK signal systems at locations where the path crosses a public street, and roundabout and wye type intersections where trail systems intersect with each other. A good example of the types of trail improvements needed when ridership (and conflicts between cyclists) increase. The link is:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JF8nuTmtPNY>

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4th Annual

Albany Bike Fair

4th & Broadalbin by Albany Farmers' Market

**Saturday,
August 27**

9 a.m. – Noon

**Bring your bikes
and helmets!**

- Obstacle course for kids
- Helmet fitting with the Albany Fire Department
- Prizes & more!

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